

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Zoom (videoconferencing)

on: **Tuesday 8th September 2020 @ 7:00pm**

Present:

Councillors; Mr Mark Wilson (Chairman), Mrs Elizabeth Wright, Mr Roland Kelly, Mr Clive Winterbourne, Mrs Paula Fox

In attendance:

Cllr Linda Oliver - County Councillor.

Nicola Ratcliffe - Ratcliffe Associates Ltd.

Mr Simon Pritchard - Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.

(No Members of the Public)

Public participation:

(No comments / questions)

County & District Councillors reports:

Councilor Oliver had emailed Members with a written report ahead of the meeting.

- Climate Emergency Community Fund, £1m pounds now available from Somerset County Council for green projects. The Parish Council should take a look and consider if it has any projects that would apply. Happy to help the council if it wants to put in a bid.
- Council members can now obtain a Big Blue Bag ahead of the official launch by the Somerset Waste Partnership of the new Recycle More collections. Will email details.
- No update on Warminster Road and the yellow lines.
- Interesting comments from Highways England to the Redrow II planning application.

After giving her report Cllr Oliver left the meeting.

Presentation (Ratcliffe Associates Ltd):

The Clerk had been instructed by the Council to find a consultant with local government experience, who could pitch to the council as to the sort of service they council offer in relation to carrying out a public consultation to give the council a steer on the projects residents would like to see the Council work on over the next 5 / 10 years. Nicola Ratcliffe outlined her experience, the framework and timetable she would follow, including a workshop for members and a survey for residents. Totally cost £1,000 for a total of a week's work.

After Giving her presentation Nicola Ratcliffe left the meeting.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
36	<u>Apologies for absence:</u> Cllr Kevin Bishop – Away on Holiday.
37	<u>Declarations of interest & dispensations to participate:</u>

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	<p>A. None</p> <p>B. None</p>
38	<p><u>Adoption of previous Council minutes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 11th August 2020 <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>
39	<p><u>Planning, Tree & Licensing Applications:</u></p> <p>A. To receive and determine planning, tree or licensing applications made to Mendip District Council and pass comment:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(None)</p> <p>B. To note responses sent to Mendip District Council between meetings under the Clerks delegated authority:</p> <p>2020/1340/HSE - Erection of a single storey garage. (Part Retrospective) Winsholm Rudge Lane Rudge Frome BA11 2QG, 12 Aug 2020 Parish Council recommendation: (No response sent)</p> <p>2020/1492/HSE - Erection of Greenhouse in garden and an Oak Pergola. Standerwick Court Standerwick Court Access Road Beckington Frome Somerset, 12 Aug 2020 Parish Council recommendation: (No response sent)</p> <p>C. To agree on any further action required on any live planning applications the Parish Council has already responded to:</p> <p>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 Parish Council recommendation: Objection</p> <p>This application has now received over 200 objections, exceeding the 150 the former application on the same land received. One person has registered their support. No further action is required.</p>
40	<p><u>Parish Council's Accounts:</u></p> <p>A. To approve the following payments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cutting of Sue's Walk – J. Macey - £225.00 <p>It was noted that the agreed day rate the council has with the contractor is £110.00 but the invoice shows £150.00. The total should be £185.00. Clerk to contact the contractor to correct.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p> <p>B. Bank reconciliation & budget: Members received the bank rec and budget to date.</p>

41	<p><u>Beckington Cycling Strategy - Update:</u> Work on this commissioned report has now started and the report is expected intime for the Council's October meeting.</p>
42	<p><u>External Audit 2019/20 Result:</u> Shortly before the start of the meeting, the Clerk had emailed the result to members this being that the External Auditor had found no matters of concern. The report will now be published on the website along with the 'Notice of conclusion of audit'.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p>
43	<p><u>Bettering Beckington II - Consultancy Appointment & Fees:</u> After quite some debate it was proposed by Cllr Kelly to appoint Ratcliffe Associates Ltd, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously. Cllr Fox to contact Nicola Ratcliffe to agree some changes to the workshop format and timetable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Cllr Fox</p>
44	<p><u>Verbal reports and updates:</u> The meeting had run for 2 hours at this point, the Chairman had another meeting to attend and other members were keen to have something to eat. In line with standing orders the meeting was closed.</p>

End of formal meeting: 20:58

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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