

# BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Zoom (videoconferencing)  
on: **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 @ 7:30pm**

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

Mr Simon Pritchard - Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.  
(No Members of the Public)

**Public participation:**

(No comments / questions)

**County & District Councillors reports:**

(None)

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
45	<b><u>Apologies for absence:</u></b> Cllr Linda Oliver - County Councillor.
46	<b><u>Declarations of interest &amp; dispensations to participate:</u></b> A. None B. None
47	<b><u>Adoption of previous Council minutes:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tuesday 8th September 2020</li></ul> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Kelly to adopt the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Fox and resolved unanimously.</p>
48	<b><u>Planning, Tree &amp; Licensing Applications:</u></b> A. To receive and determine planning, tree or licensing applications made to Mendip District Council and pass comment:  <b>2020/1823/HSE &amp; 2020/1824/LBC - Single storey rear extension</b> 29 Goose Street Beckington Frome BA11 6SS, 23 Sep 2020 <b>Parish Council response: No Objection</b>

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	<p><b>2020/1876/CLE - Certificate of Use Existing</b> Eden Vale Farm, Mobile Home Mill Lane Beckington Frome BA11 6SN, 02 Oct 202 <b>Parish Council response: No Objection</b></p> <p><b>B. To note responses sent to Mendip District Council between meetings under the Clerks delegated authority:</b>  (None)</p>
49	<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. Cutting of Sue's Walk – J. Macey - £225.00</li> <li>2. Clerk's Expenses – S. Pritchard - £84.90</li> <li>3. PAYE (Underpayment) – HMRC - £46.69</li> </ol> <p><b>It was proposed by Cllr Winterbourne to make the payments, seconded by Cllr Kelly, and resolved unanimously</b></p> <p><b>B. Budget to Date:</b> Members received the budget to date; the Clerk had no verbal report to give.</p>
50	<p><b><u>Beckington Cycling Strategy – To receive first draft:</u></b> The report listed out some quick wins that have been costed. Members agreed to ask the report author Moss Naylor Young to draw up some proposals.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – The Clerk</b></p>
51	<p><b><u>MDC – Multi-user Paths Meeting Report:</u></b> MDC are exploring opportunities for new multi-paths across the district, with one route running from Frome to Bath. Kelly Knight is running the project for MDC. She was interested in the work that the PC had been doing and suggested that the council apply for some SCC grant money to take the project further. It was agreed that the council would start to put together a bid for the SCC Climate Emergency Community fund. Kelly had also agreed to talk to the landowner who land access is required over to achieve a safe footpath to the Farm shop.</p>
52	<p><b><u>Consultation on the Planning White Paper:</u></b> It was agreed that Cllr Kelly would fill in the response to the NALC constitution on the white paper and email around to Members for comment, the Clerk would then send to NALC.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – Cllr Kelly &amp; The Clerk</b></p>
53	<p><b><u>Bettering Beckington II – Update on progress:</u></b> It was agreed to have a workshop on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of October @ 6pm. This will be run by Nicola Ratcliffe.</p>

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54	<p><b><u>Somerset Unitary Debate:</u></b></p> <p>The general feeling was that the district councils’ model of two unitary authorities was the preferred model, but the real preference would be no change at all. Members will engage with the two-model option.</p>
55	<p><b><u>Frome Town Council - Area Meeting:</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that this meeting had been very friendly but had not really been about anything much, it had kept to just an hour and was possibly laying the foundation for future joint working. Once the county becomes a unitary county, it is possible that some local councils will take on more powers and services, it is possible that these could be delivered by Frome Town Council on the Parish Councils behalf. Aside from that it is a positive development for Frome to organize such a meeting and to show an interest in the surrounding Villages. Members were content to continue to engage in the forum.</p> <p>A wind survey that was to be commissioned by Frome Town Council, will now be commissioned by Mendip District Council as a District Wide survey.</p>
56	<p><b><u>Allotments Agreement:</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that almost everything has been agreed informally with the Allotment Association and just two sticking points remain. 1) how long the rent will be fixed at its current rate for before being reviewed by the council 2) there are 13 allotments, should the Allotment Association be charged for all 13 with expectation being that they manage the waiting list so they should keep the allotments occupied or should the Allotment Association only pay for the allotments that are actually occupied. Members resolved that the rent will be fixed for the next 3 years. After 3 years it will be reviewed, and the council will resolve how long the next pricing period will last.</p> <p>Members also resolved that the Allotment Association will be charge the equivalent charge of 13 allotments each year.</p>
57	<p><b><u>Capital Projects / Budget for 2021/22:</u></b></p> <p>Members were asked to put forwards projects for the 2021/22 budget with costings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cycling Strategy (No amount suggested).</li> <li>○ Renewable Energy projects (No amount suggested)</li> <li>○ Village Gateways (No amount suggested)</li> <li>○ Bus Stop Shelter (No amount suggested)</li> </ul>

**End of formal meeting: 21.27**

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

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