

# BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting held at BECKINGTON MEMORIAL HALL on TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors; Mr S Cundy (Chairman), Ms S Brooke, Mrs E Wright, Ms J Beresford, Mrs P Fox and Mr J Rider

In attendance: Simon Pritchard (Parish Clerk) and 8 members of the public

Cllr Cundy welcomed those present to the meeting.

1. **Public Participation** – David Norman had several questions about the last set of Council minutes and the figures reported in them concerning the Memorial Hall. Cllr Brooke was able to verbally respond to the questions until the 10 minutes time allowed ran out.
2. **Appointment of Parish Clerk** – The appointment of Simon Pritchard was confirmed. Simon outlined his experience in local government (CV already circulated).
3. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr M Wilson due to work commitments and County Cllr Linda Oliver.
4. **Declarations of interest** – There were none
5. **Minutes of previous meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017** were proposed for adoption by the Chairman and approved unanimously
6. **Report from District and County Councillors** – Cllr Mockford and Cllr Oliver were both absent. The Clerk will contact both to request reports.
7. **Matters Outstanding from Previous Meeting**  
Members had been circulated the Action List and the Chairman went through the list:  
Bus shelters: progressing well, 2 ground works quotes obtained, Cllr Brooke to seek a third.  
Memorial Hall: A figure of around £13,000 from s106 funds has been agreed to support the hall kitchen refit. The need to involve the Cricket Club was noted, a joint committee involving all stakeholders was suggested as a possible option.  
Cycleway: Sustrans already has a route mapped though the village leading to Frome. It was acknowledged that this project was likely to be a long-term one. Grit: The Council will be investigating appropriate places to store and would look to obtain more grit for next winter from the highway authority. 267 Bus: Cllr Brooke and 3 others will spend a night riding the bus in order to conduct a user survey. Drainage: Still an issue in the village and a meeting is due to take place tomorrow with the District Council Consultant.
8. **Highway matters**  
H-Bars have now been extended on Bath Road, Beckington to ease traffic congestion. New revised legal compliant 20mph signs have been ordered by Highways and will be in place by May 2017.
9. **Bettering Beckington**  
This had been covered under item 7. The subject of an email database was discussed, the Clerk reported that the council could use the electoral register as the basis of a Parish email database. David Norman reported he already runs just the sort of database that the Council requires and would be happy to offer advice.
10. **Correspondence**  
Cllr Brooke reported on emails between herself and the owner developers of The Bell pub. They wish to extend the restaurant and build 8 letting rooms. Cllr Brooke felt the Council should support this. However, the other part of the application was for two new houses, Cllr Brooke reported she had not given a warm welcome to this. The formal planning application had yet to be registered with the District Council and it was hoped it would be submitted in two parts.

The Clerk reported he had had a phone call, followed by a letter from Mrs A Pritchard of Pickford House. Her late husband, Ken Pritchard, had been Chairman of the Parish Council for over 20 years. Since his passing in October 2015 Mrs Pritchard and her family had wondered about a

memorial in his memory. Mrs Pritchard suggested that, as Mr Pritchard was a regular user of the 267 bus to Bath, that the Pritchard family would like to become involved in the raising of money for a new shelter where he used to catch the bus from (Near the Memorial Hall). The Council was unanimous in its support for Mrs Pritchard's endeavor and Cllr Rider will liaise with the family.

#### **11. Accounts and Financial Matters**

Payments of the following accounts were proposed for payment by the Chairman & approved:

(i)	Clerk's Salary (February)	£157.41
(ii)	HMRC PAYE (Month11)	£104.94

#### **12. Planning Applications and Other Matters**

**2017/0086/FUL** – Land at 382542 152081 Scotland Lodge, Rudge – retrospective application for change of use of an agricultural field and barn to equestrian

**Cllr Wright to respond to MDC**

**2017/0207/FUL** – Field south of Scotland Lane, west of Rudge Hill, Rudge – proposed erection of triangular mast to host five antennas and an external metal cabinet.

**Members had already approved via email correspondence and subsequently the District Council has approved**

**2017/0278/FUL** – Additional land at Bath Road, Beckington – erection of 28 dwellings (19 market, 9 affordable) with public open space and other associated infrastructure

A PUBLIC MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED BY THE CHAIRMAN TO GATHER PUBLIC OPINION ON THIS APPLICATION. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MEMORIAL HALL ON THURSDAY MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> @7:30PM

The Parish Council will discuss the public opinions raised at the meeting, directly afterwards to decide the issues for their draft response to Mendip District Council.

**The expense for Hall hire @ £33 was unanimously agreed for payment**

**2017/0334/HSE and 2017/0335/LBC** – 21 Castle Corner, Beckington – single storey extension with associated alterations to rear elevations

**Members agreed to respond that the decision be left to the Planning Officer**

**Naming of streets s17 Public Health Act 1925** – application for street naming and numbering SNN 3271 X 12 new residential dwellings site south of 10 Mill Lane, Beckington

**Following an email vote that had taken place the previous week - 'Valley View' was proposed by the Parish Council and had been accepted by the developer and the District Council.**

#### **13. Other Business**

Dog poo bins: this would be put on a future agenda, it was noted that dog mess can be put in normal public bins (if bagged).

Website: Update and / or redesign would be returned to a future meeting

#### **14. Date and Venue of Next Meetings – Clifford Suite, Beckington Memorial Hall –**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm.

*There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:45 pm.*