

# BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

**TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 @ 7:00pm**

**Present:**

Councillors; Mr M. Wilson (Chairman), Mrs E. Wright, Mr K Bishop, Mr C. Winterbourne, Mrs P. Fox.

**In attendance:**

Mr S Pritchard - Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

0 Members of the Public

**Public participation:**

(None)

**County & District Councillors reports:**

(No reports received)

| <b>Agenda Number:</b> | <b>Agenda Item:</b>   |
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| <b>26</b>             | <b><u>Apologies for absence:</u></b><br>Cllr Kelly - Holiday. DCllr Brooke – Clash of meetings.   |
| <b>27</b>             | <b><u>Declarations of interest &amp; dispensations to participate:</u></b><br><b>A.</b> None<br><b>B.</b> None  |
| <b>28</b>             | <b><u>Adoption of previous Council minutes:</u></b><br><b>• Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b><br><br><b>It was proposed by Cllr Bishop to adopt the minutes, seconded by Cllr Wright and resolved unanimously.</b>   |
| <b>29</b>             | <b><u>Planning, Tree &amp; Licensing applications:</u></b><br><b><u>A. To receive any planning, tree or licensing applications made to Mendip District Council and pass comment:</u></b><br><br>None.<br><br><b><u>B. To note responses sent to MDC between meetings under the Clerks delegated authority (As per the agenda):</u></b><br><br><b>2019/1576/OTA</b> - Outline planning application for the erection of one self-build dwelling<br>Land At 381977 150733 Rudge Lane Standerwick Frome Somerset, 26 Jul 2019<br><b>Parish Council recommendation: Objection</b><br><br><b>2019/1744/TCA</b> – Fell diseased Horse Chestnut tree on the advice of Arborist<br>45 Goose Street Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6SS, 18 Jul 2019<br><b>Parish Council recommendation: No Objection</b> |

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|           | <p><b>2019/0869/FUL</b> - Construction of farm track, (retrospective).<br/>Land At Rudge Lane Standerwick Frome , 15 Jul 2019</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Parish Council recommendation: No Objection</b></p> <p><b>2019/1668/HDG</b> - To create a new farm access<br/>Palmers Farm Rudge Lane Standerwick Frome BA11 2PT, 13 Jul 2019</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Parish Council recommendation: No Objection</b></p>   |
| <b>30</b> | <p><b><u>Parish Council Accounts:</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Payments:</b><br/>(No payments needed to be authorized)</p> <p><b>B. To receive the bank reconciliation and budget to date:</b><br/>These were received by Members. The Clerk drew Members attention to the elections budget line. The Council has now received the invoice for the May elections, as the Parish Council election was uncontested the invoice was only £101.00 meaning that the budget line has an underspend of £1,099.00 that can be spent on something else.</p> <p><b>C. Third bank signatory progress:</b><br/>Cllr Bishop reported that he was still to tackle the online form to register as a signatory.<br/><b>Action – Cllr Bishop</b></p>   |
| <b>31</b> | <p><b><u>Grant applications 2019:</u></b><br/>None received.</p>  |
| <b>32</b> | <p><b><u>Auto-Speed-Watch devices:</u></b><br/>Members agreed to put the order for four devices on hold until a time when Somerset Police will accept the data that they produce. At this point the matter will return to the Council.</p>  |
| <b>33</b> | <p><b><u>Flowers coming in to Beckington:</u></b><br/>No further investigation had taken place into this project. Members agreed that spring bulbs would be planted along Frome Road near the entrance sign and around the entrance sign near Little Dunns Close.<br/><b>It was proposed by Cllr Fox to give the Clerk delegated authority to buy the bulbs within the budget, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</b></p>  |
| <b>34</b> | <p><b><u>Church Street / Hill one-way:</u></b><br/>Cllr Bishop had been in contact with Highways Officers and the County Councillor, no other ideas had been forthcoming beyond making the road one-way. As per the July meeting, Members acknowledged that far from their being a large majority of residents living along the road being in favor of making the road one-way, there is in fact a majority against, therefore the proposal will not be supported by the Parish Council.<br/>The Clerk will contact both Schools to ask them about their policy for children that are driven to School, it was noted that some parents from within Beckington Village itself drive their child to school when they are in walking distance.<br/><b>Action – The Clerk</b></p> |

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| 35 | <p><b><u>Parish consultation to shape 4-year plan:</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman suggested that this meeting take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of October 7pm – 9pm. Beer &amp; Wine to be provided. Letter to go into the Network magazine to advertise the event. All portfolio holders to have their own table and residents will wonder from table to table giving thoughts and opinions. All deliverable ideas then to be collated and the top ten put to a vote by all residents. Members approved the Chairman’s idea.</p>  |
| 36 | <p><b><u>Footpath to Rudge:</u></b></p> <p>It was acknowledged that the title of this project is not correct and that the fund is for a Footpath to the Farm Shop. Cllr Winterbourne agreed to become the lead member. Owners of the land that the footpath would go over will be approached. The project will rely completely on the landowner’s goodwill. There is £1,000 in the budget to pay for any new gates, styles or steps that maybe needed. Cllr Wright offer her help as well. Progress on this project will be reported back to the next meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – Cllr Winterbourne</b></p>   |
| 37 | <p><b><u>Safe cycle routes:</u></b></p> <p>£1,000 has been earmarked for this project. It was acknowledged that some work had taken place a few years ago, the end result being that Sustrans said that there was not anything more that can be done. The Chairman said he would consult the local police for comment. Members floated the idea of hosting cycle highway training events to help increase cyclist’s road safety awareness and to look at the safest route in to Frome when on a bike. Cllr Fox will locate information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – Cllr Fox &amp; Wilson</b></p>   |
| 38 | <p><b><u>Parish Lengthman:</u></b></p> <p>Members agreed that the idea of appointing a Parish Lengthsman / Steward was a good one and should be added to the budget for 2020/21.</p> <p>Members further considered that it was probably possible to make the appointment within this year, using some of the budget lines underspend to pay for one. It was agreed that the Clerk would advertise in the post in the Network magazine and bring the responses back to the Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – The Clerk</b></p>  |
| 39 | <p><b><u>Parish Council Website:</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk had drawn up a list of superficial changes that he would like to see made, beyond that someone who understands the Accessibility rules needs to go over the whole website and make it compliant. The company that made the website originally have been approached a few times to undertake the work, but the Clerk hadn’t received a response. As the Accessibility rules are part of the Disability Act, the Parish Council as a public body needs to comply. The Chairman offered to make a personal approach to the company that built the website to see if he can get a price for the work.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – Cllr Wilson</b></p> |
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**FOCUS ON:**** Local Environment:**

Cllr Winterbourne reported to Members on his portfolio. He has been the portfolio holder for two years now and things are now really up together. Recently had some issues with IDVerde and they stopped collecting rubbish from the A361 & A36 layby, but they have just appointed a new person so things should get back to normal. A361 layby is being kept tidy. A36 layby has two bins and both are being used.

Members thanked Cllr Winterbourne for all of his hard work in coordinating and even collecting rubbish and fly tipping across the Parish.

NB: As this portfolio has no actions needed it will not return to 'Focus On' for a year.

**End of formal meeting: 20:33**

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