

# BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Extraordinary** meeting held in Mes Amis Cafe,  
Bath Road, Beckington on:

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

## **Present:**

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

## **In attendance:**

Councillor S. Brooke – Mendip District Council  
Mr S. Pritchard - Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer  
3 Members of the Public

## **Public participation:**

- A neighbour of 22 Frome Road objected to the planning application as the planned development will overlook their property causing a loss of privacy. It goes against the Beckington heritage statement. No assessment has taken place on the impact the development will have on their property. They will suffer from loss of light and windows will look directly into their home. Noise from the extra ten vehicles won't be good and the road junctions may not be safe. It is overdevelopment for the Village.
- Another neighbour commented that the site had become a wildlife haven and that it was greed to try and squeeze four homes onto the land. Any future development should be in line with the current footprint of the one house. The current proposal is of no benefit to the Village and the schools are full.
- A third neighbour commented that their home was 2 metres lower than the site so the new homes would be completely oppressing. The residents were advised by the Chairman that their objections to the District Council would need to be based on current planning policy reasons.
- Cllr Brooke informed the council that the Somerset Rivers Authority had carried out a survey of waste water in the Village and that this report needed to be seen as 80+ houses have been added to the sewage system over the last 5 years and residents have had raw sewage flowing through their homes. No more homes should be approved until the sewage system in the village is sorted out. Recall that the land at 22 Frome Road was potentially going to be used as part of the solution. It was noted in the planning inspector's report into Redrow II that drainage is an issue in the Village. If necessary, she would be willing to take this application to the MDC Planning Board.

<b>Agenda Number:</b>	<b>Agenda Item:</b>
<b>66</b>	<b><u>Apologies for absence:</u></b> Councillor, Mr Kelly – Holiday. County Councillor, Mrs Oliver.
<b>67</b>	<b><u>Declarations of interest &amp; dispensations to participate:</u></b> <b>A.</b> None <b>B.</b> None
<b>68</b>	<b><u>Planning, Tree &amp; Licensing applications:</u></b>

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	<p>To receive planning, tree or licensing applications made to Mendip District Council and pass comment:</p> <p><b>2019/2736/FUL</b> - Proposed erection of 4 new dwellinghouses and demolition of existing dwelling.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>22 Frome Road Beckington Frome BA11 6TD, 21 Nov 2019</b></p> <p><b>Members resolved to Object to the devolvement.</b> It was noted that the Parish had taken 212% of the housing that it should have had, and this had increased the Village by a 1/3. The Chairman advised Members that it would need to be clear as to what the objections are in terms of planning policy. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would coordinate the writing of the objection outside of the meeting. Cllr Wright offered to make the first draft.</p>
69	<p><b><u>Mendip District Council – Local Plan II Update:</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that somehow the district council have got the numbers wrong in the local Plan I and now find themselves in the situation were they need to allocate an extra 505 homes in the Local Plan II and they have been looking to do so in the North-East of the district. Joint meeting held with members from surrounding Councils of Rode, Norton St Philip, Chilcompton and Kilmersdon</p> <p>Has been told by MDC that Beckington’s share of the homes will be that the former Redrow Phase II site will be earmarked for 28 homes. It is possible that the parishes allocation could increase beyond that if other sites in the area don’t workout.</p> <p>It is possible that all the Parish Councils could work together and write to the District Council objecting to their plans, but that could mean that the new Local Plan II would take even longer to pass its inspection and leave all of the district open to speculative development as the current plan expires on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020, after that its open session for developers.</p>

**End of formal meeting: 19:58**

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

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