

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held in the Clifford Suite, Beckington Memorial Hall on: **TUESDAY 14th November 2017 at 7:30pm**

Present:

Councillors; Mrs P Fox (Chairman), Ms S Brooke, Mrs E Wright, Ms J Beresford, Mr C Winterbourne & Mr K Bishop

In attendance:

Clive Mockford – Mendip District Councillor, Simon Pritchard - Parish Clerk & Two Members of the Public.

County & District Councillors reports:

Audit and Scrutiny Committees are to be kept separate. Business continuity plan is being given more attention, looking to test it. Gypsy Lane in Frome to remain closed for at least the next 3 months, Dark Lane to be reopened. Since Gypsy Lane has been closed fly tipping has dramatically reduced.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
NOV1	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Cllr Wilson (Council Chairman) due to work commitments. Cllr Oliver (County Councillor).
NOV2	<u>Declarations of interest:</u> The Clerk reminded Members that they all had an interest in agenda item: 6 as council tax payers in the Parish. The advice on whether it was necessary for all members to seek a dispensation or not is mixed and so the Clerk advised that as all Members shared the same interest it was not necessary to seek individual dispensations.
NOV3	<u>Adoption of previous Council minutes:</u> A. Tuesday 12th September 2017 B. Tuesday 10th October 2017 The minutes of both meetings had been circulated amongst Members. It was proposed by Cllr Beresford, seconded by Cllr Wright and resolved unanimously, that they be adopted as accurate.
NOV4	<u>Clerk's report on actions outstanding from 10th October minutes:</u> The Clerk reported that any outstanding item that needed debate had been given an agenda item.
NOV5	<u>To receive Planning & Tree applications:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2017/2675/TCA – It was noted that the applicant was not the owner of the tree, but the tree surgeon so the application is incorrect.• 2017/2803/TCA – Leave to tree officer

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017/2816/FUL – Objection. <p>The Council would like to see positive benefit for Beckington on social housing. Also, the rerouting of the footpath seems to have been overlooked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017/2856/HSE & 2017/2857/LBC – No comment at the moment. Concern from some Members over creating an infill site, more information from the District Council will be sought and emailed around to Members. <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Cllr Brooke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017/2838/LBC – Leave to Listed Buildings Officer. • 2017/2802/FUL – Support. • 2017/0818/FUL - <p>This application has had some changes made to it since the Council last considered it. The Council agreed that it should hold a public meeting with regards to applications 2017/0818/FUL & 2017/2816/FUL also the Redrow II appeal, to be able to consult & inform the residents. The Clerk will book the Hall for Monday 20th November for 7pm onwards.</p>
NOV6	<p><u>Budget 2018/19 – Capital Projects:</u></p> <p>The Bettering Beckington survey top ten list will be looked at, costed and brought to the next meeting. Also, the resident’s comments from the same survey will be analysed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action - Cllr Fox</p> <p>Cllr Beresford is going to have an informal meeting with the some of the Village Hall committee members to talk about the playground and possible future development</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Cllr Beresford</p>
NOV7	<p><u>Consideration of new Portfolios / Representatives</u></p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Bishop will take over the Highways / Transport portfolio from Cllr Wilson.</p> <p>It was agreed to defer debate on possible new portfolios until the Council Chairman could be present.</p>
NOV8	<p><u>December & January meeting dates:</u></p> <p>It was agreed to hold an extra meeting on: Tuesday 12th December</p> <p>It was agreed to move the January meeting to: Tuesday 16th of January</p> <p>NB: The December meeting will have to find a new venue as both the Memorial Hall and Clifford Suite are already booked.</p>
NOV9	<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 Beresford and resolved unanimously:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk’s salary + overtime October 2017 - £251.27 2. HMRC PAYE – October 2017 – 62.60 3. SALC Membership - £261.91 <p>B. To receive Bank reconciliation: Received and noted</p> <p>C. Bank signatories:</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Council still didn’t have the required three signatories in place and despite bringing this matter to the attention of the Council last month nothing</p>

	<p>had changed. The Clerk suggested that the Council start again and appoint two new signatories and that a day be agreed for the Clerk and the two new signatories to meet at the bank in Frome to resolve this urgent matter. There being no new volunteers to take on this role the Council agreed that it would again appoint Cllrs Beresford & Wilson to be the Council signatories.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Cllr Wilson</p>
NOV10	<p><u>Dog bins in the Parish:</u></p> <p>A. Dog bin order: B. Installation of dog bins:</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Winterbourne would send the Clerk information on a cheaper type of bin that the Clerk would then apply to Somerset Council for permission to install on the highways.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Cllr Winterbourne & The Clerk</p>
NOV11	<p><u>Resources Committee:</u></p> <p>Members deferred this item for further development.</p>

End of formal meeting

The next items were for verbal exchange of information only:

- **Bettering Beckington projects:**
 - A. Bus Stops:** Cllr Fox will be taking over all funding matters for this project.
 - B. Village Pump / Sue's Walk improvements:** Cllr Winterbourne has carried out a site visit and the estimate of £600 seems like a lot of money.
 - C. Parish Website:** Testing had now taken place and so the site should be ready to go live. Members expressed frustration with how long the Council had not had a working website for some time and asked that the new one go live within the next week.
- **Local education money:** Cllr Fox to chase
- **Members portfolio verbal reports:**
 - A. Planning & Development -** Cllr Brooke: Nothing to report
 - B. Finance –** Cllr Beresford: Nothing to report
 - C. Footpaths –** Cllr Wright: - Nothing to report
 - D. Highways / Transport –** Cllr Wilson: (Not at meeting)
Cllr Brooke had made arrangements to have a 267 bus service timetable sponsored, printed and distributed to every house within the parish. This had been at some expense to herself.
 - E. Local Environment -** Cllr Winterbourne: The Council grass cutting contract was discussed. The Clerk reminded members that contact with the Council's contractors should be via the Clerk. The Clerk suggested that the focus should now be on the Council grass cutting contract for spring / summer 2018 and how this should be managed.
 - F. Rudge Rep –** Cllr Wright: Noticeboard repair in hardwood has now been commissioned.
 - G. Standerwick Rep –** Cllr Brooke – Nothing to report.
 - H. Charities –** Cllr Beresford: Nothing to report
 - I. Memorial Hall Rep –** Cllr Wilson: (Not at meeting)
Meeting taking place that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman have both been invited to.
- **Items for the Clerks consideration for the next agenda:**
Cllr Brooke suggested that Standerwick Court Lane may need to be.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10:10 pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____