

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

TUESDAY 12th November 2019 @ 7:00pm

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mr S Pritchard - Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
0 Members of the Public

Public participation:

(None)

County & District Councillors reports:

(Not present)


Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
53	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> None.
54	<u>Declarations of interest & dispensations to participate:</u> A. None B. None
55	<u>Adoption of previous Council minutes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tuesday 8th October 2019 <p>It was proposed by the Chairman to adopt the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Kelly and resolved unanimously.</p>
56	<u>Planning, Tree & Licensing applications:</u> A. To receive any planning, tree or licensing applications made to Mendip District Council and pass comment: None. B. To note responses sent to MDC between meetings under the Clerks delegated authority: 2019/2439/HSE - Erection of a garage and carport with office space on first floor. Tower Hill Barn Mill Lane Beckington Frome Somerset, 09 Oct 2019 <p style="text-align: right;">Parish Council recommendation: Objection</p>

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	<p>2019/2397/HSE - Demolition of existing conservatory to form rear extension, garage and toolshed. 22 Warminster Road Beckington Frome BA11 6SY, 04 Oct 2019</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Parish Council recommendation: No Objection</p> <p>2019/2636/TCA - Works to trees in a conservation area:- T1 - Magnolia, reduce height and lateral branches by 1 metre to leave a height and a lateral branch spread of 5 metres. The tree has been pruned to this specification before. The client would just like to shape the tree and prevent it getting to big as it is in a carpark for their customers. 10 Church Street Beckington Frome BA11 6TG, 29 Oct 2019</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Parish Council recommendation: TBC</p>
57	<p><u>Parish Council Accounts:</u></p> <p>A. Payments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pens & Pads (BB2) – S. Pritchard - £50.96 2. Nibbles & Drinks (BB2) – S. Pritchard - £60.50 3. Condolence Book – S. Pritchard - £23.50 <p>It was proposed by the Chairman to make the listed payments, seconded by Cllr Fox and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>B. To receive the bank reconciliation and budget to date: This was received and noted.</p> <p>C. Third bank signatory progress: Cllr Bishop still not set up as a signatory, this must be done online.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Cllr Bishop</p>
58	<p><u>Flowers coming in to Beckington:</u></p> <p>Councillors Winterbourne and Wright have planted some daffodil bulbs on the Frome Road entrance. Cllr Wright will also plants some in pots. It is likely that the summer grass cutting activates will kill most of them, a lot of crocus were planted in the same place and only lasted two years. A Rudge resident has made a request for some bulbs in Rudge, Members agreed that they were very happy for some of the bulbs to be planted in Rudge.</p>
59	<p><u>Bettering Beckington 2019 to 2023 – Results of Public Meeting:</u></p> <p>It was noted that the access to the Farm Shop kept coming up, this is something that’s already being worked on. The playpark was mentioned, Cllr Fox has informed members of the Village Hall committee where they can get grant funding from, as the playpark is own by the Village Hall.</p> <p>The Chairman said he will set up a ‘Group’ to review potential capital projects. Members also should try and generate more ideas, look around other Villages and see what they are doing.</p>
60	<p><u>Footpath to Rudge:</u></p> <p>This is in the hands of District Councillor Brooke, who agreed to persuade the landowner to allow access. If access isn’t granted by the landowner, then the project will not be viable.</p>

61	<p><u>Promoting Safe Cycle:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman has spoken with the local PCO and the notion of using the pavement along From Road as a cycle path wouldn't be supported by the police. This will not be explored any further. Cllr Fox has yet to find out details for any cycle safety training courses that the Council could put on. <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Cllr Fox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No information had been obtained with regards to the price or availability of road signage. The Clerk to find out pricing, Cllr Bishop to consider locations. <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Cllr Bishop & The Clerk</p>
62	<p><u>Budget 2020/2021:</u></p> <p>This had been circulated to Members ahead of the meeting. If the Council wants to appoint a Parish Lengthsman this would have the effect of increasing the band D council tax bill to each household hold by about £11 per year.</p> <p>Members worked though all the budget line and suggested a few adjustments. Members agreed in principal that the precept would have to be increased.</p>
63	<p><u>Appointment of Parish Lengthsman:</u></p> <p>The role of Parish Lengthsman had been advertised in the Network magazine and on Facebook, the only application had come from Jason Macey who the Parish Council had had been using very successfully for some time for odd jobs in the Parish.</p> <p>It was proposed by the Chairman to appoint Mr Macey, seconded by Cllr Fox and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk should manage the list of jobs that the Lengthsman is asked to carry out.</p>
64	<p><u>Grant Request to the Parish Council:</u></p> <p>The new Beckington Allotment Association has put in a request for £1,710.80 (ex-vat) to help pay for start up costs for the new allotments.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Kelly to make a grant of £2050.00, seconded by Cllr Fox and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>It was noted that the grant would be paid once the tenancy agreement had been confirmed by the Allotment Association.</p>
65	<p><u>FOCUS ON:</u></p> <p> <u>Allotments:</u></p> <p>A group of residents have now formed into an Association (BAA) and have been meeting regularly. Once David Wilson Homes (DWH) had delivered the topsoil the BAA have marked out 13 equal size plots. BAA will manage the plots and any waiting list. Each plot holder will pay £40 per year, with £20 of this coming to the Parish Council. This should be reviewed in 4 years' time. Growing has started on some plots (with the consent of DWH). The land and car park are still in the process of being transferred to the Parish Council and the Doctors Surgery form DWH (not likely to happen before the end of the year).</p> <p>As requested, the BAA have issued the first draft of the proposed tenancy agreement. Members worked they way thought the draft and made some changes based on advice received.</p>

End of formal meeting: 20:41

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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