

## Meeting of Beckingham-Cum-Saundby Parish Council

Minutes of the **Meeting of Beckingham-Cum-Saundby Parish Council** held on the 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024 Recreation Room, The Green, Beckingham, the meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

### Council Members Present & Officer Present:

Cllr Debbie Morris	Chairman
Cllr Tony Hailstone	Vice-chair
Cllr Karl Phillips	
Cllr Esther Coleman	
Ed Knox	Clerk/RFO

### Also, Present

1	Member of the Public
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### 12/24 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, Cllr Morris **Proposed**, Cllr Hailstone **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Dalton.

### 13/24 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed

None.

### 14/24 To Approve the previous meetings Minutes

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

### 15/24 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:

#### • **District Council Decisions:**

- *Bassetlaw councillors agreed the Council's budget for the next financial year, including setting the amount of Council Tax it will collect over the next 12 months. Despite facing increased pressures, the Council set a balanced budget with a total spend of £50m over the next 12 months that will fund vital services such as waste and recycling collection, planning, environmental health and enforcement, parks, cemeteries, economic development, and community safety. This also includes investment in the district's town centres, funding rural community projects, supporting Bassetlaw businesses, and funding for third sector organisations, such as Citizens Advice, Bassetlaw Action Centre, and BCVS. This is despite a 39% reduction in the money it receives from central Government since 2010/11*
- *The Council is raising its share of the Council Tax bill by 2.99% for the coming year from 1 April 2024. For Band D properties, this will mean an increase of £5.80 a year, or around 11p per week. However, around half of Bassetlaw properties are in Band A and they will see an increase of approx £3.87 spread over the course of the next 12 months, the equivalent of 7p per week.*
- *Council Tax is distributed in the following ways:  
Nottinghamshire County Council – 74.56% (including Adult Social Care)  
Nottinghamshire Police – 11.64%  
Bassetlaw District Council – 8.25%  
Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service - 3.80%  
Parish Councils - 1.75%*
- *Membership of the newly-formed Housing Liaison Group was agreed, including Cllr H M Brand. Cllr Julie Leigh was appointed to the Worksop Town Board and Cllr Sue Shaw to the Retford Town Centre Partnership Board.*
- *Members supported a motion for Bassetlaw District Council to consider ways to encourage residents, where possible, to shop locally, taking advantage of home-grown, affordable and nutritious food, both plant and meat-based thus reducing food miles and boosting the local economy.*

#### • **PLANNING INSPECTORS FIND BASSETLAW LOCAL PLAN 'SOUND'**

- *A new Local Plan for Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) is considered to be 'sound' by the independent Planning Inspectorate following examination, with the addition of some recommendations known as Main Modifications, which are a normal part of the Local Plan process.  
This means that the Inspectors agree that the Bassetlaw Local Plan sets out an appropriate way to deliver sustainable housing and employment, supported by new infrastructure, across the district for the next 14 years on sites put forward by a range of landowners from across Bassetlaw.  
The Local Plan calls for a total of 11,195 homes to be built across the district by 2038. However, because a large number of new homes have either already been built, allocated through other routes such as Neighbourhood Plans, or have planning permission, the Local Plan only allocates 2387 new homes to be built by 2038 – an average of 133 new homes each year.*

To support the creation of 9699 new jobs and housing, the Local Plan requires significant infrastructure benefits across the district with land and financial contributions set aside for two new schools, health services, five trees for every new house, new parks and open spaces, transport improvements including road junctions and financial contributions to support Bassetlaw Hospital.

The Inspectors' report is available to view on BDC's website ([www.bassetlaw.gov.uk](http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk)). The next step is to take the Local Plan to Full Council for formal adoption later in the year.

• **Notts Police in Special Measures:**

- His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services. (HMICFRS) has put Notts Police under enhanced monitoring. This follows HMICFRS' inspection in December/January; HMICFRS will support the Notts Police in addressing a series of recommendations within agreed timescales.

HMICFRS' decision is based on raising two Accelerated Causes of Concern (and a third Cause of Concern that will feature in the PEEL inspection report to be published later. PEEL (Police Effectiveness, Efficiency, and Legitimacy) is an annual assessment of police forces in England and Wales undertaken by HMICFRS). The Accelerated Causes of Concern (ACOC) are:

- Notts Police needs to improve how it manages, supervises, and carries out effective investigations, and make sure that victims get the support they need
- Notts Police doesn't have adequate processes, planning, or governance in place to monitor performance effectively or identify areas where improvement is required.

The Police & Crime Commissioner, has been reassured by the Chief Constable, Kate Meynell, that work has already been carried out on both causes of concern, with immediate actions in respect of the first ACOC already completed.

**County Cllr Taylor:** Did not attend:

- CSC547027051 - poor condition of the pavements/ footpaths along the bypass at Beckingham – The Council discussed the matter at length, which has been raised several times via the MyNotts App and online reporting tool since September, the County Council team have only done a couple of 1mtr stretches wherever the drop 'pin' on the reporting tool has indicated it, instead of the full stretch of the pavement. The Council resolved that the Clerk chase County Cllr Taylor to escalate the matter with Notts CC.

➤ Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

The Council resolved that this item will be moved to the start of future meetings. No comments from the member of the public.

16/24 To Receive Village Hall & Institute Reports

Cllr Dalton is a trustee at both community buildings. The Chairman asked for it to be put on record that no report has so far been received regards either community building.

17/24 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:

- **24/00134/FUL - Erection of a Polytunnel Extension to the Rear of the Building, Extension of the Site to the East, Demolition of the Existing Covered Sales Area to the Front of the Building, Revised Parking Arrangements, New Compost Area, Security Fencing and Removal of an Existing Polytunnel - Retford and Gainsborough Garden Centre Bar Road** – The Parish Council responded as follows – “The Council supports the application and has no objections.”
- **24/00227/FUL Two Storey Eco Friendly House Self-Build to Passive House Standard Land on The West Side of Gainsborough Road Saundby** - The Parish Council voted tonight after a lengthy discussion on the application and **resolved** to submit a response as follows – “The Council has no objections, it is out of site, and welcomes the eco-friendly design.”

18/24 Finance:

Monthly Bank Reconciliation/Income & Expenditure

After discussion of the Financial Information circulated by email before the meeting, Cllr Morris **Proposed**, Cllr Hailstone **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept them as a true and accurate record. The Chairman 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>
Bassetlaw District Council	Rec Room Premises Licence	£70.00
Bassetlaw District Council	Rec Room Small Lotteries Licence	£20.00
PJ Plumbing & Heating Ltd	Rec Room Boiler Service	£75.00

Rec Room Cleaner	Rec Room Cleaning Materials - Tesco	£24.70
Tradepoint Ltd	Rec Room Decorating Paint	£100.80
UK Fire Securities Ltd	Rec Room Fire Equipment Service	£224.28
Cllr Hailstone	Rec Room Cabinet & Worktop	£289.50
PJ Plumbing & Heating Ltd	Rec Room Boiler Flue Remedial Works	£259.00
Howdens	Rec Room Replacement Doors	£212.50
Cuttlefish Ltd	Annual Website Hosting, Support, Domain and Email	£522.00
Clerk	Expenses 2023/24 (Mileage, Cloud Storage & Office Consumables)	£201.58
Lengthsman	Tradepoint/Screwfix – Drill bit & screws	£13.29
Sharpe IT Group Ltd	Domain Management	£108.00
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>£2,120.65</b>
<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MCC Business Services Ltd	Monthly Shop Rent Feb, Mar	£489.70
Member of Public	Rec Room Hire	£36
Cliff Bradley & Sons Ltd	Cemetery Interment Fee – Plot 186	£500
Cliff Bradley & Sons Ltd	Cemetery Interment Fee – Plot 122	£500
Lincolnshire Co-op Ltd	Cemetery Interment Fee – Plot 29	£500
Retford Memorials Ltd	Cemetery Memorial Stone Fee – Plot 64	£120
Notts County Council	County Cllrs Fund – For Summer Event	£300
Notts County Council	Lengthsman Grant	£1,850
Notts County Council	Local Improvement Grant – Towards Rec Room Flooring	£700
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>£4,695.70</b>
<u>Bank Balance</u>		<b>£6,687#</b>

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.

2. To Discuss CIL Money 2024/25:

After a thorough discussion Cllr Morris **Proposed**, Cllr Phillips **Seconded** and the Council **resolved** to sign the CIL Acceptance for the £24,500, allocate up to £2,500 for the replacement of the cemetery gates and fencing (Cllr Hailstone will arrange this) and hold the £22,000 whilst quotes can be obtained for other potential use. The Council discussed various ideas. A request for 2 representatives of the PC to meet with representatives of the Village Hall Committee has been received. After discussion, the Council agreed to send Cllrs Morris & Hailstone to meet with them, to discuss and hear about the Village Hall's potential projects to fund new play equipment and refurbish the playing pitches and courts. **Action**, Cllrs Morris & Hailstone.

19/24 To Adopt the Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct

A new Code of Conduct was written by the LGA, last year NALC emailed parish councils to advise to wait until the District Council (BDC) adopted the Code of Conduct. Bassetlaw Council has now appointed a new Monitoring Officer who has advised that BDC adopted the new Code of Conduct in late 2023 and encourages all parish councils in the district to replace their existing Code of Conduct in favour of the LGA Model Code of Conduct so that consistent standards are applied across all parish Cllrs in the Bassetlaw area. After discussion, Cllr Morris **Proposed**, Cllr Coleman **Seconded** and the Council **Resolved** to adopt the LGA Model Code of Conduct with immediate effect and that any subsequent updates by the LGA to the Model Code of Conduct will be automatically adopted if and when these occur.

20/24 To Discuss a summer event on the Green

Cllr Morris summarised the event which is now organised for 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024, this is being funded by local fundraising, which to date is £1,144 and by a County Councillors Grant of £300. The following has been arranged:

- Marque for the Green
- Fish & Chip Van
- Coffee & Cake Van
- Pizza Van
- Shop to open and arrange for local people to have the option of pre-ordering picnic items/hampers
- A live singer
- Disco
- Dog Show
- Magician/Juggler performer
- The Owl Pub will be open

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following agenda item the council voted to close the following item to members of the public due so that the Council can discuss the lease Information which is

relating a contract and the personal business affairs of the individual. Minutes of the decisions made under this item will be open to the public.

21/24 To Discuss a new lease term for the shop

After discussion, Cllr Morris **Proposed**, Cllr Phillips **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to offer a lease on the same terms but for a longer period of 5 years, with a break clause in year 3.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8:10pm.