



Beckingham Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 15th October 2025

Present: Cllrs Lawrence Tatton (as Chair), Philip Wells, Andrew Brewer, Scott Toomer
Members of the public – 2
Terry Brown - Clerk

Minute	Action
25/067	Public Time
/1	A parishioner spoke of the need to support residents concerned about Solar Farm proposals for Barnby in the Willows and who have formed a campaign group Barnby Against Solar in the Countryside (BASIC).
/2	A parishioner spoke of concerns about Highway safety on the immediate exit from the A17 onto the old Sleaford Road and whether it required either extra lighting or a Vehicle Activated Sign as found in many other villages. Cllr Tatton reminded the meeting of most recent changes to the speed limits in the area. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should write to Lincs Highways to enquire about the possibility of getting a VAS installed. <u>action Clerk</u>
/3	Also the parishioner enquired about progress on the Village sign initiative. Cllr Brewer spoke of the progress made to date with a design having been agreed and commissioned and that the next phase of manufacture was under consideration.
25/068	To receive apologies for absence. Parish Cllr Robert Tatton District Cllr Lucille Hagues
25/069	To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations. Cllr Lawrence Tatton in respect of 25/075/2
25/070	District and County Councillor time None
25/071	To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 3rd September 2025 These were accepted by the meeting and signed by the Chair
25/072	Matters arising
/1	to discuss defibrillator maintenance arrangement Cllr Toomer confirmed that action was <u>action Cllr Toomer</u>

25/073

Correspondence:

Emails:

11/9/2025 Marianne Overton re September Newsletter

Noted

25/075

Planning:

- /1 25/0770/FUL Land To The South Of Rectory Street Beckingham
Change of use from paddocks to dog exercising/training**

**Notification of Decision -After consideration of the planning issues,
it was resolved to approve the application (NKDC 3/10/25)**

Noted and Cllr Wells commented on the several conditions imposed on the approval.

- /2 25/1073/LBC Gamekeepers Corner School Lane Beckingham
Installation of replacement windows**

No comment

25/076

Committees

- /1 Village Hall**

Cllr Toomer confirmed that he would purchase the Village Christmas tree.
action Cllr Toomer

- /2 Play Park**

Cllr Tatton reported that the hedge had been cut.

- /3 Woodland**

Cllr Tatton reported that the tree guards around the trees were in the process of being removed.

25/077

Matters for Agreement

- /1 to consider an IT policy**

A draft IT policy was accepted for adoption by the Parish Council to be reviewed May 2026.

- /2 to discuss the December Bugle**

Several items were identified for inclusion in a December bugle for which the copy is required by **November 19th latest** so that the edition can be distributed the weekend of November 29th.

- /3 to revise the Clerk's conditions of service**

Councillors agreed to accept a draft recommendation to alter the Clerk's existing contract. This would include an increase in salary from point 20 to 24 i.e. an increase of £0.95p/hr and that this should be backdated to April 1st.

- /4 to consider the 2026 budget and precept – initial considerations**

Councillors identified the Village signs initiative as probably an important factor for consideration in the impending budget and agreed to vire £4000 from the current budget into existing Fete reserve to prepare for future spending in this area.

25/078 Finance**/1 The following payments were approved**

NA Services	re inv 2510 grass cutting	£680
NA Services	re inv 25/11 hedge cutting	£270
T Brown	re Microsoft 365 subs pro rata	£18.52
T Brown	re 1 st half yr Office expenses	£150

In addition:

Sharon Bagley	re VHall cleaning September	£272.00
Sharon Bagley	re VHall cleaning consumables	£92.85
T Brown	re backdated salary	£290.42

/2 Bank balances at 4/10/2025 were reconciled to:

Unity (Deposit)	£16624.18
Unity (Current)	£1557.80

/3 Reserves at 4/10/2025

Reserves	Operating	15,671.76
	Election	252.5
	VHall	0
	Projects	
	Play	700
	Fete	1557.72
		18,181.98

25/079 To receive items for the next agenda

- /1 to discuss the 2026 budget and precept
- /2 to set the 2026 meeting dates

25/080 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th December 2025

The meeting ended at 8.05pm