

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

TUESDAY 9th April 2019 @ 7:00pm

Present:

Councillors; Mrs E Wright (Chairman), Mr C Winterbourne, Mr R Kelly, Mr K Bishop.

In attendance:

Mr S Pritchard - Parish Clerk.

In the absent of both the Parish Council Chairman and Vice Chairman it was proposed by Cllr Bishop to elect Cllr Wright as the meetings Chairman, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
90	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Cllr Beresford – Holiday. Absent without apology: Cllrs Wilson & Fox
91	<u>Declarations of interest & dispensations to participate:</u> A. None B. None
92	<u>Adoption of previous Council minutes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tuesday 12th March 2019 <p>It was proposed by Cllr Winterbourne to adopt the minutes, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.</p>
93	<u>Planning, Tree & Licensing applications:</u> <u>A. To receive any planning, tree or licensing applications made to Mendip District Council and pass comment:</u> None <u>B. To note responses sent to MDC between meetings under the Clerks delegated authority (As per the agenda):</u> Members agreed that the Clerk should respond 'No Objection' to 2019/0554/VRC & 2019/0589/TCA as a response had yet to be made.
94	<u>Parish Council Accounts:</u> A. Payments: The following payments were proposed for payment by Cllr Winterbourne, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Came & Co – Insurance - £23.70S.Pritchard – Quarterly expenses - £162.04MDC – Lahs place garden bins - £113.80

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	<p>B. To receive end of year bank reconciliation: This was received and approved. The Chairman expressed her thanks to the Responsible Finance Officer for bringing the Council in almost exactly on budget.</p>
95	<p><u>Grass verge cutting:</u> Cllr Winterbourne had tried many times to talk to the contracts manager at IDVerde, the Clerk had also emailed. Members agreed that the Council must keep having the verges cut. The quote from IDVerde is for £2,091.52, this is £591.52 more than last year. A local contractor has quoted £1,800.00, but as the VAT from idverde can eventually be claimed back it comes in at around £1,700.00. Members agreed that The Clerk and Cllr Winterbourne should continue to pursue IDVerde. It was proposed by Cllr Winterbourne to delegate responsibility for appointing a contractor to the Clerk, in consultation with Cllr Winterbourne and within budget, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk & Cllr Winterbourne</p>
96	<p><u>Sue’s walk grass cutting:</u> It was proposed by Cllr Winterbourne to give delegated power to the Clerk to appoint a contractor to cut Sue’s walk as and when needed, in consultation with Cllr Winterbourne and within budget, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.</p>
97	<p><u>Village Pump – Further repairs:</u> Cllr Winterbourne reported to Members that all the work on the Village Pump had been finished in time and had been completed to a high standard. Cllr Winterbourne proposed that the Council pay the extra £250 cost, seconded by Cllr Kelly and resolved unanimously.</p>
98	<p><u>In memory plaque:</u> Members completely endorsed the proposal to have a plaque but did wonder if it should be brass. Members agreed that the decision should lie with Mrs Pritchard. It was proposed by Cllr Winterbourne to set a budget of £150 and give delegated responsibility to the Clerk to liaise with Mrs Pritchard as to the material to use and buy the plaque, seconded by Cllr Kelly and resolved unanimously.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p>
99	<p><u>Village meeting / survey:</u> Expectations must be managed, the last survey contained undeliverable items like ‘a cycle way to Frome’. Maybe best to have a public meeting first and then do a survey. The Clerk reminded Members that the new District Councilor may want to be involved and the County Councilor. Members agreed that a working group would look at things in more detail, Cllr Kelly will coordinate a meeting of any interested council members.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Cllr Kelly</p>

End of formal meeting 19:47

a) **Planning & Development (Cllr Kelly)**

- The developer of 22 Frome Road had contacted the Clerk seeking an audience with the parish council. It was agreed to try and meet him on a Monday night soon at 7pm.
- The Chairman expressed concern at a perceived number of trees that are being cut down within the parish.
- The Chairman said that the Council should ask that all the power cable within Beckington are put underground.

b) **HR & Resources (Cllr Beresford)**

- The Clerk confirmed to Members that Cllr Beresford had not stood for election again in May and therefore will cease to be a Member of the Council on the 7th of May. The Clerk paid tribute to Cllr Beresford stating that in her role as HR & Resources Portfolio Holder she had been in effect his line manager and had provided great strength and stability.

c) **Footpaths & Rights of way (Cllr Wright)**

- Cllr Winterbourne reported that the land owner of Sue's Walk is happy for the scrub area to be cleared and that Cllr Wilson will be having a meeting with him soon.

d) **Highways & Local Transport (Cllr Bishop)**

- Cllr Bishop reported that he has been in constant contact with SCC with regard to the drainage coming from DWH
- Has yet to draft letters for houses on Church Hill / Street re a one-way system.

e) **Local Environment & Council Assets (Cllr Winterbourne)**

- Cllr Winterbourne reported an increase in fly tipping. He reported a load of stuff dumped in the layby near him, but it was never picked up when agreed, so took it all home himself. The Parish Council should publicise how to report fly tipping in the network mag

Action – The Clerk

- Probably need to look at having more dog bins as the current ones are very well used.
- Bins in the laybys are not been emptied, so have been doing it for MDC
- The Chairman commented that the Parish is notably clearer of litter than it has been for years, but that it is not fair to expect Cllr Winterbourne to keep it all clear.

f) **MDC & SALC Rep (Cllr Bishop)**

- Cllr Bishop reported he had attended a conservation briefing at MDC
- The Clerk reported that SALC are holding many different training events throughout May, June and July in Somerton and that a Councillors Essentials training event would be taking place in Beckington.

g) **Rudge Rep (Cllr Wright)**

- Cllr Wright reported that the idea of Rudge having Village Gates was gaining support. Need to find out a price.

Action – The Clerk

- The Full Moon is now on the market. Not in the best of states, would need large investment to bring it up to scratch. The idea of the community running it will be floated at the Rudge matters meeting in May.

h) **The Beckington Charities (The Clerk & Cllr Beresford)**

- The Clerk reported that all the shareholdings have now been liquidated, the money raised was:
 - G Sainsbury - £2,258.30
 - C Moody - £1,566.99
 - F Skurray's - £368.70

The money will have been paid in to the Coventry Building Society account.

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i) **Memorial Hall Rep (Cllr Wilson & The Clerk)**

- *The Clerk reported that he was not aware that any meeting had taken place re the play park.*

j) **Allotments Rep (Cllr Wilson & Clerk)**

- *Cllr Kelly reported that 14 potential allotment holders had attended a meeting with himself and Cllr Wilson and some have come forward to be on a committee. Due to the state of the land people accepted that it will take time before it is in a condition where the Parish Council can accept ownership of it. There was a real sense of feeling that it will be used as a community space.*

k) **Parish Grant Funding and S106 Money (Cllr Fox)**

- *The Clerk reported that he finally has the bus shelter S106 agreement for the Parish Council Chairman and himself to sign.*

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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