

Meeting of Beckingham-Cum-Saundby Parish Council

Minutes of the **Meeting of Beckingham-Cum-Saundby Parish Council** held on the 15th Mar 2023 at the Recreation Room, Beckingham, the meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

Council Members Present & Officer Present:

Cllr Debbie Morris	Chairman
Cllr Tony Hailstone	Vice-Chair
Cllr Rosie Levick	Cllr Emma Day
Cllr Esther Coleman	
Ed Knox	Clerk/RFO
12 Members of the Public	

Also, Present

11/23 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, Cllr Morris **Proposed**, Cllr Day **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to approve the absence of Cllr Phillips.

12/23 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed

Cllr Day declared a non-pecuniary interest in the school taking part at the Coronation events in item 19/23.

13/23 To Approve the previous meetings Minutes

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

14/23 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:

- **NEXT STEP FOR LOW-CARBON ENERGY:** The future of abundant low-carbon energy without the need for fossil fuels has taken a STEP forward. The Science Minister George Freeman visited West Burton Power Station (Monday 6 February) to announce the creation of a new delivery body for the UK's fusion programme, named UK Industrial Fusion Solutions, in addition to the creation of a new STEP Skills Centre that will be based at West Burton. Fusion energy has the potential to transform our world, by delivering near-limitless, safe, and low-carbon energy for generations to come. It also represents a burgeoning industry in which the UK is already a world-leader. Cllr James Naish, Leader of Bassetlaw District Council, welcomed the announcement: "The construction of a prototype fusion energy plan will require significant investment over the next two decades, and we are delighted that the initial steps - including the appointment of the first three local jobs - are happening quickly and efficiently. "In addition to billions of pounds being spent on the project itself, we envisage millions being pumped into towns and villages across Bassetlaw, through both direct and indirect investment. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Retford, Tuxford, and other nearby settlements to see improved infrastructure, better connectivity, and thousands of new skilled jobs - all of which will raise living standards and transform our area. "The announcement about a new training hub on the West Burton site is also warmly welcomed. The creation of high-quality apprenticeships for people of all ages is a corporate priority for the Council, and we are looking forward to working with the UKAEA and its partners to create successful training programmes for current and future Bassetlaw residents." The Spherical Tokamak for Energy Production (STEP) plant will be constructed by 2040 to demonstrate the ability to use fusion energy to generate electricity for the UK grid.
- **PROGRESS ON THE LOCAL PLAN:** Bassetlaw's Local Plan has moved forward with the end of face-to-face hearings. Two inspectors have been appointed to carry out a detailed, independent review of the Draft Bassetlaw Local Plan: Publication Version 2020-2038, the supporting evidence, and comments previously submitted by the public and interested parties. As part of this process, the inspectors chaired a programme of hearings. The hearings have now taken place and the inspectors, working with Bassetlaw District Council and interested parties, will identify if any modifications need to be made to the Local Plan, with any further consultation with members of the public and other organisations to take place in summer 2023. A report from the Planning Inspectorate is expected to be issued in autumn 2023, ahead of a proposed adoption in winter 2023.
- **COUNCIL HOUSING RENTS SET FOR BELOW INFLATION RISE IN APRIL:** Rents for the majority of homes owned and operated by Bassetlaw District Council will see a below inflation rise from April this year. At a meeting of Cabinet in January, councillors approved a recommendation for a below inflation rent increase of 7% for 6368 Council homes from April 2023. The rent increase comes against a backdrop of a 10% rise in the cost of maintenance, labour, and materials experienced by the Council over the last 12 months and predicted rises of up to 15% for the next year. With benefits also set to rise in line with inflation (10.1%) including Housing Benefit, the rent increase should only affect around 30% of Council tenants, who do not receive additional support.

In real terms, the lowest change in rent will be an increase of £3.56 a week for a small property and the highest an increase of £8.02 a week for a large property. The changes will take effect from Monday 3 April 2023 and have been set in accordance with the Government's National Social Rent Policy.

- **WORKSOP TOWN CENTRE SET FOR £20M LEVELLING UP INVESTMENT:** Worksop is set to benefit from £20m investment, after the Government awarded Bassetlaw District Council a £18m Levelling Up grant to transform the town centre. The Council and partners will contribute an additional £2m in funding to support the Levelling Up project.

The funding will initially focus on the redevelopment of the Priory Centre, including the creation of a new family-focused leisure facility with activities such as ten pin bowling, indoor soft play, a trampoline park, and a café. The scheme will look to retain existing occupiers and bring in new tenants for empty units. The works will also create a new towpath link along the Chesterfield Canal, improve a green corridor through the town centre, and bring two sites forward for the development of new apartments and town houses.

- **VOTING:** Don't forget your photo ID if you are voting at the Rec Room. If you don't have a passport or driving licence with a picture, get a free Voter Authority Certificate by calling the Election Team at Bassetlaw District Council On 01909533252 or email elections@bassetlaw.gov.uk The deadline for applications is Tuesday 25 April 2023.

County Cllr Taylor: Provided an update at the meeting:

- Sent apologies.

➤ Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

A member of the public asked if CIL money could benefit areas disrupted by recent new building works and if the cemetery gates could be considered for replacement. Cllr Morris explained that bulb plating will take place near the areas affected by new build works and that in the next tranche of CIL money, once it comes from Bassetlaw Council, the Council can look at the potential replacement of the gates, if they need doing any sooner, then local businesses might be approached for donations.

Representatives from the local History Group asked a series of questions:

- Would the Parish Council fund the annual cost of the History Groups Insurance? Cllr Morris explained that the Council cannot make a decision in public forum however, the PC would need to check the legality of any decisions made between the History Group and the parish council, and the History Group would also need to send in quotations beforehand. Cllr Morris asked the History Group how many members they have and was informed 22.
- Would the Parish Council allow the History Group free rent at the Rec Room for their monthly meetings? Cllr Morris explained that at present no other groups receive free rent, the rents to local groups are a reduced rate of £7ph for a min of 2hrs per hire. Cllr Morris pointed out that the PC has always honoured an historic understanding of 2 free rents per year, so it is the remaining 10 hires the group are seeking free rent. Cllr Morris asked the History Group representatives to potentially approach the Institute and the Village Hall to investigate the possibility of the Institute or the Village Hall possibly also offering free hires to share the load of the cost across multiple sites and as both buildings are larger than the Rec Room, ask if they can house the archives of the History Group.
- Would the Parish Council send a representative to the Willow Works Community Group meetings and would it allow the History Group to become a Sub-Group of the parish council? The Clerk advised the Council would have to look into the legalities of the sub-group. Cllr Day is happy to continue to be the appointed person to go to the Willow Works Community Group meetings when invited.
- Does the Parish Council publish minutes online, on a noticeboard and in the church newsletter? Cllr Morris confirmed that the minutes go up on the website and remain there, there's several ways to find them, either the council calendar function or the document library on the website. The minutes go up in the noticeboard near the shop and remain up there until the next set is ready to replace them. Cllr Morris advised that the Church newsletter covers Walkeringham and Beckingham and it wouldn't be appropriate to publish the full minutes of the parish councils in there, however, Cllr Morris has started to include the main public events and activities coming up, that are organised by the Parish Council into the newsletter.
- Would the Parish Council support the History Group in their goal to have their room at the Willow Works reinstated and their free use of it, including storage & meeting space? Cllr Morris explained that whilst the Parish Council sympathises with this goal, the decision wouldn't be down to the Parish Council but rest with the new owner of the building once the sale completes. However, the Parish Council could consider to support the History Group in this vision.

The History Group will be informed about the decisions regards the above items after the May meeting.

Lastly, a member of the public who undertakes PAT testing, has agreed to look at the projector to see if they can test it.

15/23 To Note a Planning Response by the Scheme of Delegation

Since the previous meeting the parish council responded via the scheme of delegation as follows and also discussed the following at today's meeting:

- **"22/01667/FUL Land at Former North Notts Garage Ramper Road Sandby** - The Parish Council is of the view that the area in question has deteriorated over a period of several years and would benefit from the development. However, the Council are of the opinion that the comments of the Highways Body should be taken into consideration and adhered to; this states the area for development is not suitable for no more than 5 dwellings; the Council are aware that local residents are of the view that the development should be capped at 4 dwellings; the PC would also support this as an alternative with the following stipulations:
 - Due to the close proximity to existing properties, there should be a clause stating no windows are permitted on the new builds on the sides that overlooking neighbouring property or land
 - Appointing or consulting an Arborist to advise and ensure a specialist any planting or future root growth is not invasive to either the new build or existing properties
 - Ensuring all drainage and soak aways run away from existing dwelling and gardens
 - Parking and access – A covenant should be in place stipulating the number of vehicles permitted to park in the surrounding area and to avoid potentially blocking a clear line of site when accessing the new site or negotiating the junction from Ramper Road onto the main highway – this would apply both whilst construction was taking place and thereafter for future residents of the proposed development
 - There should be no access to or from the proposed site, other than off Ramper Road.
 - Whilst the development takes place there will inevitably be some noise and disruption; to minimise the effect on the local residents the permitted working hours to have time restrictions of when they can and cannot work – we feel the following is not unreasonable: 8-5 Monday – Friday and possibly 8-12 on a Saturday. No work to be carried out on Sundays and bank holidays
 - The proposed dwellings are built to a high standard and in keeping with the local area
Therefore, the Council objects to the current plans, but would support an alteration to the plans based on 4 dwellings and the aforementioned stipulations.
 - Update at the Council Meeting 15th Marc 2023 - The Council understands that their people living close to the proposed development who wish to have a cap of 5 houses for the site. However, the Council was pleased to see the proposed plans were altered on 2nd March 2023 to have 1 less property, resulting in a much less cluttered frontage on the roadside, but stands by the rest of the comments already made by the Parish Council.



Therefore, after discussion, Cllr Morris called for a vote and all members **resolved** in favour to support the amended plans.

16/23 To Purchase material from Keep Britain Tidy to assist tackling Dog Fouling
After discussion, Cllr Day **Proposed**, Cllr Coleman **Seconded** and the council unanimously **resolved** for Cllr Levick to purchase the signage at an approximate cost of £45.

17/23 Finance:
Monthly Bank Reconciliation/Income & Expenditure
After discussion of the Financial Information circulated by email before the meeting, Cllr Morris **Proposed**, Cllr Day **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>
VistaPrint	Leaflets Rec Room Village Coffee Shop	£82.20
Retford Times	Public Notice Rec Room Premises License	£261.04
Bassetlaw District Council	Premises licence Rec Room	£100
BlindsRus	CIL – Rec Room 50% Deposit New Shutters	£1,123
Amazon	CIL – Various Signs & Record Book for Premises Licence	£59.99
Member of Public	CIL – Dishwasher for Rec Room	£130.00
Black Country Metalworks Ltd	CIL – Lampposts x 4 for the Green	£2,036
ScrewFix	CIL – Lights for the Green/Rec Room	£59.76
Energy Light Bulbs Ltd	CIL – New Lights for Rec Room	£161.97
The Paint Shop Ltd	CIL – Rec Room Redecorating & Door	£213.29
S.Ashworth Diggers Ltd	CIL – Lamppost Installation Works	£1,400
Beckingham Bowls Club	CIL – S137 Payment towards new Bowls Club Building	£3,000
Screwfix Direct Ltd	CIL – Plumbing Parts for Dishwasher	£63.85
Member of Public	CIL – Dishwasher installation Kitchen Alterations	£45.00
Bawtry Heating	Rec Room Boiler Service 2023	£80
NALC	Annual Membership 2023	£301.96
Member of Public	Plants for Planters on The Green	£23.97
UK Fire Securities Ltd	Rec Room Fire Equipment Service 2023	£141.60
Sharpe IT Group Ltd	Domain Name Renewal 2023	£108
Saffron Pawtique Ltd	Dog Poo Bags (5000) for Parish Dispensers	£112.50
Ryman Ltd	Postage Stamps and Stationery for Cemetery Admin	£38.89
Post Office Ltd	Parcel postage for Book to Chiselden Parish Council	£3.35
RLBI	50 x King Charles III Coronation Roundels	£222.98
Holmes Groundcare Ltd	Cemetery Grass cutting Feb	£77.50
Wilko & B&M Bargains	Dishwasher Tablets, Rinse Aid & Salt for Rec Room	£10.92
Turtle Window Cleaning	Rec Room Window Cleaning Dec-Mar	£28.00
Clerk	Expenses 2022/23 (Mileage, Ink, Stationery, Postage, Cloud etc)	£158.22
TheSignShed Ltd	Cemetery Signage x 4	£55.87
Total Payments		<u>£10,099.86</u>

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MCC Business Services Ltd	Monthly Shop Rent Feb, Mar	£400.00
Bassetlaw District Council	CIL Money – Ref PL1-503351	£12,248.17
Aviva Ltd	Insurance Claim – Saundby Village Sign	£1,075.00
Cliff Bradley & Sons Ltd	Interment Urn plot 55b	£300.00
SJacobs Memorials	Memorial Stone for Plot 237	£120.00
Gainsborough Bowls League	Rec Room Hire – Meeting	£18.00
Chiselden Parish Council	Sale of Spare Obsolete Book	£43.35
Member of Public	Donation for Summer Dog Show on the Green	£10.00
Total Receipts		<u>£14,158.65</u>
Bank Balance		<u>£10,246.31#</u>

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.

18/23 To Update the Standing Orders

After discussion, Cllr Morris **Proposed**, Cllr Day **Seconded** and the council unanimously **resolved** to approve the updated standing orders, the only change made related to the change of start time to Council meetings to 6:30pm.

19/23 To Discuss the Coronation

The Roundells have arrived with Cllr Morris and will be put up in mid-Apr and taken down late May. Cllr Morris explained that £450 has been raised at the weekly Soup & Coffee mornings towards the Coronation event. Cllr Hailstone confirmed that the Music Man and the marquee have both been booked. Cllr Morris agreed to get prices for the hire of the bar from local breweries. After discussion, Cllr Morris **Proposed**, Cllr Hailstone **Seconded** and the council unanimously **resolved** to run a bar in the Rec room now that the Rec Room has a Premises Licence and hold a Coronation planning session at the Rec room on 11th Apr at 6pm to finalise arrangements.

20/23 To Discuss an offer of bulb planting from a member of the public

A member of the public has requested the PC spend up to £50 on bulbs and the member of the public will arrange the planting on Walkeringham Road, The Green near trees, Spinney near trees, Vicarage Lane and the Station Road/Deerlands way entrance. After discussion, Cllr Morris **Proposed**, Cllr Levick **Seconded** and the council **resolved** that the expenditure is approved and the member of public informed.

21/23 To progress potential film nights in the Rec Room

The Clerk advised Cllr Morris that now the premises licence has been granted. The alcohol rules/challenge 25 signs must go up before any is served. Cllr Morris advised that the Soup & Coffee mornings have been a success and so has the new book club, therefore would the Council like to proceed with a monthly film night. After discussion, Cllr Morris **Proposed**, Cllr Levick **Seconded** and the council **resolved** that the Council would look to start a film night in June and promote awareness of it. Secondly, a potential Cheese & Wine night will also be looked into as a possibility. Cllr Morris is to arrange for the testing of the projector.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 7:45pm.