

Meeting of Beckingham-Cum-Saundby Parish Council

Minutes of the **Meeting of Beckingham-Cum-Saundby Parish Council** held on the 25th Sep 2024 Recreation Room, The Green, Beckingham, the meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

Council Members Present & Officer Present: Cllr Tony Hailstone Chairman
Cllr Karl Phillips
Cllr Esther Coleman
Cllr Mick Turner
Cllr Mick Dalton
Ed Knox Clerk/RFO
Also, Present 0 Members of the Public

➤ 10 Minute Public Forum

None.

46/24 To Approve Apologies for Absence

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

47/24 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed

Cllr Turner declared an interest in item 53/24.4 as a trustee of the village hall charity.

48/24 To Approve the previous meetings Minutes

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

49/24 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:

• **Cabinet Decisions:**

- *members were updated on progress of regeneration programmes funded by Government.*
- *The total amount of regeneration funding secured for Bassetlaw between August 2022 and November 2023 is £62m.*
- *the capital programme for 2024/25 includes decarbonisation works and a range of improvements to Council-owned housing*
- *members agreed a County-wide Public Protection Accommodation Protocol, which sets out Notts County Council's intention to work in partnership consistently throughout the county with the Probation Service and the Police on the housing of dangerous, and potentially dangerous, individuals. (It was asked that such individuals are not 'dumped' in rural settlements where there are few public services, including transport)*
- *a Commercial Strategy is being produced. Included is creating a single Board of Directors to oversee the commercial activities of the two established trading companies (Bersahill and S80) composed of four independent directors, two Council members, and two Council officers*
- *paternity and special leave policies were approved*
- *a new Talent Management policy was approved to improve the Council's approach to identifying, developing, managing, and retaining talent and to ensure that the required skills are available to support the achievement of the Council's vision.*

• **RELOCATION OF BDC CUSTOMER SERVICES IN RETFORD**

- *Due to the decarbonisation works at Retford Town Hall, Customer Services will be relocating on a temporary basis (for about six months) from Monday 16 September. Customer Services will be moving from 17b The Square to the Notts County Council offices on Chancery Lane, located between Goodwin Hall and the Glass House. The Police will be based in the Town Hall Yard. This shouldn't disrupt any services and residents will still be able to walk in and speak to Customer Services as normal.*

• **DOG CONTROL ORDER APPROVED**

- *Bassetlaw District Council will continue to target irresponsible dog owners, who fail to clean up after their pets, after councillors agreed to a renewal of the district-wide Public Spaces Protection (Dog Control) Orders (PSPO).*
- *PSPO last a maximum of three years and the Council recently sought the public's views on whether the orders should continue for a further three-year period.*

- *This consultation revealed overwhelming support for the orders and, at an Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council in August, members approved the recommendation to renew the PSPO. From 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2027, dog owners in the district are required to:*
 - *pick up their dog’s faeces on any land to which the public have access*
 - *keep their dogs on leads in specified burial grounds, cemeteries, and churchyard*
 - *keep their dogs from entering specified fenced children’s play areas, such as Malt Kiln*
 - *be able to demonstrate to an enforcement officer that they have a suitable bag in their possession for cleaning up dog faeces.*
- *Under the current Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act, an offence under the PSPO will be liable for a fine of up to £1000 or a fixed penalty notice of £100.*
- *To help ensure dog owners are fully aware of all the regulations, the Council will shortly be launching a campaign to educate people on the requirements of the PSPO Dog Order.*
- **FLOOD RISK WORKING GROUP**
 - *Bassetlaw District Council is to appoint a part-time Flood Resilience Officer, a dedicated resource to take the lead in flood incidents. There are several community resilience stores across Bassetlaw that are opened in the event of flooding: the nearest to Misterton and West Stockwith is at Walkeringham Village Hall. A full list of locations can be found at www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/flooding/sandbags-and-community-resilience-stores/*
 - *Members of the District Council are to have training on their role in flood incidents and residents are advised to draw up their own flood plan (www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/flooding/preparing-a-flood-plan/).*
- **BOUNDARY COMMISSION TO CONSULT ON WARD CHANGES**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is reviewing ward boundaries in Bassetlaw so that each of the 48 councillors have roughly the same number of electors. After earlier consultation, the LGBCE’s proposals relating to north-east Bassetlaw now are:

 - *no change to Misterton Ward, except for the addition of Newell’s Terrace, Bramley Way, and Pippin Close*
 - *Beckingham Ward to lose Walkeringham but add, Wheatley, Bole, and keep Saundby with Beckingham*
 - *Walkeringham Ward to include Walkeringham, Gringley, and Clayworth*
 - *Everton Ward to include Everton, Misson, and Mattersey*
 - *However, Bassetlaw District Council is arguing that its original proposals make more sense. The Council will vote on the response to the LGBCE at its meeting later this month. To have your say on a new political map for Bassetlaw District Council, go to www.lgbce.org.uk or write to Review Officer (Bassetlaw), LGBCE, 7th Floor, 3 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8YZ. Consultation on these proposed new boundaries runs until 7 October 2024.*
- **CHANGES TO THE PLANNING REGIME**

Consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) began on Tuesday 30 July and closes at 11.45pm on Tuesday 24 September 2024. Proposed changes are:

 - *make the standard method for assessing housing needs mandatory, requiring local authorities to plan for the resulting housing need figure, planning for a lower figure only when they can demonstrate hard constraints and that they have exhausted all other options*
 - *reverse other changes to the NPPF made in December 2023, which were detrimental to housing supply*
 - *implement a new standard method and calculation to ensure local plans are ambitious enough to support the Government’s manifesto commitment of 1.5m new homes in this Parliament*
 - *broaden the existing definition of brownfield land, set a strengthened expectation that applications on brownfield land will be approved and that plans should promote an uplift in density in urban areas*
 - *identify grey belt land within the green belt, to be brought forward into the planning system through both plan and decision-making to meet development needs*
 - *improve the operation of ‘the presumption’ in favour of sustainable development, to ensure it acts an effective failsafe to support housing supply, by clarifying the circumstances in which it applies; and, introducing new safeguards, to make clear that its application cannot justify poor quality development*
 - *deliver affordable, well-designed homes, with new ‘golden rules’ for land released in the green belt to ensure it delivers in the public interest*
 - *make wider changes to ensure that local planning authorities can prioritise the types of affordable homes their communities need on all housing development and that the planning system supports a more diverse housebuilding sector*

- support economic growth in key sectors, aligned with the Government’s industrial strategy and future local growth plans, including laboratories, gigafactories, datacentres, digital economies and freight and logistics – given their importance to our economic future
 - deliver community needs to support society and the creation of healthy places
 - support clean energy and the environment, including through support for onshore wind and renewables.
 - The full document can be found at www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policy-framework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policy-framework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system
- **NEW COUNCIL ARMED FORCES CHAMPION**
 Bassetlaw District Council’s new Armed Forces Champion, Cllr Sybil Fielding, is looking forward to supporting our veterans and their families across the district in the coming months.
 The Council has committed to a new Armed Forces plan for the next four years, building on the Armed Forces Covenant Commitment which aims to make sure there is help locally for those who need it. According to the 2021 census, nearly 5000 Bassetlaw residents have served in the forces or the reserves, the third highest total in the county after Nottingham City and Newark and Sherwood. Support for veterans and reservists include improving service provision with partners and other agencies, providing social activities and support of peers, as well as marking events commemorating the contribution made, such as Armed Forces Day.
 - **COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS SUMMIT**
 Bassetlaw District Council hosted the third cost-of-living crisis summit, which addressed the co-ordinated local response to the cost of living in the district, as well as looking at some of the key concerns for the immediate future.
 20 partner organisations from across the District came together to talk about the pressures that local people could face this coming autumn and winter. Last year, Citizens Advice advised over 9000 people, with the most common concerns being about welfare benefits, debt, and energy costs.
 Following last year’s summit, the Council allocated £160k to projects in Bassetlaw, providing some financial support for Citizens Advice in the district as well as some funding for Bassetlaw Food Bank’s Community Shop, providing support to those most in need in rural communities. The Council and many local partners are committed to continue to work together to share information and resources both online and via information booklets to prepare for the challenges residents may face over the coming months as cost-of-living pressures continue. Residents can find out more about the support available across the district by visiting www.bcvs.org.uk/colbassetlaw
 - **ANNUAL CANVASS**
 Bassetlaw District Council began its Annual Canvass for 2024 in August and is urging residents to check their electoral registration details to avoid the risk of losing their chance to vote. Residents have been contacted by text, e-mail (from elections@bassetlaw.gov.uk), or letter. If contacted, residents should check that the details on the register for their household are correct and provide updated information if necessary.
 Those who have recently moved home in particular are urged to check their details as they are less likely to be registered than those who have lived at the same address for a long time. Information on registering to vote is available on the Electoral Commission website (www.electoralcommission.org.uk). Residents with questions about their registration status can contact Bassetlaw’s electoral services team on 01909 533 252.

County Cllr Taylor: Dispelled myths surrounding the closure of waste recycling centres. A full thorough review is taking place regards the future needs of the centres as the population increases, there are no plans to close. Centres would only close if a new site were ever identified within the same locality. The County Council are debating about the large solar farm and the winter fuel allowances. Cllr Taylor agreed to check where Via have got to with the ‘siding up’ of the pavement along the Beckingham bypass.

50/24 To Receive Village Hall & Institute Reports

Cllr Dalton advised that there still hadn’t been a meeting of the institute. Cllr Turner advised that the village hall have appointed a new cleaning contractor, the Giant Hogweeds are appearing in December. The committee are looking at new doors in the near future.

51/24 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:

- None.

52/24 To Decide whether to respond to the Bassetlaw Ward Boundary Review
 After discussion, the council **resolved** that the PC had no comments to make.

53/24 Finance:
Monthly Bank Reconciliation/Income & Expenditure

After discussion of the Financial Information circulated by email before the meeting, Cllr Hailstone **Proposed**, Cllr Coleman **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>
J.Turtle	Rec Room Window Cleaning Apr-Jul	£28
Misterton Electrical	Rec Room PAT Testing, Security Alarm & Emergency Light Service	£200
Tesco	Rec Room Cleaning Materials	£8.68
Post Office	Postage for both leases	£13.40
Continental Landscapes Ltd	Two Months Cemetery Grass Cutting	£792
PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit Fee 2023/24	£378
Lengthsman	Tradepoint – Paint & Shelving – Phone Boxes/Benches	£29.89
Lengthsman	B&M Bargains – Rec Room Cleaning Materials	£28.48
Cllr Morris	Morrisons – Leaving Gift for Rec Room Caretaker	£25
Post Office	Postage Noticeboard Keys	£1.55
Notts County Council	Parish Council Tree Inspections 2024	£297
Total Payments		£1,622

2. Receipts & Bank Account Balance:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MCC Business Services Ltd	Shop Rent Apr, May	£489.70
The Owl Community Pub	Rec Room Hire Apr – Jun	£90.00
Member of Public	Rec Room Hire of a Table	£5
Total Receipts		£584.70
<u>Current Account Balance</u>		£10,533.00#

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.

CIL Balance (in deposit account) - £24,500 less £1,479.57 expenditure= £23,020.43 (ring fenced for Rec Room Kitchen Refurb)

3. To Discuss potentially subsidising the annual running cost of the village hall. (this is only for discussion at this stage, the matter to decide on at budget time)

Cllr Turner explained the facilities and running costs of the hall. The committee have recently increased the costs to the charity in ensuring the facilities comply with laws and regulations affecting public buildings and recreational facilities. In addition to the hall itself, the charity provides for the village, tennis courts, gym, a recreational field and play park. The annual running costs of all the facilities is in the region of £16,000 to £25,000 and the charity raises in the region of £15,000 to £17,000 per year. The charity has obtained grants where possible for new equipment and for replacement of assets, it also obtained CIL money from Bassetlaw Council which has been allocated for repairs to the play equipment. It is the annual operating costs which the charity would like potential assistance from the parish council.

If the PC increased the precept to cover, for example, £5,000 to the village hall this would equate to:

Monthly @ Band A	Monthly @ Band B	Monthly @ Band C	Monthly @ Band D	Monthly @ Band E	Monthly @ Band F	Monthly @ Band G
£0.51	£0.60	£0.68	£0.77	£0.94	£1.11	£1.28

Cllr Turner advised he would provide more details of the business case for the parish council to consider in time for the setting of the budget.

4. To Discuss the budget for the Christmas Event on the green

£2,500 is already allocated in this year's budget towards the event. The event will take place on 13th December, with Cllrs & helpers making preparations on the 12th. The council **resolved** that the clerk will ask Jess Troop to undertake a cut at the green before the marquee is erected. Approximate breakdown of event budget:

- OAPs fish & Chips 12-2pm cost £6.50 pp plus drinks, crackers, puddings etc (funded by the Wednesday Café and the Owl Pub)
- Drinks, mince pies, mulled wine, hot chocolate will be funded by the Owl Pub

- Marquee £1400
- Disco £200
- Singer £180
- Lunch time entertainment £50
- Crackers, table napkins, plastic cups £150
- Gifts for children £300
- Gift Wrap £100
- Marketing Costs £100
- Total including VAT £2,480 there should be approximately £420 VAT to reclaim back which can be used towards the event.
- Christmas trees & decorations around £500 to be covered by the VAT and donations.

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

54/24 To Discuss a new lease term for the shop

The Council previously agreed to offer a lease on the same terms but for a longer period of 5 years, with a break clause in year 3. The tenants have come back to say that they are now happy the initial rent being £249.63 per month as a starting amount, with annual Index Linked increments, however they request an annual break clause instead of at year 3.

After discussion Cllr Hailstone **Proposed**, Cllr Coleman **Seconded**, a show of hands, 4 in favour and 1 against, the council **resolved** to approve the annual break clause and finalise the lease.

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