

# BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

**TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 @ 7:00pm**

**Present:**

Councillors; Mr M. Wilson (Chairman), Mrs E. Wright, Mr R. Kelly, 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:**

(Not present, no reports received)

<b>Agenda Number:</b>	<b>Agenda Item:</b>
<b>41</b>	<b><u>Apologies for absence:</u></b> Cllr Bishop – Away.
<b>42</b>	<b><u>Declarations of interest &amp; dispensations to participate:</u></b> <b>A.</b> None <b>B.</b> None
<b>43</b>	<b><u>Adoption of previous Council minutes:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b></li></ul> <p><b>It was proposed by Cllr Fox to adopt the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</b></p>
<b>44</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>  None.  <b><u>B. To note responses sent to MDC between meetings under the Clerks delegated authority (As per the agenda):</u></b>  None.
<b>45</b>	<b><u>Parish Council Accounts:</u></b>

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	<p><b>A. Payments:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 500GB External HD – S. Pritchard - £55.00</li> <li>2. Software subscription – S. Pritchard - £59.99</li> <li>3. Clerks expenses – S. Pritchard - £121.20</li> </ol> <p><b>B. To receive the bank reconciliation and budget to date:</b> This was received. The Clerk noted that he still needed to reverse the transaction for AutoSpeedWatch (£1,1180.00).</p> <p><b>C. Third bank signatory progress:</b> Cllr Bishop still not set up as a signatory, The Chairman said he would remind Cllr Bishop. <b>Action – Cllr Wilson &amp; Cllr Bishop</b></p>
46	<p><b><u>Flowers coming in to Beckington:</u></b> Councilors Winterbourne and Wright have spent £120 on bulbs so far out of a total budget of £300. Will be buying more and have formulated a plan to get them planted.</p>
47	<p><b><u>Bettering Beckington 2019 – 2023: Public Meeting:</u></b> The Clerk will make lamented signs for the meeting, order post-it notes and pens and buy the refreshments. Each member to have their own table and will cover their own portfolio. Chairman to advertise the event on the Village Facebook page. <b>Action - The Clerk and Cllr Wilson</b></p>
48	<p><b><u>Footpath to Rudge:</u></b> It was once again noted that this is not a footpath to Rudge, but one to the Farm Shop from Beckington. Cllr Winterbourne has spoken with one of the landowners, another still to be approached. It was suggested that the District Councilor was contacted to see if she would be able to help.</p>
49	<p><b><u>Promoting Safe Cycle:</u></b> The Chairman was seeing the local Police Officer the next day and would broach the subject. Still worth looking to see if the footpath down Frome Road can be widened. Can the entrance ways have safe cycle signs put on them? (Cllr Bishop to be asked to find out). No progress with Cllr Fox finding out about safe cycle training.</p>
50	<p><b><u>Appointment of Parish Lengthman:</u></b> It was noted that whoever was appointed would need be able to clear the footpaths around the Parish. The Clerk had received no response to the advert in the Network magazine. The Chairman &amp; Cllr Winterbourne will talk with a regular contractor that the Parish Council use to see if an agreement could be come to.</p>
51	<p><b><u>Parish Council Website:</u></b> The Parish Council website need some accessibility work done to it, the Clerk has also</p>

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	<p>drawn up a list of some changes that would improve it. The current website provider has quoted £150 for all the work.</p> <p><b>It was proposed by Cllr Fox to accept the quote, seconded by the Chairman and resolved unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>52</b></p>	<p><b><u>FOCUS ON:</u></b></p> <p><b>📌 S106 Developer Money:</b>  Cllr Fox tabled a 7-page report for members, this showed where S106 money had come from and what it had been spent on so far.  An analysis of the top priority 2015 Bettering Beckington survey results shown that of the projects that the Parish Council has control over, all had been delivered other than 'Flowers coming in Beckington' which was underway now. Even some of the lower priority projects had been delivered. Cllr Fox to make information available at the Bettering Beckington public event on October 24<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>📌 Memorial Hall Rep:</b>  The Clerk reported that he had been removed for the email circulation list, so no longer receives agendas for meeting, minutes or any communication at all. In the time he had been rep the to Hall it had felt like a waste of time as if anything ever came up that the Hall Committee wanted to talk with the Parish Council about then he was circumnavigated in favor of wanting to talk with the Parish Council Chairman, thus their seem no point in appointing a rep or them attending the Committee meetings. Given all this the Clerk felt that the role had been made untenable and he would not be able to continue in it.</p> <p><b>📌 <u>Local Planning and Development Policy:</u></b>  The inspector looking at Mendip District Council (MDC) draft new Local Plan has said that the area of Mendip that Beckington is in should be allocated 505 more homes than the current plan shows. The Chairmen of Norton St Philips, Rode and Beckington had a meeting and have drafted and sent a letter to MDC to protest against been allocated any further housing in the draft Local Plan.</p>

**End of formal meeting: 20:58**

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

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