

# BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting held in Clifford Suite, Beckington Memorial Hall on:  
TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7:30pm**

**Present:**

Councillors; Mr M Wilson (Chairman), Mrs P Fox, Mrs E Wright, Ms J Beresford, Mr C Winterbourne

**In attendance:**

Simon Pritchard - Parish Clerk.

**Public Participation:**

(None)

**County & District Councillors reports:**

(No reports received)

<b>Agenda Number:</b>	<b>Agenda Item:</b>
<b>FEB1</b>	<b><u>Apologies for absence:</u></b> Cllr K Bishop – On holiday. Cllr Oliver, County Councillor – On a 6-month sabbatical.
<b>FEB2</b>	<b><u>Declarations of interest:</u></b> (None)
<b>FEB3</b>	<b><u>Adoption of previous Council minutes:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b></li></ul> The minutes of the meeting had been circulated amongst Members well in advance of the meeting. A few typos were pointed out; JAN6 – Mendip District Council are <b>now</b> running a public consultation on the draft local plan part II JAN10 – The clerk reported that he had started the <b>process</b> of changing the address on the Beckington Charities account... Concern over the wording on the agenda about making site visits and the wording in the January minutes that Cllr Wright will co-ordinate site visits if necessary, in advance of Council Meetings. Wording on the agenda to be adjusted. <b>Action – The Clerk</b>
<b>FEB4</b>	<b><u>To receive Planning &amp; Tree applications:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Application Number <b>2018/0165/TPO - Support</b></li></ul>
<b>FEB5</b>	<b><u>Parish Council Accounts:</u></b> <b>A. Payments:</b> <b>The following payments were proposed for payment by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Beresford and resolved unanimously:</b>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clerk's salary - January &amp; Overtime 2018 - £251.07</li> <li>2. Clerks Expenses - Oct to Nov 2017 - £90.40</li> <li>3. HMRC PAYE – January 2018 – £62.80</li> <li>4. SALC – Good Councilors Guides - £20.00</li> <li>5. SALC – Clerks Training (Part 2) - £30.00</li> <li>6. SALC – Clerks Training (Part 3) - £30.00</li> <li>7. SALC – Councilor Training - £25.00</li> <li>8. Beckington Memorial Hall - Room Hire 2018 - £132.00</li> <li>9. Mrs N. Phillips – ½ Year audit - £25.00</li> </ol> <p><b>B. To receive bank reconciliation:</b> Received and noted.</p> <p>The Chairman asked what happens to any monies allocated to Parish asset repairs at the end of March that had not been used from this year's budget. The Clerk reported that it would be up to the Council if they wished to put this into the general reserve or earmark it for a budget line next year. The Chairman felt that any money not spent in this year should be used for Parish repairs and maintenance next year.</p>
<p><b>FEB6</b></p>	<p><b><u>Parish Council Website – Extra Adjustments:</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the website needed a few extra adjustments that were not part of the original contract, at a cost of £90.00 + VAT.</p> <p><b>It was proposed by the Chairman to spend the money to make the adjustments, seconded by Cllr Beresford and resolved unanimously.</b></p> <p>Members agreed on how good the new website was, it was felt that the Council should publicise it more. Cllr Beresford agreed to post something on the Village Facebook page to promote it</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – Cllr Beresford</b></p>

**End of formal meeting 20:15**

The next items were for verbal exchange of information only:

**Members portfolio verbal reports:**

**A. Planning & Development –**

- **Local Plan Part II** – It had been agreed at the last meeting that Cllr Wright would draft a response to this. Members went over the finer details of the response. An area of land that was supposed to be woodland, but the new plan didn't seem to protect from development had been identified. Members thanked Cllr Wright for the large amount of work she had put in to the response.

**B. Finance** – Cllr Beresford: Nothing to report

**C. Footpaths** – Cllr Wright: Cllr Beresford reported that a lot of the footpaths are muddy.

**D. Highways / Transport** – Cllr Bishop: (Cllr Bishop had sent in a written report)

- **White lining on the junction of Sandy Lane \ Goose Street \ Lahs Place** - as reported at the last meeting I had met with some residents in Sandy Lane. As a result of this meeting I sent a request to Somerset Highways (using their on-line tool), asking that they reinstate the existing white lines, and extend them around and opposite the Lahs Place Junction with Sandy Lane, where there is a pinch point. I suggested that Somerset Highways make a site visit prior to work commencing. To date I have not received any acknowledgement from them. In the meantime, I received an update from a resident who has held a meeting with Avon and Somerset Constabulary, in order to clarify the legal position for their drive access, and the remedies available to them. I responded with the current progress and thanked them for the update.

- **Standerwick Court Lane S.92 sign off** - I attended a meeting with Shannon Brooke, following which I emailed Somerset Highways (Mendip Area) asking them to sign -off, or if they were still unable to sign-off, to provide a clear and detailed explanation of why they are unable to do so. After hastening I have received response, which fell far short of the request I made. A further approach to Somerset Highways will be required. I provided this update to Shannon, who I understand has again met with David Warburton MP in order to attempt to progress this issue.
- Two blocked drains on the A36 were noted, the Chairman offered to report to highways.

**Action – Cllr Wilson**

**E. Local Environment** - Cllr Winterbourne:

- 'Makeshift' dog waste bins are working well. The Clerk is still trying to progress the 'formal' ones. Members suggested putting a map of dog bin locations on the website

**Action – The Clerk**

- I.D.Verde have been contacted numerous times to provide a quote for the grass cutting for the summer but can never get a response. One local contractor has quoted for both the verge cutting and the strimming of Sue's Walk. The Clerk will try and obtain at least one more quote before March, as the Council needs to appoint a contractor at the March meeting.

**Action – The Clerk**

**F. Rudge Rep** – Cllr Wright:

- Pub has limited opening hours.
- Water running down the road as side channels need digging out, Clerk to report.

**Action – The Clerk**

**G. Charities** – Cllr Beresford: (Nothing to report)

**H. Memorial Hall Rep** – Cllr Wilson: (Nothing to report)

**I. M.D.C. Parish Forum** – Cllr Wilson & Bishop: (The last meeting had been on the 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018, but had not been attended by the reps)

• **Bettering Beckington projects:**

- **Bus Shelters:** The Clerk has received a cheque from Mrs. Pritchard for £3200 towards the cost of a bus shelter on the southside of Bath Road. This money came from a fundraising night organized by Mrs. Pritchard to enable the building of a bus shelter in memory of her late husband, who would often catch the bus into Bath from the southside bus stop. The Council extended their sincere thanks to Mrs. Pritchard for the contribution and acknowledged the massive efforts that she had gone to in order to raise so much money. The money will be ring-fenced in the Parish Council accounts.
- **Bus Shelters:** The Chairman is due to hold a meeting with James Rider tomorrow to work out where the project is and how it can be taken forwards. It's possible that one bus shelter will be delivered at a time, with the south-sided one been given priority. The money will mostly come from the S106 pot and at the moment there is not enough to complete the project.

• **Traffic on Stubbs Lane – Update from Clerk:**

The Clerk phoned District Councillor Mockford for help with this matter, he suggested contacting MDC directly, the Clerk has not been able to get any response from MDC. This will be passed back to the District Councillor to action to get a respond from District Council Officers

**Action – The Clerk & Cllr Mockford**

- **Co-option – Update from Clerk:**

The clerk reported that no one had formally applied by returning a form to him. The Chairman reported that he was aware of a few people that are interested and has received one co-option form directly. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting to enable a co-option to take place. Deadline for completed forms to be with the Clerk- 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

- **Items for the Clerks consideration for the next agenda:**

(none)

*There being no further reports Members left at 21:50*

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