

# BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

**TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 @ 7:00pm**

**Present:**

Councillors; Mr M. Wilson (Chairman), Mrs E. Wright, Mr R Kelly, Mr K Bishop.

**In attendance:**

Mr S Pritchard - Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer  
1 Member of the Public

**Public participation:**

Objection to the idea of Church Street / Hill being made one way, representing all residents of lower Church Hill. Making it one way would penalise the residents only when the issue is caused by parents dropping off / collecting their children. The school should be encouraging the children to walk.

**County & District Councillors reports:**

(No reports received)

<b>Agenda Number:</b>	<b>Agenda Item:</b>
<b>13</b>	<b><u>Apologies for absence:</u></b> Cllr Winterbourne - Holiday. Cllr Fox – Away working
<b>14</b>	<b><u>Declarations of interest &amp; dispensations to participate:</u></b> <b>A.</b> Cllr Kelly declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 16A – 2019/1580/TCA <b>B.</b> None
<b>15</b>	<b><u>Adoption of previous Council minutes:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b></li></ul> <b>It was proposed by The Chairman to adopt the minutes, seconded by Cllr Kelly and resolved unanimously.</b>
<b>16</b>	<b><u>Planning, Tree &amp; Licensing applications:</u></b>  <b><u>A. To receive any planning, tree or licensing applications made to Mendip District Council and pass comment:</u></b>  <b>2019/1507/LBC</b> - INTERNAL AND ALTERATIONS TO GRADE 2 LISTED DWELLING; NEW SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION; NEW OUTBUILDING AND NEW GATE ACCESS IN EXISTING MASONRY WALL. <p style="text-align: right;">2-4 Church Hill Beckington Frome BA11 6TJ, 29 Jun 2019 Parish Council Recommendation: <b>No Objection</b></p>

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	<p><b>2019/1506/HSE</b> - SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION; ERECTION OF OUTBUILDING AND GATE ACCESS IN EXISTING MASONRY WALL 4 Church Hill Beckington Frome BA11 6TJ, 29 Jun 2019 Parish Council Recommendation: <b>No Objection</b></p> <p><b>19:23 Cllr Kelly left the room</b></p> <p><b>2019/1580/TCA</b> - Works to tree in conservation area - T1 fell fallen magnolia. 22 Frome Road Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6TD, 25 Jun 2019 Parish Council Recommendation: <b>Approve</b></p> <p><b>19:25 Cllr Kelly returned to the room</b></p> <p><b><u>B. To note responses sent to MDC between meetings under the Clerks delegated authority (As per the agenda):</u></b></p> <p><b>2019/1367/HSE</b> - Two Storey Side Extension and Single Storey Rear Extension 23 Warminster Road Beckington Frome BA11 6SY, 17 Jun 2019 Parish Council recommendation: <b>No Objection</b></p> <p><b>2019/1453/FUL</b> - Proposal for the installation of three new underground fuel storage tanks to the north of the site with associated works in relation to the use of the forecourt of the PFS facility. Bathway Service Station Old A361 Beckington Frome BA11 6SF, 19 Jun 2019 Parish Council recommendation: <b>No Objection</b></p>
17	<p><b><u>Parish Council Accounts:</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Payments:</b></p> <p>1. Clerks Expenses April to June 2019 - £161.25</p> <p><b>It was proposed by the Chairman to approve the one payment, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously</b></p> <p><b>B. To receive the bank reconciliation and budget to date:</b> These were received by the Members.</p> <p><b>C. Third bank signatory progress:</b> The correct forms had now been identified, signed by the Clerk and Cllr Wright and passed to Cllr Bishop.</p>
18	<p><b><u>Grant applications 2019:</u></b> None received. The Chairman suggested to Members that the Council could support more of the grass cutting within the Parish in some of the key public areas. This will be explored further. <b>Action – Cllr Wilson &amp; The Clerk</b></p>
19	<p><b><u>Donations to local charities:</u></b> The Clerk had issued a report to Members. <b>Cllr Kelly proposed to accept the Clerk recommendation and make the payments,</b></p>

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	<p><b>seconded by The Chairman and resolved unanimously.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citizens Advice Mendip - £75</li> <li>• Mendip Community Transport - £75</li> <li>• Dorset &amp; Somerset Air Ambulance - £100 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Total= £250</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
20	<p><b><u>Auto-Speed-Watch devices:</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk had been in contact with a Parish Council already using the devices, they had replied with an email thoroughly recommending them.</p> <p>The Clerk also reported to Members that if they purchased the devices now than they wouldn't have to pay any VAT as the company was not yet registered for VAT, the actual cost for the four devices would be £1,180.00.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that the Community speed watch team will take the responsibility of looking after the devices.</p> <p><b>It was proposed by the Chairman to buy the four devices at a cost of £1,180.00, seconded by Cllr Kelly and resolved unanimously.</b></p>
21	<p><b><u>Bath Road bus shelters maintenance:</u></b></p> <p>Members expressed a preference for a clear wood treatment so not to add any colour to the wood and favoured the premium brands over the cheaper commonly found ones.</p> <p><b>It was proposed by the Chairman to paint the Bath Road bus shelters with a clear wood treatment and to give delegated authority to the Clerk to buy the materials and appoint someone to carry out the work, within the maintenance budget, seconded by Cllr Kelly and resolved unanimously.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – The Clerk</b></p>
22	<p><b><u>Church Street / Hill one-way consultation results:</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that since the agenda had been issued, he had received a further three emails of objection, making the total in favor 5, total against 7 – all three new email had gone on to say about the parking issue.</p> <p>The was agreed that Cllr Bishop would talk to the area highways officer to see what other options were available.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action - Cllr Bishop</b></p>
23	<p><b><u>Flowers coming in to Beckington:</u></b></p> <p>It was noted that the budget line for this project was £300, not the £2,500 reported in the agenda. The project was one of the last to come from the old Bettering Beckington survey, the line in the survey being <i>“More and better spring flowers at all entrances to the village”</i>. Members resolved to explore making some plantings from the welcome sign on Frome Road to the row of trees and under the entrance sign near the BP garage.</p> <p>The Chairman will consult with the District Councilor as to what would be most appropriate.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – The Chairman</b></p>
24	<p><b><u>Parish consultation to shape 4-year plan:</u></b></p> <p>No informal meeting had year taken place on this. It was agreed that this would happen</p>

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	over the next month, involving the Chairman, Cllr Kelly and Cllr Fox and that a public meeting would take place by the end of September.
25	<p><b><u>FOCUS ON:</u></b></p> <p> <b>Footpaths:</b></p> <p>Cllr Wright reported that she had walked all the footpaths within the Parish in January. There is now a situation where some of the paths have become overgrown, but many dog walkers take a set of secateurs out with them. When fallen obstacles had been reported they had been cleared. Has been talking to the Footpaths Officer at SCC about replacing some of the stiles. The land next to the Memorial Hall is not registered as have a public footpath going up it with SCC.</p> <p>Members set their top three priorities for the portfolio:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Reinstatement of public footpath through the land next to Memorial Hall</li> <li>o Peruse landowner to see if a permissive path can be commissioned to farm shop.</li> <li>o Cllr Winterbourne to be asked to help engage local landowners to keep footpaths in a useable condition.</li> </ul> <p> <b>Council Assets:</b></p> <p>In the absences of Cllr Winterbourne, the Clerk tabled the Councils assets list and talked members through it. It was noted that asset no: 4 (Bench (Wood)) wasn't currently in use and was sitting in someone's back garden, this needed to be addressed.</p> <p>Members set their top three priorities for the portfolio:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Identify where missing asset no: 38 (Dog Bin (Green)) is as it not at the Chairman house as per the list.</li> <li>o Confer with Cllr Winterbourne about fitting a large free-standing bin at the end of Sue's Walk.</li> <li>o Look at prices for CCTV units to go along Sue's walk.</li> </ul>

**End of formal meeting: ?**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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