

# BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Zoom (videoconferencing)  
on: **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020 @ 7:00pm**

## **Present:**

Councillors; Mr Mark Wilson (Chairman), Mrs Elizabeth Wright, Mr Roland Kelly, Mr Kevin Bishop.

## **In attendance:**

Cllr Shannon Brooke (District Councillor)  
Mr Simon Pritchard - Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.  
(No Members of the Public)

## **Public participation:**

(No comments / questions)

## **County & District Councillors reports:**

- The One Somerset business case by Somerset County Council for a unitary council to cover the whole of Somerset is to be used as an exemplar by central government. The four District councils want a two unitary approach with the district area of South Somerset and Mendip being one unitary area and West Somerset and Sedgemoor being the other. The timetable is that elections will be taking place in May 2021 to the new authority/s.
- The Parish Councils should work together to have a joint approach to illegal encampments of Gypsy / Travelers, need to push for the current transit sites to be used. If an area is in Covid lockdown then people should not be allowed to travel into / from that area. Cllr Winterbourne has been engaging on behalf of the Parish Council.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
27	<b><u>Apologies for absence:</u></b> Cllr Clive Winterbourne. Cllr Paula Fox – Work Commitments. Cllr Linda Oliver (County Councillor).
28	<b><u>Declarations of interest &amp; dispensations to participate:</u></b> A. None B. None
29	<b><u>Adoption of previous Council minutes:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020</li></ul> <p>It was proposed by the Chairman to adopt the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Kelly and resolved unanimously.</p>

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**Planning, Tree & Licensing Applications:****A. To receive and determine planning, tree or licensing applications made to Mendip District Council and pass comment:****2020/1252/FUL** - Erection of a rainwater canopy

Ivy House Farm Berkley Lane Beckington Frome BA11 6TF, 22 Jul 2020

**Parish Council Recommendation: No Objection****2020/1378/HSE** - Creation of a pedestrian access and railings

1 Church Hill Beckington Frome BA11 6TJ, 23 Jul 2020

**Parish Council Recommendation: No Objection****2020/1433/TCA** - T1 - Walnut - reduce approx. 8 lateral branches overhanging the garden of Milestones by approx 2.5 metres. Reduce low branch touching the wall by 2 metres

13 Bath Road Beckington Frome BA11 6SW, 30 Jul 2020

**Parish Council Recommendation: No Objection****B. To note responses sent to Mendip District Council between meetings under the Clerks delegated authority:****2020/1237/HSE** - Erection of single storey extension

Arundell House Mill Lane Beckington Frome BA11 6SN, 20 Jul 2020

**Parish Council Recommendation: No Objection****2020/1341/HSE & 2020/1342/LBC** - Proposed single storey extension and alterations

5 Goose Street Beckington Frome BA11 6SS, 21 Jul 2020

**Parish Council Recommendation: No Objection****C. To agree on any further action required on any live planning applications the Parish Council has already responded to:****2020/1150/FUL** - Erection of 30 dwellings (21 market, 9 affordable), with public open space and other associated infrastructure.

Land At 380227 152171 Great Dunns Close Beckington Frome Somerset, 23 Jun 2020

- The DLA Piper letter responding to this planning application on behalf of the Parish Council has been received by the District Council.
- The District Council's website is showing 75 objections received to date, Cllr Brooke is keen to push for more as the last application on this land received 150 objections. It was agreed that further postings would be made on the Village Facebook page. Residents need to know that the deadline is now August 25<sup>th</sup> so there is still time. Cllr Brooke is going to go round and knock on doors.
- S106 request to be submitted in support of asking for a contribution towards the buying of land within the parish

**Action – The Clerk**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cllr Brooke will call this into the Planning Board if the Planning Officers are minded to approve the application. This would then go to a formal committee meeting probably at the end of the year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr Brooke left the meeting.</b></p>
31	<p><b><u>Parish Council's Accounts:</u></b></p> <p><b>A. To approve the following payments:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clerk's Expenses April to June 2020 – S. Pritchard – £84.90</li> <li>2. Leaflet Delivering – B. Atkinson - £30.00</li> <li>3. SLCC Membership for the Clerk – Milborne Port PC - £45.00</li> </ol> <p><b>It was proposed by the Chairman to make the listed payments, seconded by Cllr Bishop, and resolved unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>B. Bank reconciliation &amp; budget:</b> Members received the bank rec and budget to date.</p>
32	<p><b><u>2020 to 2021 Action Plan:</u></b></p> <p>Items for the action plan were agreed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cycling initiative</li> <li>○ A future development plan</li> <li>○ To adopt the allotments land</li> <li>○ To buy / obtain more public land</li> <li>○ Review the public rights of way (lost paths)</li> <li>○ White Row Farm Shop access on foot from Village.</li> <li>○ Audit the Councils assets</li> <li>○ Liaise with footpaths officer re condition / upgrade of paths and gates.</li> <li>○ S106 plan for spending the money that has been collected.</li> <li>○ Look for open space in Rudge.</li> <li>○ Development of the Play Park</li> <li>○ Complete the Bettering Beckington II consultancy.</li> </ul>
33	<p><b><u>Beckington Cycling Strategy – Consultancy fees:</u></b></p> <p><b>It was proposed by Cllr Kelly to appoint Moss Naylor Young to carry out a week log feasibility study of the Parish at a cost of £1,200, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously</b></p> <p><b>It was proposed by the Chairman that the Bettering Beckington II budget line should be used to pay the fees, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.</b></p>
34	<p><b><u>MDC Local Plan Part II – Legal fees for representation at public hearing:</u></b></p> <p><b>It was proposed by the Chairman to spend up to £3,000 on legal representation by DLA Piper and transfer £800 for the Bettering Beckington II budget line over the Legal Fees line to cover the cost, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.</b></p>

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	<p><b><u>Bettering Beckington II - Consultancy Appointment &amp; Fees:</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had not be able to find anyone yet to tender for this work, he will keep looking</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – The Clerk</b></p>

**End of formal meeting: 20:50**

*After the meeting closed Cllr Wright reported that she had found out about the history of the footpath running through the small field between the Play Park and the houses on Bath Road. It seems that there was a permissive Path in the field up until 2003, then the landowner withdrew permission, so the public right of way that did run through the middle of the Play Park was formally rerouted over the Playing Fields. So, there is no official right of way over the small field.*

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