

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2020 @ 7:00pm

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mr S Pritchard - Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Cllr Shannon Brooke – District Councillor
0 Members of the Public

Public participation: (None)

County & District Councillors reports:

Cllr Brooke reported that she is aware of £1.5m pounds of grant money available for green energy projects in the South-West region. The money can only be used to pay for feasibility studies for environmental projects. Capital to pay for the project itself would have to be found elsewhere. Potential projects could be wind turbines, solar power, hydro power. Wants to push ahead with doing the groundwork towards applying for a grant and to gain the support of the Parish Council. Cllr Brooke owns a paddock and is willing to donate part of it for locating a wind turbine on, the location being such that no one would see it. Funding to build it would have to be raised locally from businesses that were interested in having green energy.

Members felt that any feasibility study should look at all possible locations in the Parish and at all possible sources of energy. The Parish Council would need to put forward the sites. A call for sites will be put out on Facebook.

*Cllr Brooke left the meeting at 19:20

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
96	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Mr M. Wilson – Work Commitments.
97	<u>Declarations of interest & dispensations to participate:</u> A. None B. None
98	<u>Adoption of previous Council minutes:</u> • 13th February 2020 It was proposed by Cllr Winterbourne to adopt the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Wright and resolved unanimously.
99	<u>Planning, Tree & Licensing applications:</u> A. To receive any Planning, Tree or Licensing applications made to Mendip District Council and pass comment:

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	<p>2018/0971/HSE - The removal of a modern extension, the reinstatement of original fenestration, repair works, and the provision of a single storey rear extension, with associated hard and soft landscaping (amended scheme). 15 Castle Corner Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6TA, 20 Feb 2020 Parish Council recommendation: No Objection</p> <p>Supplementary comment: The one storey extension is very different in style to the main farmhouse, i.e. it is modern and minimalist, and as such is not in keeping with the Grade II listed building. However, it does not cause sufficient harm to the main house to warrant an Objection.</p> <p>B. To note responses sent to MDC between meetings under the Clerks delegated authority:</p> <p>2020/0229/CNS - Installation of a lamp pedestal post box Land At 382784 151664 Rudge Lane Rudge Frome Somerset, 27 Jan 2020 Parish Council recommendation: Objection</p>
<p>100</p>	<p><u>Parish Council Accounts:</u></p> <p>A. Payments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr J. Macey – Parish Lengthsman (Feb 20) - £520.00 2. Click Cleaning – Litter Picking Equipment – £122.32 3. Memorial Hall – Public Meeting Hire - £27.00 4. Milborne Port PC – SLCC Conference Ticket (part share) - £100.00 5. Mark Wilson – Public Meeting Expenses – £37.00 <p>It was proposed by the Chairman to make the listed payments, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>B. To receive the bank reconciliation and budget to date: This was received and noted.</p> <p>C. Appointment of Internal Auditor: The Clerk recommended Nicola Duke, Clerk to Norton St Philip and four other Councils. Last year’s auditor has been promoted in her full time role to Town Clerk and now has too much of a workload to do the audit again this year. It was proposed by Cllr Winterbourne to appoint Nicola Duke, seconded by Cllr Kelly and resolved unanimously.</p>
<p>101</p>	<p><u>Parish Council Savings Account:</u> The Clerk had circulated possible options to members. The Nationwide Building Society has a range of saving accounts or the CCLA offers services to the public sector, but money saved with them is not protected by the financial compensation scheme. The Council’s current account pays 0.2% interest.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Kelly to open a 45-day saver account with Nationwide that pays 0.85% interest, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</p>

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<p>102</p>	<p><u>Parish Council Website:</u> The Clerk reported that the current website developer doesn't respond to his emails, so its not clear if the required work will be done in time for the Parish Council to comply with the law. Cllr Winterbourne offered to make a home visit to get a response one way or the other before the next meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Cllr Winterbourne</p>
<p>103</p>	<p><u>Bettering Beckington 2019 to 2023:</u> It was agreed to put a call out onto Facebook asking for more ideas.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p> <p>After this all the unachievable ones would need to be filtered out. Some of the suggestions that have come forward are not in the control of the Parish Council, but it maybe possible for the Parish Council to support other organizations to do things.</p>
<p>104</p>	<p><u>MDC Local Plan II – Consultation Response:</u> The report by DLA Piper UK LLP had been circulated to members. It was agreed that the Council didn't need to add anything to this.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Kelly that the report be submitted to Mendip District Council as the Parish Council's formal response to the Sites and Policies consultation on the proposed main modifications, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</p>
<p>105</p>	<p><u>Promoting Safe Cycle:</u></p> <p>Cycle Training: Cllr Fox reported that she had not been able to find any further information on cycle safety training, it is possible that the events that happened a few years ago were one off and there is no funding for them now. The County and District Councilors will be asked if they can find any information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p> <p>Bike Warning Signs: Cllrs Fox & Wright had not met with the SCC Highway Officer to look at possible locations for cyclist warning signs. It was agreed that the Parish Council should look to engage a Highways Consultant to plan a scheme for the whole of the Parish.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p> <p>Cllr fox also reminded that the Parish Council was to promote the hi vis jackets with an arrow on the back of them in the parish magazine.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p>

End of formal meeting: 20:21

a) Planning & Development:

- 2019/2974/FUL - Construction of farm track and alteration to existing access (part retrospective) - Land at Rudge Lane Standerwick Frome. It was noted that this consultation was now closed, and the Parish Council hadn't responded to it.
- 2020/0340/TCA - Silverbirch to reduce height by 3/4m and shorten time shape. 42 Castle Corner Beckington Frome BA11 6TA – Cllr Wright said that she objects to the proposed works to this tree.

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- Triangle of land at the bottom end of Rudge and the cutting down of some trees. District Council Tree Officer has visited, and it is being investigated. It was noted that there is no place for Parish Council involvement in such matters.

b) HR & Resources:

(Nothing)

c) Footpaths & Rights of Way:

- A stile in poor repair near Box Tree Cottage will be repaired by SCC according to the Footpaths Officer

d) Highways & Local Transport:

- Road service on Warminster Road repaired as well as scaffolding poles removed from ditch.
- Has contacted SCC re speeding in parts of the Village, not particularly helpful reply.
- Will report pavement leading up to the farm shop roundabout as it is getting overgrown again.

e) Local Environment & Council Assets:

- Many of the bulbs that were planted have come out
- Is the layby out on the Frome road really needed? The Council should have a debate as it's often covered in litter. Cllr Bishop will ask highways if it is possible for it to be closed.
- MDC have congratulated the Parish Council on the wonderful job done at Webbs Mead and they had accepted responsibility for the ditch and will dig it out in the summer.

f) MDC Parish Forum & SALC Rep:

- Cllr Bishop has been attending the MDC Parish Forums, the new leader of the District Council also attends and gives a 20-minute question and answer session at each event.

g) Rudge Rep:

- Hope that after an intervention by the Parish Council that the post box will finally be replaced on land next to the Half Moon and not at Highland House as originally proposed by Royal Mail.

h) Allotments Reps:

- Land transfer yet to take place, taking longer than expected. Hopefully now that the ditch has been cleared at the end, the land should now start to dry out.

i) Parish Grant Funding and S106 Money:

(Covered within the meeting)

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

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