

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Clifford Suite, Beckington Memorial Hall on:

TUESDAY 12th February 2019 @ 7:00pm

Present:

Councillors; Mr M Wilson (Chairman), Mrs P Fox, Mrs E Wright, Mr C Winterbourne, Ms J Beresford.

In attendance:

Mr S Pritchard - Parish Clerk.

Public participation:

(None)

County & District Councillors reports:

Communication had been received from both the County and District Councilor that they had nothing to report to the Council and so they wouldn't be attending the meeting.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
67	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Cllr Mr R Kelly (no reason given), Cllr Mr K Bishop (on holiday).
68	<u>Declarations of interest & dispensations to participate:</u> A. The Chairman declared an interest in planning application: 2019/0047/HSE – it was noted that this application had already been determined by the council under the Clerks delegated powers and so was not on the agenda tonight for debate. Cllr Beresford declared an interest in agenda item 79 as a trustee of the charity as well as the Clerk. B. Cllr Beresford had applied for a dispensation, from now until the end of her time in office, to be able to participate in council debates about the Beckington Charities, but not vote. This was granted by the clerk.
69	<u>Adoption of previous Council minutes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tuesday 8th January 2019 It was proposed by Cllr Wright to adopt the minutes, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.
70	<u>Planning, Tree & Licensing applications:</u> A. <u>To receive any planning, tree or licensing applications made to Mendip District Council and pass comment:</u> (None) B. <u>To note responses sent to MDC between meetings under the Clerks delegated authority (As per the agenda):</u> Noted.

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71	<p><u>Parish Council Accounts:</u></p> <p>A. Payments:</p> <p>The following payments were proposed for payment by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Fox and resolved unanimously:</p> <p>1. Mr B. Sergent – Fitting of dog bins - £90.00</p> <p>B. To receive bank reconciliation and budget to date:</p> <p>Received.</p>
72	<p><u>Donation request:</u></p> <p>Members resolved that the Council didn't wish to donate to the Somerset wood, but instead to honour the parishioners that had fallen within the Parish. Members will look for projects to bring forward.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – All Members</p>
73	<p><u>Consultation response:</u></p> <p>Members agreed to make a short response;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration to be given to having one members of staff from each school on the board. • S106 money that has been generated within the Parish should stay within the parish. <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p>
74	<p><u>Sue's Walk revamp:</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that from the Sandy lane end of Sue's Walk, on the righthand side there is a large patch of brambles. It would be about two days of strimming work to clear all the brambles back, it would then be nice to put a bench in there and keep the whole area neat and tidy going forwards. It was acknowledged that the land was not owned by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr Winterbourne offered to talk to the landowner to seek their views. It was agreed to bring this item back to the next meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action Cllr Winterbourne & The Clerk</p>
75	<p><u>Preparations for the death of a senior figure:</u></p> <p>Members agreed that by for the most appropriate place for a book of condolences and the leaving of floral tributes was St George's Church. Unless the Church object, this is the location that will be put forwards to the District Council.</p>
76	<p><u>Appointment of Internal Auditor 2018/19:</u></p> <p>The Clerk recommended the reappointment of Mrs J. Raybould of Somerton Town Council. It was proposed by Cllr Fox to appoint Mrs Raybould, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</p>
77	<p><u>S106 agreement:</u></p> <p>The Clerk had a draft copy of the S106 agreement with Mendip District Council. A final</p>

	<p>hard copy had been requested from MDC in time for the meeting but had not been supplied. Members question the amount of time it had taken MDC to produce the agreement and pay over the money to the Parish Council, the Clerk shared the Councils concerns and complaint through the formal channels will be made to MDC.</p> <p>Cllr Fox proposed that the Council sign the agreement, when received, for the drawdown of £7,000 S106 money, seconded by Cllr winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</p>
78	<p><u>Beckington – Clear it up! – Campaign:</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that there is a growing concern within the Village with the amount of dog mess that is not being cleaned up by irresponsible dog owners. The Clerk idea was that the Council could run a 'clean it up' campaign. Letters could be sent to every address giving details of all the councils new bins with a map marking them all out, bin & window stickers could be designed and printed. The Clerk suggested Members should give the project a budget and appoint some members to it.</p> <p>Members spent some time debating the sort of items that would be useful in a letter to households and if providing dog bags would be helpful. Cllr Beresford agreed to undertake to come up with a defined proposal with costings and bring that back to the next meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Cllr Beresford</p>
80	<p><i>Agenda item: 80 was taken next by the Chairman</i></p> <p><u>Assets insurance:</u></p> <p>The way the council's current insurance company insures the Council assets is different to the way the Clerk has seen before. The insurance company insures a total amount and not individual items. The total amount is based on an old assets list from a few years ago. The council has gained significant assets since that time. It is recommended by the insurance company and the Clerk that Members give a replacement value to everything on the assets list and then look in insure the total value.</p> <p>Members felt unsure about this approach and feared it could significantly increase the cost of the cover.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Fox to find out the cost of moving the cover from £10,079.16 to £15,000, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p>
79	<p><u>The winding up of the Beckington Charities:</u></p> <p>The Clerk, acting as a trustee of the charity, reported to the Council that he had taken informal legal advice and that the transferring of the leftover moneys from the charity to the Parish Council would not be straightforward and that he may have to seek further formal legal advice at some cost, this would eat away at the small amount of moneys that is left, so seemed counterproductive.</p> <p>The money can be transferred to the Somerset C Foundation with little effort and they would support in the closing of the charity. The money could not be guaranteed to be spent within the Parish.</p> <p>The other option would be to give the money to a charity within the parish, this could guarantee that the money was spent within the parish and thus residents would benefit. Members were minded that a local charity would be the preferred option.</p>

End of formal meeting 21:28

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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