

Meeting of Beckingham-Cum-Saundby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Beckingham-Cum-Saundby Parish Council held on the 16th Nov 2022 at the Recreation Room, Beckingham, the meeting commenced at 7pm.

Council Members Present & Officer Present:

CLlr Debbie Morris	Chairman
CLlr Tony Hailstone	Vice-Chair
CLlr Rosie Levick	CLlr Emma Day
CLlr Karl Phillips	
Ed Knox	Clerk/RFO
2 Members of the Public	
Tracey Taylor	County Cllr

Also, Present

Queen Elizabeth II - Following the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September 2022, protocol and Section 243 of the Local Govt Act 1972 prevented the calling of a September meeting. A Book of Condolence was arranged by the Parish Council within the Recreation Room during the required mourning period for local people to sign. A copy of the Proclamation of King Charles III was displayed in all the noticeboard on the Green near the red phone box and a copy has been included as an appendix to this month's minutes.

47/22 To Approve Apologies for Absence
None.

48/22 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed
Cllrs Morris & Day (as Governor & Teacher) declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Finance item with regards to the small £50 donation to the Primary School PTA.

49/22 To Approve the previous meetings Minutes
After discussion, Cllr Day **Proposed**, Cllr Morris **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. Cllr Morris signed the minutes of the previous meetings as a true and accurate record.

50/22 To Receive District & County Councillors Reports

Dist Cllr Sangar: Did not attend due to another meeting and provided a report for the Council which included:

COUNCIL'S AWARD FOR SUPPORT OF ARMED FORCES

- Bassetlaw District Council has received the Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award for its outstanding support for the Armed Forces community. The Council is just one of only 18 organisations across the East Midlands to receive the Gold Award. Representing the highest badge of honour, Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Awards go to those that employ and support those who serve, veterans and their families.

This success is largely due to the Council's Covenant Team – staff who, on top of their day job, also focus on supporting work around veterans. The Council's Human Resources team has provided assistance with a review of the Council's employment policies to maintain and extend the authority's long-standing support for Reservists.

CABINET DECISIONS

Cabinet met on Tuesday 5 July and agreed the following:

- a new Tenant Support & Wellbeing Service will be introduced. Though run by an independent company with expertise in mental health concerns, bereavement and loss, alcohol and drug awareness, debt advice, and more – call handlers will link into the Council's own services, and those provided by agencies in Bassetlaw
- in the light of the cost-of-living crisis, the Council is making £50,000 available to partner agencies to deliver additional and enhanced services to residents, and £5000 to continue and extend the Bassetlaw Conversation initiative. This sees Council officers at a range of community events, taking the 'temperature' of the hardship residents are experiencing.

NEW ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGNS

- Bassetlaw District Council is challenging drivers and passengers, who throw litter from their cars, to stop treating our roads as one giant litter bin with a hard-hitting message of 'Don't be a Tosser'.
- The bold campaign, which has been used successfully by other local authorities across the country, aims to educate people who carelessly 'toss' litter from their cars of the impact their actions have on the environment, and that they could be fined up to £100. The hard-hitting and highly-visible images can be seen on the side of the Council's refuse vehicles as they carry out their rounds throughout the District. Alongside this, the Council has also signed up to Litter Lotto. This gives users the chance to win hundreds of prizes every month, simply by binning litter. All litter counts from a cigarette butt to a takeaway meal box. How does it work? Go to Litter Lotto and download the app from either the App Store or Google Play. Once downloaded, the subscriber takes a picture with the app as they bin their litter. Every time a picture is sent to the app, it counts as another entry into the Litter Lotto. Residents are asked to invite friends and family to join and earn bonus entries into the jackpot draw.

RETTFORD CCTV REFUGE POINT READY FOR USE

- Bassetlaw District Council is helping to make Retford town centre a safer place and reduce anti-social behaviour by installing a CCTV Refuge Point for people to use if they feel unsafe, threatened, or need help. The new Refuge Point, funded by a grant from the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, is located opposite the Market Square, next to Santander. When used, the Refuge Point alerts the Council's CCTV Control Room Operators, who can assess the caller's situation and contact the Police on their behalf should they be at risk. The Refuge Point also provides surveillance 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and acts as a light source during hours of darkness.

TIME TO GET ON YOUR BIKE!

- Anyone new to cycling, thinking about taking it up as a hobby, or simply looking for a fun activity ahead of the summer holidays, Bassetlaw District Council has produced a handy guide to get started. The guide has been produced with the help of the Council's Cycling Champion, Cllr John Shephard, who provided some hints and tips on how to care for your bike, cycling safety advice, links into community groups and online information, as well as talking about his favourite cycling route in Bassetlaw. The leaflet, which can be found in bike shops, leisure centres, and as a page on the Council's website (www.bassetlaw.gov.uk), will help to encourage people out on their bikes over the next few months.

In addition to getting out on your bike, fans of cycling can see the Tour of Britain pass through Bassetlaw on Thursday 8 September.

ALL CHANGE AT THE TOP!

- Bassetlaw District Council Leader, Cllr Simon Greaves, has announced his intention to step down as Leader of the District Council and Bassetlaw Labour Group. Cllr Greaves has led both for more than 10 years and will formally hand over the leadership role at Bassetlaw District Council at the next meeting of Full Council on Thursday 22 September, once a new Leader has been selected by members of the Bassetlaw Labour Group.
- Deputy Leader, Cllr Jo White, is standing for selection as the Labour candidate at the next General Election. She has not indicated an intention to stand down as Deputy Leader of the District Council.

CHANGES TO BASSETLAW HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

- Members were informed at a briefing that Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) ceased to exist on 30 June, merging with other CCGs in the county to form the Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB). This is a statutory organisation, involving health and social care and the voluntary sector. It aims to bring together all organisations involved directly or indirectly in health with six priorities:
 1. Sustainability
 2. same day and urgent care services
 3. children and young people's health
 4. mental health
 5. reducing health inequalities
 6. work inclusively.

SOLAR FARMS IN AND AROUND BASSETLAW

- There are a number of developers looking at installing solar farms in Bassetlaw and Lincolnshire as the irradiance (density and quality of sunlight) is favourable. Some solar farms (under 50MW output) are determined by the Local Planning Authority (Bassetlaw District Council) but those over this are classed as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).

Such a project is the proposed solar farm between Gringley and Clayworth. Currently, the developer is in the stage 2 consultation phase; when it goes to the Planning Inspectorate, Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) becomes a statutory consultee. In determining its response, the views of residents may carry little weight – so any comments on the proposal should be made via the developer's consultation process or direct to the Secretary of State. BDC has a role to play in ensuring the consultation process is run properly. With other major and minor solar farm proposals in the area, a map showing the current and proposed developments has been requested. While it is important that energy needs are catered for, no-one wants Bassetlaw to be 'glazed over' with solar farms.

A new development, Tillbridge, is in the early stages of the proposal. Located to the east and south-east of Gainsborough, it is another NSIP. This, and other sites in Lincolnshire, will need cabling to go through Bassetlaw to for details, e-mail info@tillbridgesolar.com, Freephone 0800 046 9643, or get to Cottam and West Burton power stations. The first round of consultation on this site is on 20-22 July. Freepost (FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR).

SEPTEMBER BASSETLAW CABINET MEETING

1. funding of £150 000 for the voluntary sector to carry out agreed initiatives relating to the cost-of-living crisis
2. a "decant" policy, which sets out how BDC will assist tenants who have to move out of their homes on a temporary or permanent basis and the rate of "home loss" and other payments
3. replacement of the existing alarm system in Bassetlaw Council's housing stock.

4. the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Investment Plan. Bassetlaw has been provisionally allocated £3,391,320 to deliver a "levelling up" programme between October 2022 and March 2025. The Investment Plan, submitted by the 2022 deadline, needs to be agreed by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to enable sign-off. Feedback and first payments are expected for the 2022/23 allocation by early Autumn. Expenditure has to be in three areas (along with other qualifying criteria): Community and Place, Supporting Local Business and People and Skills.
5. Cllr James Naish was elected the new Leader of the Labour Party and BDC. His priorities for the next six months are delivering the Council Plan 2019 - 2023, which sets out there key themes: investing in Place, investing in Housing, Investing in Communities - with the addition of dealing with the cost of living crisis.
6. A cross party working group has been formed, of which I am a member, to discuss meaningful ways in which the life and service of the late Queen be acknowledged.

ASB & CRIME REPORTING

- A presentation to Members outlined the correct routes for reporting anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime.
 1. dial Notts Police on 999 if someone is seriously injured, ill or their life is at risk there
 2. Is any crime in progress or there is any public disorder or anti-social behaviour in progress
 3. dial 101 to report crime or an incident, including ASB, to the police, that is not in
 4. progress and does not require an immediate response. Alternatively, you can report online
 5. dial 0800111 for Crimestoppers or [crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information) - anonymously to report online. 100% anonymity guaranteed for crimes such as drug dealing, off road biking or information that would assist the police in identifying offenders for crimes and disorder offences. Crimestoppers is an Independent nor part of the Police or BDC.

Local Authorities' responsibility for dealing with ASB falls into these categories:

environmental crime: criminal damage, vandalism, graffiti, littering, fly-tipping, dog fouling, noise and abandoned vehicles, report to BDC's Environmental Team on 01909 533219

Housing: report these issues to the BDC's Housing Team on 01909 590542

ASB Team: private housing owners/tenants, anything not covered by Environmental Protection or Housing on 01909533253

BASSETLAW BID'S BID SUCCESSFUL

- The proposal to continue the North Notts Business Improvement District (BID) was approved by a majority of eligible businesses. Larger Business ratepayers are required to pay an additional levy in order to fund projects within the district's boundaries. North Notts BID is made up of around 1 000 Members, each pays a levy based on 1% of their rateable value. Businesses with a rateable value of less than £12k are exempt from paying the levy though there is a voluntary membership for any below the threshold that wish to join. Hospices and hospitals are exempt from the BID.
- The BID's activities in the first five years of operation include provision of a handyman service for Members, installation of CCTV in a business park and events to attract people to the area.

ADVICE ON A TRUSTWORTHY TRADESPERSON

- Notts County Council Trading Standards Service has received a report of a trader asking for more money and threatening a resident when they refused to pay. The trader was selected from an online forum that finds traders for requested jobs. Trading Standards always suggest undertaking research to find out what checks are made before businesses are listed to any work being done. This should provide the name and address of the trader along with the work they will undertake.
- Ask friends and family for recommendations or get free "pre-shopping advice" by contacting the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 08082231133. Alternatively find approved traders on Buy with Confidence on <https://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk>

FAKE MESSAGES FROM THE 'ENERGY REGULATOR'

- Action Fraud is warning the Public about a sharp rise in reports relating to fake emails purporting to be from Ofgem the independent energy regulator and headed 'Claim your rebate now'. The emails claim that the recipient is due a rebate payment as part of a Government scheme and provides links for the recipient to follow in order to apply for the rebate. The links in the emails lead to malicious websites designed to steal personal and financial information.
- Scammers are using the Ofgem brand logo and colours to make the emails look as authentic as possible. However, the emails ask recipients to 'apply for an energy bill rebate before September 2020' which is what prompted many recipients to claim the emails were not genuine but many have been caught. Please be aware.

County Cllr Taylor: The County Council emailed the following to all Parish Councils and provided an update at the meeting: **West Burton Site for Nuclear Fusion STEP:** "STEP (Spherical Tokamak for Energy Production) is an ambitious Government Led programme to design and construct a prototype fusion power plant. The first example of its kind in the world.

Fusion power will provide a reliable and virtually limitless source of low carbon energy to meet expected increases in future energy demand.

Fusion power differs significantly from nuclear fission as it does not produce the same type of highly challenging wastes. The process is also safe. If any disturbance occurs, the plasma cools and within seconds the reaction stops. It's important to note that fusion energy will sit alongside renewable energy sources - such as wind and solar to create a diverse energy portfolio to serve the country's needs.

The process of building and operating the plant will be led by the UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA). As a result, the UKAEA launched a nation-wide search to find a suitable site to build its new prototype STEP fusion power plant at the end of 2020.

A bid document for the West Burton A power station site was prepared by the County Council and its partners, due to the imminent closure of the coal fired power station. This is now expected to be after this winter, and will not affect the Fusion plans.

The West Burton bid focused on the site's central location in the country and its close proximity to a wide range of complementary research and development and manufacturing facilities along with high-quality academic institutes. The West Burton site also provides a large amount of land which could be developed further to act as a wider campus for not only the fusion energy plant but training facilities and a range of complementary uses. The site has a direct rail connection and river access to enable people and goods to be moved to the site sustainably. The UKAEA made their final site recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy over the summer of 2022. The decision to select West Burton as the home of STEP was formally announced on 3rd October.

Benefits of STEP

The decision to make West Burton the home of STEP will bring massive long term economic benefits not only to the local area but to the region as a whole. This will be in the construction of the power plant, research and development activities and the supply chain as a whole. Training opportunities in high skilled areas will also be significantly boosted.

- The construction and operation of the fusion power plant will employ a significant number of people. Nuclear power plants (of a similar scale) employ between 500 to 100 people and during the construction process can swell to 3500 workers or more at the peak.
- Research into fusion energy shows it is creating 4000 jobs annually (direct employment and related activities)
- Supply chain – the UK already has a thriving private sector fusion industry and a significant proportion of this is in our region. The STEP project will reinforce and expand on this.
- The UKAEA are planning to build and invest in training facilities in the local area which will give local people the opportunity to gain training and, ultimately, highly skilled jobs.

Process Going Forward

Given the recent announcement, the timescales/process going forward is still being developed. However, it is important to note that the UKAEA are placing a great deal of importance on working with and consulting with the local communities.

An initial public event will be taking place at West Burton power station on Thursday 6th October. However further public events will be taking place over the coming weeks at a variety of locations across Bassetlaw. The purpose of these events will enable the UKAEA to introduce themselves and provide information to local communities.

The UKAEA will still be required to undertake detailed site assessment work and the preparation of a full planning application as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project along with gaining all the necessary consents prior to any construction work taking place on the site.

- Expected future timescale

October 3rd 2022	Location of STEP site announced
2024	STEP concept design approved
2032	Detailed engineering design and all relevant permissions and consents to build the plant sought
2040	Fusion plant to begin operating

All questions from the public should be directed to communications@step.ukaea.uk

Devolution Deal for Nottinghamshire

Cllr Taylor then discussed the Devolution Deal for Nottinghamshire, the following report issued out by County recently: the Government confirmed that a £1.14 billion devolution deal is on offer for Nottinghamshire, Nottingham, Derby, and Derbyshire: £1.14 billion devolution deal for the East Midlands. More details about the deal are available on the website here: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/devolution-a-brighter-future-for-the-east-midlands :

Devolution: summary of the deal

The Government has confirmed that a £1.14 billion devolution deal is available for the East Midlands over the next 30 years. The deal covers Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, and Nottinghamshire. All four city and county council leaders have signed up to the deal.

The four councils will continue working together to develop details of the deal. Each council will take a report through their respective council meetings. There will also be a public consultation later this year to ensure that the voice of residents, businesses and partners is fully heard.

After the deal is confirmed there will be opportunities to build and enhance on it over time. There is a lot still to be agreed, and this is the beginning of the journey, not the end. We're determined to build on this deal over time, as other areas have done. The new mayoral combined county authority (MCCA) will be considered at future national government spending reviews.

Governance

- The two city and two county councils would be constituent authorities, who would each appoint two members to the combined authority – 8 members in total, plus the elected mayor.
- There would also be up to 8 non-constituent members, including up to 4 representatives from district and borough councils. The government requires the two city and two county councils and the mayor to have a majority on the governing group.
- The government expects emergency services, health, and business to be represented.
- The mayoral county combined authority (MCCA) could create committees which can include representatives from city, county, district, and borough councils, and other stakeholders.
- Audit and Scrutiny Committees will be set up.
- Some of the powers held by the MCCA and/or the mayor would be national government powers. Some would be powers already held by the city and county councils. There are no plans to give the MCCA/mayor any District or Borough Council powers.
- The four councils and other partners are working with the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to identify the best way to integrate the work of the LEP into the new combined authority.

Resources

- East Midlands Fund, including capital and revenue each year over a 30-year period.
- Capacity Funding in 2023-4 and 2024-5 to support the MCCA in early stages.
- Devolved Capital Funding in 2024/5 to support the building of new homes.
- Capacity funding to support the pipeline of housing sites.
- Further capital to support the delivery of shorter-term housing and net zero priorities.
- Capacity funding to support the preparation of Local Transport Plan.
- Responsible for devolved funding for projects within the Road Investment Strategy 2 (RIS2) and Levelling Up Fund (LUF) major capital programmes.
- Fully devolved Adult Education Budget.
- Power to borrow up to an agreed cap for non-transport functions.

New devolved functions and powers of the mayor and MCCA

- Designation of a Mayoral Development Area, with consent of relevant District and Borough Councils.
- Housing and land acquisition powers, housing supply, land development and regeneration, commercial space, and infrastructure, working closely with Homes England. Relevant District and Borough Council consent also needed where Homes England compulsory purchase powers are being exercised.
- Business rate supplement and option of a Council Tax precept to fund Mayoral functions are part of the framework, but no plans to use the precept as can be avoided by capacity funding.
- Power to draw up a local integrated transport plan and strategies, as well as bus franchising.
- Transport functions, including setting up and coordinating a Key Route Network, smart integrated ticketing, may run enhanced concessionary fares schemes.
- Work with national government and Great British Railways to ensure Integrated Rail Plan, including HS2, Midland Main Line electrification etc. maximise regeneration impacts.
- Economic development and regeneration.
- Adult education and skills. Supporting development of Local Skills Improvement Plans (LSIP).
- Retrofit measures, clean heat coordination, and local energy plan, generating new jobs.
- Duty to take action to improve public health given to MCCA as well as constituent authorities.
- Work closely with Police and Crime Commissioners on public safety.
- Work with local partners on long-term governance model for fire and rescue services.
- Working with national government to explore initiatives to address homelessness, domestic abuse, community safety, social mobility, and support for young people.

Frequently asked questions and answers

Q) What is devolution?

A) Devolution is the transfer of powers and funding from national government to local government.

Q) What sort of devolution deal are we looking at in the East Midlands?

A) We are looking at a devolution deal to set up a combined authority. If the deal is approved by central government, it would create a new East Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority. This is known as a 'level deal'. Level 1 and level 2 deals offer considerably fewer transfers of powers and budget from central government.

A combined authority is a legal body created through national legislation that enables a group of two or more councils to collaborate and take collective decisions across council boundaries.

A combined authority is more than an informal partnership or even a joint committee. It empowers member councils to be more ambitious in their joint working, taking advantage of powers and resources devolved to them from national government.

Q) Why are we doing this?

A) We are doing this:

- to address underfunding in the East Midlands
- to focus spending on local priorities
- to work together across services and use local knowledge to get better value for money
- to bring in new investment, better training, and job opportunities, and upgraded and more connected public transport to the area
- to be more self-sufficient and have more responsibility for the future of the local area
- so that more major decisions can be taken by locally elected politicians who better understand local issues, and can be held to account more easily
- Ultimately, the reason we are doing this is to make sure that services across the region are the best they can be, for the benefit of our residents.

Q) What would happen to existing local councils in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire? Will they be merged, so they no longer exist?

A) We are not talking about merging councils together. If the devolution deal is successful, all local councils in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire - including Nottingham City and Derby City – will continue to exist, as they do now.

Q) What powers would councils lose if they became part of a combined authority?

A) None. This is about central government devolving powers to the region, not individual councils giving up power to the region. Local councils will continue to make the decisions over local issues.

Q) What would happen to local council services?

A) There will be no immediate changes to local council services if the devolution deal is agreed. In the longer term, some services might be delivered on a regional rather than local basis, if this is deemed more efficient or better value for money.

Q) Why would more local decision making be better?

A) Local decision making tends to result in better local economic performance, as policies are tailored to the needs of specific areas.

Local leaders often know and understand the areas much better than politicians and civil servants based in the capital, and their knowledge and experience can deliver what is appropriate and what will work for their region, especially when they work with nearby public and private sector partners.

Q) Why do we need an elected regional mayor?

A) One of the conditions for a level 3 deal, which offers the most local powers and funding, is having an elected mayor. The role of an elected regional mayor would be to look at major issues which affect our whole area, a prominent, accountable person who can look at the big picture and give the region more of a voice.

A mayor with a clear and direct mandate, strong accountability, and the power to make change happen, could be a powerful driving force for the East Midlands.

If approved, the mayor would work together with leaders of local councils to create a strategy for the wider area. This is a critical role, and it is essential that this person should be democratically accountable.

Local councils would still be responsible for most public services, such as waste management, schools, recreational facilities, and so forth. The mayor would focus on wider issues that span across the area, like transport, regeneration, and employment.

Q) What powers are you asking for in the devolution bid?

A) We are focussing on key areas including transport and infrastructure, business growth, inward investment, strategic regeneration, employment, employment skills, supporting young people's journey into adulthood, and community safety.

We believe that these are areas the entire region would benefit from, in terms of greater investment and more decision making at a local level.

Q) Isn't this just adding another layer of bureaucracy?

A) This isn't about adding a layer of unnecessary bureaucracy but moving resources and decision-making powers which already exist from London to the East Midlands and making all of this democratically accountable to the people who live here.

Devolution is mainly about strengthening regional arrangements. If a combined authority deal was approved, it would come with new wide scale powers not currently available at a local level.

These new powers would be exercised across the whole region, with the consent of local councils in our area. This is because they would add value by addressing issues like transport that benefit from being planned on a wider geographical basis.

Q) If devolution is about getting access to more funding, why couldn't we have that in the first place?

A) The East Midlands has long been overlooked, in comparison to other areas like the West Midlands and Greater Manchester in terms of government investment. Public spending per person is lowest in the East Midlands at £12,113 – 10% below the UK average.

The government has made it clear through their Levelling Up White Paper that they believe more local decision-making leads to better outcomes for communities, and so the greatest benefits are attached to devolution deals which include more local accountability.

Q) Will this mean a rise in Council Tax? Haven't the four main councils involved in this asked for powers to raise money through more Council Tax in their bid?

A) In our bid to the government, we have asked for everything that is potentially on offer, as we don't want to rule anything out at this early stage. We have included the power to raise money through Council Tax because it might be used at some point in the future.

Cllr Taylor advised at the meeting:

- The Devolution Deal Sign was officially signed off at the end of August for the Combined County Authority. Mayoral Elections are planned for May 2024 and the 8-week public consultation has now begun by the online survey which is available here: www.eastmidlandsdevolution.co.uk/have-your-say
Paper copies of the survey, and copies in other formats and languages, can be requested by emailing eastmidlandsdevolution@ipsos.com or calling 0800 260 0536.
- More information about devolution and the proposals for our area can be found at www.eastmidlandsdevolution.co.uk
- The Saundby Solar Farm planning application has been granted and the one near Gringley & Clayworth has been declined. A potential new solar farm is planned for and near Walkeringham and a planning application has gone to Bassetlaw.
- Local resilience hubs are underway in relation to partnerships with Bassetlaw Council to provide this food hubs.
- Waste disposal consultation is complete, the details will become publicly available later in 2023.
- The dead cherry tree on the County Council Highways Verge, top of Bar Road North has yet to be removed, however, a Notice of Works has been issued for it to be done soon.

➤ Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

One member of the public expressed thanks and appreciation to the parish council for their efforts this year over the lamppost poppies erected around the parishes. The member of the public asked why 2 new graves had been levelled that were less than 1 year old and advised that they should be left up to 2 years to sink before levelling.

51/22 To discuss the shipping container

After discussion, Cllr Day **Proposed**, Cllr Morris **Seconded** and the council **resolved to 1)** contact Western Power Distribution because there have been reports of teenagers climbing up and on top of the electric substation behind the Rec Room and ask that they do something to alter the setup, or paint anti climb paint on it to stop this. Also request that they install some night time security lighting on their station because there have been reports of night time antisocial behaviour.

2) Arrange for the installation of some good quality solar powered security lighting at the rear of the Rec Room.

3) Because the Shipping Container only holds some salt grit, sand and sand bags and the Nativity Scene unit and Christmas Lights, most of it is empty and it is leaking and sweating, causing the contents to deteriorate, therefore, container is to be disposed of. The Nativity Scene and lights to be relocated into the Parish Council shed and once the container has gone, the salt and sand to be put into locked salt and sand bins. Cllr Levick will advertise the container via social media to sell or give it away.

4) No Climbing signs to be put up on the container in the meantime.

52/22 Finance:

Monthly Bank Reconciliation/Income & Expenditure

After discussion of the Financial Information circulated by email before the meeting, Cllr XXX **Proposed**, Cllr XXX **Seconded** and the council unanimously **resolved** to accept them as a true and accurate record. Cllrs Morris signed the bank statement and bank reconciliation.

1. **To Approve Payments:**

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Saffron Pawtique Ltd	Dog Poo Bags for Parish Dispensers Apr	£40.50
Saffron Pawtique Ltd	Dog Poo Bags for Parish Dispensers Jul	£68.53
Holmes Groundcare	Cemetery Grass Cutting May	£232.50
Holmes Groundcare	Cemetery Grass Cutting Jun	£155.00
Holmes Groundcare	Cemetery Grass Cutting Jul	£77.50
Holmes Groundcare	Cemetery Grass Cutting Aug	£155.00
Holmes Groundcare	Cemetery Grass Cutting Sep	£232.50
Holmes Groundcare	Cemetery Grass Cutting Sep	£77.50
Village Lengthsman	Expenses Tradepoint Fencing	£184.72
Village Lengthsman	Expenses Tradepoint – Fence Paint & Brushes	£62.08
Village Lengthsman	Mileage to Lengthsman Training Course County Council @ Bilsthorpe	£22.50
J Troop	May + Jun Green/Spinney Grass Cutting	£880.00
J Troop	Aug Green/Spinney Grass Cutting	£220.00
J Troop	Sep Green/Spinney Grass Cutting	£110.00
J Troop	Oct Green/Spinney Grass Cutting	£110.00
Rec Room Caretaker	Home Bargains Cleaning Materials	£10.03
Turtle Window Cleaning	Rec Room Window Cleans Mar to Jun	£26.00
Turtle Window Cleaning	Rec Room Window Cleans Jul to Sep	£26.00
Lincs Premier Plumbing	Water Leak & Supply Pipe Repair on the Green	£1,800.00
RBLI	Lamppost Poppies for both parishes	£690.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit 2021/22	£360.00
Misterton Security	Rec Room Annual Alarm, Emergency Lights Service & PAT testing	£212.50
Notts County Council Via Ltd	Annual Tree Inspections, Green/Spinney, Vicarage Lane & PC Field	£240.00
Sharpe IT Group Ltd	Final Year of long-term Contract for Business 365	£371.52
Welton Tree Services Ltd	Spinney & Green Stump Grinding, Waste Removal etc	£650.00
Toparia Summits Ltd	Various Tree works The Spinney, Green and Vicarage Lane	£774.00
Cllr Day – Wilco's	Chains/Lock Spinney Gate	£22.14
Cllr Morris – Amazon	Queen Elizabeth II Condolence Book Table Items	£36.65
K R Hewitt Ltd	Annual Hedge Cutting Parish Fields Old Trent Road	£259.20
RCAN Rec Halls Association	Annual Membership 2022	£114.00
Squirrel Plant & Transport Ltd	Spoil Heap Reduction – Beecher Lane Cemetery	£318.00
Glasdon UK Ltd	Replacement Plaque for Council Bench	£121.99
Specky & Ginge Ltd	Christmas Lights Fayre Poster/Flyer	£15.00
RBLI	Poppy Wreath for War Memorial	£20.00
Toparia Summits Ltd	Annual Cemetery Hedge Cutting	£690.00
Beckingham Primary PTA	Small S.137 Grant towards School PTA Raffle	£50.00
Total Payments		<u>£9,435.36</u>

2. **Receipts:**

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MCC Business Services Ltd	Monthly Shop Rent Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct	£800.00
Member of Public	2 x Quarterly Rents Paddocks Old Trent Road	£400.00
WI Cards Group	Rec Room Hire	£28.00
Mindfulness	Rec Room Hire	£70.00
Pilates	Rec Room Hire	£115.50
Friday Whist	Rec Room Hire	£98.00
Creative Writing	Rec Room Hire	£126.00
Gardening Club	Rec Room Hire	£14.00
Isle Of Axholme Drainage Bd	Rec Room Hire	£27.00
Grove Granite Retford Ltd	Cemetery Memorial Installation Plot 165	£240.00
Cliff Bradley & Son Ltd	Interment Fee Plot 221	£500.00
Cliff Bradley & Son Ltd	Reservation Fee Plot 222	£250.00
Hancock Funerals Ltd	Interment Fee Urn Plot 19b	£300.00
Bassetlaw District Council	2 nd ½ Concurrent Grant	£29.00

Bassetlaw District Council	2 nd ½ Cemetery Grant	£63.00
Bassetlaw District Council	2 nd ½ Street Cleaning Grant	£504.50
Bassetlaw District Council	2 nd ½ Precept	£22,279.50
Water Plus+ Ltd	Empty Shop Property Sewage Charge Rebate 2021	£78.35
BES Electricity	Empty Shop Property Electric Charge Rebate 2021	£95.35
Members of Public	Stall Holders Fees for Christmas Lights Fayre	£45.00
HMRC	VAT Rebate 2021/22	£1,286.99
National Grid	Annual Wayleave – Pylon Wire Oversail’s at Paddocks, Old Trent Rd	£2.17
S.P Davis Memorials Ltd	Memorial Stone Fee – Plot 209	£150.00
Jones & Co	Rebate of Shop Lease – Reduced HM Land Registry Charge	£40.00
Total Receipts		£27,537.36
<u>Bank Balance</u>		£25,816.32#
Direct Debits, and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE and Pension, all approved unanimously. #£500		
Bond Deposit is held until the end of the tenancy for the shop contents.		

53/22 To Discuss the former Sculpture Base

The Tree stump which the owl is made from has dry rotted from the inside out and the base has now fallen apart, it is beyond salvageable. After discussion, Cllr Morris **Proposed**, Cllr Day **Seconded** and the council **resolved** that **1)** Cllr Hailstone grinds off the rebars sticking out of the base as soon as practically possible. **2)** A metal worker supplier is located who can design a new suitable sculpture, with a nautical theme based on both the shipping heritage of the Wharf at the Trent and the Mayflower. That a quote is obtained and this to be a potential item funded by the CIL money from Bassetlaw once this arrives.

54/22 To Discuss the Oak Tree Planting

Cllr Hailstone currently has the Sherwood Trust Oak Tree which is being watered until the autumn planting. A member of the public had requested possibility that one of the three cherry trees at the end of Bar Road North, which was killed by a vehicle impact from the bypass is replaced and the Oak Tree is designated to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. The Council has chased the County Council Highways Manager several times to see if the Council are allowed to remove a dead Cherry Tree on County Council land at the top of Bar Road North and replace with the Oak Tree sapling. The Highways Manager has replied to say that all trees the parish council previously planted over the years, into County Council land/verges are automatically adopted by the County Council after three years. Therefore, the dead Cherry Tree is the County Council’s responsibility to remove. The Highways Manager requested the County Council Forestry Team fell the dead tree and County Cllr Taylor has confirmed there is a removal notice now in place for the works. After assessing the site and further clarification, the Highways Manager advised that Oak Trees aren’t suitable at this location. The policy on tree planting on County Council land has changed so that if any further trees were planted on their land, only the County Council can supply these and only their own contractors Via EM Ltd can install them, there’s quite a lot of forms to complete for this and it is costly to pay the County Council, both for the tree(s) and for the contractors to install. Unfortunately, the County Council no longer allows anyone else to purchase and install trees themselves. After discussion Cllr Morris **Proposed**, Cllr Day **Seconded** and the Council **resolved 1)** The parish council won’t be planting anymore trees in future into County Council Land due to the changes mentioned above and costs. **2)** The Oak Tree whips be donated to the Village Hall Committee to plant on their land. Should the committee decline, it will be donated to another 3rd party to plant.

55/22 To Consider a Request regarding The Spinney

A member of the public has requested the possibility of renting part the Spinney, extending their garden boundary fence into the Spinney, providing a schematic drawing and photos of the area which would be a triangular shape of land a couple of trees. After discussion Cllr Hailstone **Proposed**, Cllr Morris **Seconded** and called for a vote, 4 against, 1 abstain, the Council **resolved** not to grant permission.

56/22 To pass a resolution to sign up to the civility and respect pledge & adopt the new NALC Dignity at Work Policy

NALC, SLCC and One Voice Wales request that all Parish Councils consider signing up to the Civility and Respect Pledge demonstrating a commitment to standing up to poor behaviour across our sector. Even Councils who currently abide by the principles of Civility and Respect, it may not always be the case, you don’t know who might join the Council in the future and try to use bullying and harassment to achieve their goals – having considered this now and put in place the recommended policies and procedures, Councils are well prepared to nip such behaviours in the bud. Council’s signing the pledge must update their policies and procedures by adopting the NALC Dignity and Work Policy. It is approved for use by both SLCC and NALC and focuses on challenging all inappropriate behaviour, rather than just bullying and harassment, having a zero-tolerance approach and the aim of dealing with concerns before they escalate.

There is no place for bullying, harassment, and intimidation within our sector and signing up to the Civility and Respect Pledge is one of the ways a council can demonstrate that it is committed to standing up to poor behaviour across our sector, and to demonstrating positive changes which support civil and respectful conduct.

By signing the Pledge, the council is agreeing that it will treat councillors, clerks, employees, and representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles, and that it:

- has put in place a training programme for councillors and staff
- has signed up to the Code of Conduct for councillors
- has good governance arrangements in place including staff contracts and a Dignity at Work policy
- will seek professional help at early stages should civility and respect issues arise
- will commit to calling out bullying and harassment if and when it happens
- will continue to learn from best practice in the sector and aspire to being a role model / champion council e.g., via Local Council Award Scheme
- supports the continued lobbying for change in legislation to support the civility and respect, including sanctions for elected members where appropriate.
- After discussion Cllr Hailstone **Proposed**, Cllr Morris **Seconded** and the Council **resolved** to sign the pledge and adopt the Dignity at Work Policy with immediate effect. A signed copy is included as an Appendix to these minutes.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following agenda item was closed the members of the public due so that the Council can discuss information which is relating to an individual for example Contracts of employment, salaries, financial or personal business affairs of the individual. Minutes of the decisions made under this item will be open to the public.

57/22 To note Contractual National Cost of Living Pay Rises for staff members

After discussion, Cllr Morris **Proposed**, Cllr Levick **Seconded** that the contractual rise details quoted were an accurate and true record and the Council **noted** the contents of the private & confidential appendix report detailing the contractual pay rises applicable from 1st Apr 2022.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8:20pm.