



## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Minutes of the virtual Ordinary meeting of the Bottesford Parish Council held via the web conferencing platform Zoom on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7:00pm.**

### **312/20. Public Session.**

A member of the public outlined the views of a number of local residents with regards to the proposed Solar Farm in Muston. The view expressed by the residents is that this is not a good site for such a scheme. The three main objections are;

- 1/ The scale of the proposed development. The site of 6 times larger than Muston.
- 2/ The scheme does not sit well with any planning strategies residents are aware of.
- 3/ The impact on heritage and the environment.

### **313/20. Close Public Session and open Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting.**

Members present: Cllr. Bob Bayman (BB) - Chair  
Cllr. Bob Sparham (BS)  
Cllr. Jane Bennett (JB)  
Cllr. Tony Bennett (TB)  
Cllr. Lorraine Ainscough (LA)  
Cllr. Brian McInerney (BM)  
Cllr. Anne Ablewhite (AA)  
Cllr. Leigh Donger (LD)  
Cllr. Charles Daybell (CD)

Also present: Mrs. Lucy Flavin (Clerk)  
Borough Cllr Pritchett  
County Cllr Rhodes – arrived later  
7 members of the public

### **314/20. To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Borough Cllr Chandler had sent her apologies. Cllr BB took the opportunity to welcome Cllr CD to the Parish Council.

### **315/20. To receive declarations of interest under the Councils Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.**

- Cllr CD declared an interest in planning application 20/00816/FUL his property being adjacent to the site. Cllr CD will not vote on this matter.

- Cllr LD declared an interest in the following items; (1) Planning application 20/00584/FUL (2) Agenda item 320/20 as he is a tenant of the landowner, (3) Agenda item 334/20 due to an expenses claim. Cllr LD will not vote on any of these matters.

**316/20. To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 9th November 2020.**

Proposed by Cllr TB, seconded by Cllr BS. Council **RESOLVED** to accept as a true and accurate record the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**317/20. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda and for report only.**

Cllr TB raised the issue of the trees along footpath F69. It was confirmed that this issue is ongoing LCC having determined the land in question belongs to William Davis and that MBC have the power to act. Cllr TB also raised the issue of defibrillators and the Clerk confirmed that the process of getting confirmed monthly reports for each defibrillator is ongoing. Finally Cllr TB thanked those involved for their work in sourcing and erecting the Council Christmas tree and work on the advent window.

**318/20. Leicestershire County Councillor Byron Rhodes to update the meeting on County matters.**

This item was deferred as Cllr Byron was not yet in attendance.

**Planning Applications**

**319/20. To consider the following applications:**

- **20/01003/FULHH** - 11 Beacon View, Bottesford  
Proposed first floor extensions and alterations

This application is for information only as the deadline for responses has passed.

- **20/01163/FULHH** - Riverside Cottage, Rectory Lane, Bottesford  
Demolition of existing garage, construction of a two storey extension and rear timber framed garden room.

Proposed by Cllr TB, seconded by Cllr BS. Council **RESOLVED** to support this application with a condition that parking is not allowed on the grass by the church.

- **20/00866/FULHH** - Easthorpe Mill, 3 Easthorpe, Bottesford  
First floor extension to dwelling.

Cllrs had no objections to this application.

- **20/00806/FULHH** - 2 Riverside Walk, Bottesford  
2-Storey side extension to dwelling over existing garage and alterations to the rear elevation.

Cllrs had no objections to this application.

- **20/01222/VAC** - Easthorpe Lodge, Manor Road, Easthorpe  
Variation of condition 2 to application 19/01340/FUL

Cllrs had no objections to this application.

- **20/00584/FUL** - Amended plans - Land OS 481069 330602 Normanton Lane  
Change from agricultural land to natural burial ground.

This application was deferred awaiting additional information.

- **20/01241/FUL** - Bottesford Cricket Club, Belvoir Road

Erection of replacement equipment storage building  
Cllrs had no objections to this application.

- **20/01263/FUL** - Land to the North of 8 Manor Road, Easthorpe

Erection of dwelling

Cllrs had no objections to this application.

- **20/01321/VAC** - 15 Main Street, Muston

To allow holiday units to be let to people wishing to bring their horses with them

Cllrs had no objections to this application.

- **20/00466/FULHH** - 2 Vaughan Avenue, Bottesford

Retrospective application to regularise amendments to approved plans relating to planning approval 18/01088/FUL

Cllrs objected to this application on the grounds that the plans are incorrect. The Council will re consider the application when accurate plans are available.

- **20/00816/FUL** - Vale End House, Green Lane, Easthorpe

Erection of 6 dwellings (amended plans)

Proposed by Cllr TB, seconded by Cllr LD. Council **RESOLVED** to object to these amended plans on the same grounds as previous objections and also to request that action be taken to ensure unauthorized work at the site cease.

- **20/00962/REM** – The Old Clay Pit, Grantham Road, Bottesford

Approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for residential development for 40 dwellings

Cllrs voted to postpone discussions on this application to await amendments to the scheme.

## **Planning Issues**

### **320/20. To discuss and progress how to progress with regards to the proposed Bottesford Solar Farm.**

Cllrs had met with a representative of JBM who implied there is flexibility with regards to use of the site. Cllrs agreed that the airfield would be a better site for such a scheme and agreed that a response should be sent to JBM offering to work with them on looking for a more appropriate site and expressing Council concerns with regards to the adjacent SSSI, views in and of the area, the heritage of the site, the impact on leisure and wildlife and the loss of agricultural land.

### **321/20. To discuss and agree a response to the request by Barkestone, Plungar and Redmile PC that the Council support their request for the proposed solar farm at Barkestone to be called in for Ministerial determination.**

Cllrs agreed they could not support this request.

### **322/20. To note the progression of the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan to Regulation 16 consultation phase and to agree any further publicity.**

It was noted that the NP is now in its Regulation 16 consultation phase, this has been publicised on noticeboards, the PC website, the Village Voice and Social Media.

### **324/20 To agree equipment/costings for play equipment for the Village Hall field for s106 claims.**

Cllr TB has acquired an updated quote for work previously planned for the Village Hall play area. Proposed by Cllr TB, seconded by Cllr LD. Council **RESOLVED** to send a figure of

£65,000 with these costings to Cllr Pritchett for Section 106 purposes. Cllrs also asked that a meeting with Borough Cllrs be arranged to confirm the Section 106 approach.

### **Community Issues, Clubs and Societies**

#### **325/20. To consider the 3 quotes for replacement fencing in the Muston Play Area and agree how to progress.**

Cllr LD outlined the three quotes. Proposed by Cllr TB, seconded by Cllr LD. Council **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from Secure-a-Field. The Clerk will confirm and schedule works. Cllr LD will arrange the removal of the old fencing.

#### **326/20. To discuss work required to repair the Village Hall gate and agree how to progress.**

Cllrs agreed that a meeting be arranged between a specialist and a representative of the Village Hall and a Cllr.

#### **327/20. To consider and agree a response to the offer by LCC to work with the PC regarding replacements for trees to be removed on Belvoir Road and Beckingthorpe Drive.**

Proposed by Cllr TB, seconded by Cllr BM. Council **RESOLVED** that Cllr CD will contact LCC regarding tree replacement and DSA to discuss the recent report into trees in the parish. Cllr CD will report back to the PC at a later meeting.

#### **328/20. To agree a response to Alicia Kearns MP letter regarding improvements to the A52, Bottesford Rail service and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Status.**

Proposed by Cllr BB, seconded by Cllr JB. Council **RESOLVED** to request a meeting with Alicia Kearns MP to discuss these issues.

Cllr Rhodes joined that meeting and Cllrs agreed to return to agenda item 318/20 to allow for a County Council update.

#### **318/20. Leicestershire County Councillor Byron Rhodes to update the meeting on County matters.**

Cllr Rhodes informed that meeting that LCC is awaiting its final financial settlement from government. Covid has left LCC 7.5 million short and some money has been diverted from capital programme. LCC is expecting some defaults in Council tax as a result of the pandemic and the government will make up a percentage of this. LCC is predicting a 92 million pound shortfall over 4 years. Some internal savings can be made and a 3% council tax increase can be put in place for adult social care. There is currently a consultation underway on some of these issues and Cllrs and members of the public can send responses.

### **Communication Matters**

#### **329/20. To discuss and agree a strategy to improve communication within the PC.**

Proposed by Cllr LA, seconded by Cllr TB. Council **RESOLVED** to approve the proposal by Cllr LA that the Clerk sends a weekly update to Cllrs outlining ongoing issues and requesting responses where necessary. Such emails will be titled 'PLEASE READ AND RESPOND'.

### **Road Safety Issues**

#### **330/20. To receive a report from the latest meeting of the Road Safety Committee.**

Minutes of committee meetings are available on the website. Proposals will be prepared for the next Council meeting with regards to the purchase of a VAS.

### **Parish Council Management and Strategy Issues**

**331/20. To discuss and resolve the need for a new Vice Chair of the Parish Council .**

Proposed by Cllr BB, seconded by Cllr LA. Council **RESOLVED** to appoint a new Vice Chair and agreed that Cllrs should signal their interest in this position prior to next months meeting.

**332/20. To consider and approve the completion of the Clerk’s probation period, schedule an appraisal and agree that she be permitted to join the Local Government Pension Scheme.**

Proposed by Cllr LA, seconded by Cllr BS. Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be permitted to join the Local Government Pension scheme run through LCC. It was also agreed that the HR Lead Members will organize an appraisal for the Clerk during the first week in January.

**333/20. To discuss the land ownership queries regarding the green spaces at Walford Close, Keel Drive and The Square and agree how to progress the tree maintenance schedule.**

Cllrs agreed that the Clerk contact Borough Cllrs and request further information on this matter. Work in the disputed areas is on hold until there is clarification on ownership.

### **Financial Matters**

**334/20. To agree payments to be made in December 2020.**

The Council **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the accounts for payment. Proposed by Cllr TB and seconded by Cllr BM, (Cllr LD abstained from the vote) Council **RESOLVED** to make the following payments.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Goods/Services</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Expenses	Expenses re replacement taps for allotments	£161.38
Belvoir Safety Services	Fire Risk Assessment – Old School	£180.00
William Freer Ltd	Servicing 2 gas boilers	£280.00
PPL PRS Ltd	Music Licence	£283.18
Planning With People	Work on Neighbourhood Plan	£5,500.00
Time Telecom	Fixed recurring charges re phone/internet	£92.35
Water Plus	Supply – Mill Dam Allotments	-£22.35
Planning With People	Work on Neighbourhood Plan	£2,000.00
Rampchild	Supply of materials and labour for repairs to ramps	£2,736.00
P.E.Hemstead & Sons	Mowing – Granby Drive	£54.00
LRALC	Councillor Training	£40.00
C Kearsey	Cleaning Services	£224.00
Staffing Costs	Salary Caretaker and Clerk	£1854.77
Expenses	Stationary – Advent Window	£16.39
E-on	Electricity – Street Lighting	£96.07

**335/20. To agree Financial Statements for November 2020.**

Proposed by Cllr TB and seconded by Cllr LD, Council **RESOLVED** to approve the financial statements.

**336/20. To consider and agree that the Parish Council adopts a balance budget of £134,240 for 2021/22, which is supported by a Precept request of £120,000.**

Proposed by Cllr LA and seconded by Cllr BM, Council **RESOLVED** to approve the proposed balanced budget of £134,240 for 2021/22 supported by a Precept request of £120,000.

**337/20 To consider and agree that a precept of £120,000 is approved and that the Parish Clerk completes the Precept request documentation for 2021/22 in preparation for signature by the Chair and two Cllrs.**

Proposed by Cllr TB and seconded by Cllr LA, Council **RESOLVED** to approve a precept of £120,000 and that the Clerk prepare the relevant documentation for signatures.

**Funding Applications**

**338/20. To consider a request for funding by Bottesford Pre-school**

Proposed by Cllr LA and seconded by Cllr BM, Council **RESOLVED** to refuse the application on the grounds that the preschool appears to have sufficient funds. The Council will reconsider the application if further supporting information is provided.

**Lead Member Reports**

**339/20.** Reports were received on the following;

- g. LCC have contacted the library regarding payment of rent up to 2027. The Clerk asserted that the Council should be involved in these discussions as the lease is with the Council as trustees of the Bottesford Institute.
- l. The Youth Club is still closed. Details of any meetings will be reported to the Council

**340/20. Close of meeting and date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and will be held via zoom. The meeting closed at 9.53pm.