

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

TUESDAY 14th January 2020 @ 7:00pm

Present:

Councillors; Mr M. Wilson (Chairman), Mrs E. Wright, Mr C. Winterbourne, 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:
70	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Mr R. Kelly - Away, Mrs P. Fox – Unwell and Cllr Brooke MDC & Cllr Oliver SCC
71	<u>Declarations of interest & dispensations to participate:</u> A. None B. None
72	<u>Adoption of previous Council minutes:</u> 1) Tuesday 12th November 2019 2) Tuesday 10th December 2019 (Extraordinary meeting) It was proposed by the Chairman to adopt the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.
73	<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: 2019/2842/HSE - Erection of single storey garden room extension and alterations 5 Rylands Beckington Frome BA11 6SD, 29 Nov 2019 Parish Council recommendation: No Objection

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	<p>2019/2650/LBC - Installation of 4 solid internal shutters to the four East facing windows 15 Bath Road Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6SL, 27 Nov 2019 Parish Council recommendation: No Objection</p> <p>2019/2803/HSE - Proposed erection of oak framed garden room. 1 Green Park Lane Cottages Green Park Lane Beckington Frome BA11 6TT, 21 Nov 2019 Parish Council recommendation: No Objection</p> <p>2019/2728/TPO - Proposed works to tree/s subject to a Tree Preservation Order: T4 (Pine) - Reduce lower limb by 1m for visual aesthetics to bring the tree back into line with neighbouring trees and away from the property to avoid potential property damage 3 The Weavers Beckington Frome BA11 6SA, 18 Nov 2019 Parish Council recommendation: No Objection</p> <p>2019/2761/HSE - Demolition of existing workshop and erection of replacement workshop 18 Warminster Road Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6SY, 15 Nov 2019 Parish Council recommendation: No Objection</p>
74	<p><u>Parish Council Accounts:</u></p> <p>A. Payments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mes Amis – Room Hire - £20.00 2. S.Pritchard – Allotment Gate Lock - £11.99 3. S.Pritchard – Clerk’s Expenses (Oct – Dec 19) - £129.20 <p>It was proposed by the Chairman to make the listed payments, seconded by Cllr Bishop 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: The Clerk has taken a look at what the form involves and will collect the required information from Members.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p>
75	<p><u>Flowers coming in to Beckington:</u> Lots of bulbs planed on the entrance to the Village coming in from Frome, planting on other roads to take place soon. Some residents in Rudge have also undertaken some planning around the Hamlet.</p>
76	<p><u>Bettering Beckington 2019 to 2023:</u> No update.</p>
77	<p><u>Footpath to Farm Shop:</u> No update, landowner still not spoken to.</p>
78	<p><u>Promoting Safe Cycle:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cllr Fox not at meeting to give an update on training events.

	<p>2) The Clerk reported that Somerset County Council have said that extra signage can be asked for at a cost of around £300 per sign. The signs would have to comply with the guidance in TSRDG Chapter 4 for waning signs and also be compliant with SCC clutter policy. The Clerk has asked SCC if the Parish has any suitable locations.</p>
79	<p><u>Local Council Award Scheme:</u> The Clerk reported that out of the 23 criteria that has to be achieved, the Council only has 5 to go before it can apply for the award. It is hoped that this will be completed by May.</p>
80	<p><u>Budget 2020/ 2021 – Legal Costs:</u> Mendip District Council have been told by the Planning Inspectorate that they must add 505 extra homes to the draft Local Plan (Part II). It would appear that the bulk of the homes will be allocated to the North-East of the district, in and around Beckington. The Chairman has been having joint meetings with Neighboring Parish Council and it has been suggested that a Planning Barrister is appointed to challenge the way that MDC have allocated the housing. If it was agreed to do this the cost to the Parish Council would be around £2,000.00 as its part of the share. It was proposed by the Chairman to add a budget line to the 2020/21 budget for legal costs for £2,000.00, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</p>
81	<p><u>Grant Request to the Parish Council:</u> The Clerk updated Members that despite it being advertised in the Network magazine, on the website and on Facebook, the grants fund had only committed £200 out of a possible £1,200. It was agreed that it would be once again advertised in the Network magazine in February and then the pot closed at the end of February until the new budget in May.</p>
82	<p><u>Parish Council’s Precept for 2020/21:</u> The Clerk had provided members with a draft budget in November, this had been recirculated. The total budget being £32,440.00. Under agenda item 80 and the Council had agreed to add a £2,000.00 budget line for legal costs, taking the new total to £34,440.00 It was proposed by the Chairman to set the precept for 2020/21 at £34,440.00 seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.</p>
83	<p><u>HR Panel Recommendation:</u> The HR Panel made two recommendations: 1) The Clerk be moved up one SCP to increase his salary by .25p per hour. 2) The Clerk has his allowance for phone costs increased to £12.00 per month and his working from home allowance increased to £10.00 per month. It was proposed by the Chairman to approve both of the panel’s recommendations, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</p>
84	<p><u>FOCUS ON:</u>  Rudge:</p>

'Rudge Matters' meetings are held from time to time called by Cllr Wright. Last one on 14th November, lots of people attended. The Full Moon is once again regally opening and seems to be a going concern. They are looking to refurbish the inside. The owners of the new houses have been given a copy of the footpaths book and have been invited to join in.

- The Post Pillar Box has been taken away for repair, but this was some time ago, and it still not been seen.
- The Chapple is still undergoing development.
- There is concern over the use of the triangle of land.

Possible projects:

- Street lighting on Rudge Lane.
- A dog mess bin.
- A new grit bin.

End of formal meeting: 20:22

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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