

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held in the Clifford Suite, Beckington Memorial Hall on: TUESDAY 10th October 2017 at 7:30pm

Present:

Councillors; Mr M Wilson (Chairman), Mrs P Fox (Vice-Chairman), Ms S Brooke, Mrs E Wright

In attendance:

Linda Oliver – Somerset County Councillor, Simon Pritchard - Parish Clerk & Two Members of the Public.

Public Participation:

Allotments: It was confirmed that the Parish Council has agreed to accept the Allotments. Further advertising within the Parish will take place nearer the time, so that every resident has the chance to put their name on the list to apply for one.

County & District Councillors reports:

Cllr Oliver reported on housing numbers for Beckington; 55 homes required, 56 built, a further 52 have planning permission. The Chairman requested the statistics for the whole of the District for comparison.

Action - Cllr Oliver

It was noted that the local plan housing numbers are a minimum number of homes required. Cllr Oliver drew Members attention to a Department for Communities and Local Government consultation taking place called 'Planning for the right homes in the right places' and encouraged the Members to respond to it, she would forward details to the Clerk.

Action - Cllr Oliver

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
OCT1	Apologies for absence: Cllr Beresford, due to being on holiday
OCT2	Declarations of interest: Cllr Brooke in any matter relating to Standerwick Court Lane (Agenda item 8)
OCT3	Adoption of previous Council minutes: A. Tuesday 12th September 2017 Cllr Brooke had submitted to the Chairman a number of requests for changes to the minutes that had not been made. The Clerk expressed his concern that issues relating to the minutes were not being sorted out well in advance of the meeting. The September minutes were withdrawn for redrafting.
OCT4	Clerk's report on actions outstanding from 12th September minutes: The Clerk reported that any outstanding item that needed debate had been given an agenda item.

OCT5	<p><u>Co-option of two new Members of the Parish Council:</u> It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Brooke to co-opt Mr K. Bishop and Mr C. Winterbourne onto the Parish Council, this was resolved unanimously. Mr Bishop and Winterbourne joined the other Members of the Council around the table and signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office and immediately became Members of the Council.</p>
OCT6	<p><u>To receive Planning & Tree applications:</u> None received</p>
OCT7	<p><u>Parish Council Accounts:</u> A. Payments: The following payments were proposed for payment by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk’s salary + overtime September 2017 - £313.87 2. Somerset County Council – 267 evening bus service - £365.67 3. Clerks expenses July September 2017 - £162.50 <p>B. 2017/18 Budget realignment: (Circulated) The Chairman proposed to approve the changes, seconded by Cllr Fox resolved unanimously. C. To receive Bank reconciliation: Received and noted D. Bank signatories: The Clerk reported that the Council still didn’t have the required three signatories in place and that this urgent matter had been allowed to drag on for too long. The Chairman agreed to attend the bank as a matter of urgency.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Cllr Wilson</p>
OCT8	<p>At this point Cllr Brooke left the room</p> <p><u>Standerwick Court Lane – Community right to challenge:</u> The Chairman had been in contact with Andrew Turner of Somerset County Council (SCC) Highways who had verbally confirmed that SCC would not be looking to take any action over the bunds, a full safety audit had now taken place and a few adjustments were needed that SCC would carry out and then sign the work off. Considering this welcome news, it was not felt that the Council needed to consider this item.</p>
OCT9	<p>At this point Cllr Oliver left the room and Cllr Brooke returned.</p> <p><u>Council policy for Public participation at meetings:</u> (Circulated) It was proposed by Cllr Fox, seconded by Cllr Brooke to adopt the policy and resolved unanimously. Two minor changes will be made to the document, first to remove any reference to gender, second to include the Councils policy for recording meetings.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: The Clerk</p>
OCT10	<p><u>Bettering Beckington projects:</u></p> <p>A. Bus stops: – No update – the Chairman will contact James Rider for an update on the project</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Cllr Wilson</p> <p>B. Extra parking Lahs Place: Chairman to continue to pursue with Highways Action – Cllr Wilson</p> <p>C. Surgery footpath: - No update</p>

	<p>D. Village Pump: The Chairman reported that both the Village pump and Sue's walk projects could be done for £600 and that the bench would be donated. Members agreed that they would look to try and get the projects sponsored.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Cllr Brooke & Winterbourne</p> <p>E. Sue's Walk: (taken under D)</p>
OCT11	<p><u>New website update:</u> The new website has been built, it just needs testing. This is something Cllr Bishop can help with.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action - Cllr Bishop & Wilson</p> <p>The Clerk reported that as the Council has had to have a new website built to comply with the new transparency code, the Council should be able to apply for a grant to cover some of the cost.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p>
OCT12	<p><u>Local education money:</u> S106 money from development in Beckington that was given in lieu of not extending the School has been ringfenced for transport by Somerset County Council. Cllr Fox will pursue this with the Estates Manager at Somerset County Council</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Cllr Fox</p>
OCT13	<p><u>Members portfolio verbal reports:</u></p> <p>A. Planning & Development - Cllr Brooke: Cllr Brooke reported that 15 Castle Corner was having problems gaining listed building consent and that if the Planning Officer was of a mind to refuse permission, the Council should ask for it to be called into the Planning Committee, as the Parish Council has been fully supportive of the development.</p> <p>B. Finance – Cllr Beresford: (not at meeting)</p> <p>C. Footpaths – Cllr Wright: - Nothing to report</p> <p>D. Highways / Transport – Cllr Wilson: Still need to look at S.I.D data. Speed action group are still very active in the Village.</p> <p>E. Local Environment – Members agreed that Cllr Winterbourne should be appointed to this portfolio.</p> <p>F. Rudge Rep – Cllr Wright Noticeboard, can have the new hardwood one for £900 or repair the old one in hardwood for £195. Members agreed that the current one should be repaired.</p> <p>G. Standerwick Rep – Cllr Brooke – Nothing to report.</p> <p>H. Charities – Cllr Beresford (not at meeting)</p> <p>I. Memorial Hall Rep – Cllr Wilson The Cricket Club is moving forwards with the proposal of taking over the management of the Clifford Suite and recreation field. This will come to the Council in due course.</p>
OCT14	<p><u>Items for the next agenda:</u> Cllr Brooke requested an item for Dog Poo Bins, the Clerk explained that the Council was not required to make any further decisions on this matter. The Council has accepted the quote for the bins, it's just a matter of gaining permission from Somerset County Council to install the bins.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p>

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21:50 pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____