

Notice of:

Public Meeting

Dear Parishioner,

As you will know, a new Parish Council was appointed in May of this year to fulfil a further four years of service to the villages of Beckington and Rudge.

Bettering Beckington 2019 – 2023



Thursday 24th October from 7pm to 9pm

I am writing to you to invite you to attend a Parish meeting on Thursday 24th October from 7pm to 9pm at the **Beckington Memorial Hall**. The purpose of this meeting is to have an open forum for ideas and suggestions as to how we can continue the work of the previous Parish Council, by way of making the Parish an even better place to live in, work in, study in, play in and generally enjoy.

We have worked hard to carry out the wishes of the Parish based on the previous Bettering Beckington survey (2016), and want to continue this work, hence the reason for again, asking for your opinions as to what you want to see as the Parish Council's focus for the next four years. We have plenty of ideas ourselves, but ultimately we are tasked with carrying out the wishes of the parishioners (where possible).

The format of the evening will be very informal and the plan is to have a number of break out areas manned by the relevant portfolio holder for you to put forward improvement ideas, suggestions or simply make comments – all participation is both welcomed and appreciated. Currently we break the council down into the following areas of responsibility:-

Planning & Development:

The Parish Council sends comments to Mendip District Council (the planning authority) on all planning applications in the Parish, it also responds to consultations. What sort of future development would you like to see?

Footpaths & Rights of Way:

The Parish Council maintains a few of the footpaths and reports issues with others to Somerset County Council. How accessible do you find the footpaths?

Highways & Local Transport:

The Parish Council reports road defects to Somerset County Council (the highway authority) and is supportive of local transport initiatives. What more can be done to improve local transport?

Local Environment & Council Assets:

The Parish Council has installed many new dog bins over the last year and plays an active part in litter management. Do we need more Public open spaces?

Rudge Rep:

The picturesque hamlet of Rudge is very much a part of the Parish of Beckington. In the last four years we have renovated the noticeboard and installed new grit bins, but what else could be done?

Parish Grant Funding and S106 Money:

There are some pots of money held by Mendip District Council that could be used to develop new facilities in the Parish as well as other sources of funding. What projects should be started to use this money before it expires and must be given back to the developers?

Please do join us to share your ideas as to how we shape the future of this great community, it would be great to see you. If the thought of giving ideas is not enough of a motivation to come and join us to share your ideas, there will also be wine, beer and nibbles (I stress this is not bribery, just encouragement), but we really do value your input and look forward to seeing you.

Yours faithfully

Mark Wilson

Chairman – Beckington Parish Council

Can't join us on the night but have something to say?....

You can email thoughts and suggestions to: beckingtonparishcouncil@outlook.com

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