

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Zoom (videoconferencing)
on: **Tuesday 9th February 2021 @ 7:00pm**

Present:

Councillors;

Mrs Paula Fox (Chairman), Mrs Elizabeth Wright, Mr Roland Kelly, Mr Clive Winterbourne, Mr Kevin Bishop.

In Attendance:

Cllr Linda Oliver (County Councillor).

Cllr Shannon Brooke (District Councillor)

Mr Simon Pritchard - Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.

One Member of the Public

Public Participation:

- **Additional Yellow Line Requests** (Agenda Item 92): Cllr Oliver reported that as well as requesting additional yellow lines, the Parish Council can request that existing lines are repainted providing they are at least 80% worn. If white lines are not working the Parish council should consider requesting for them to become yellow lines.
- **Horse Death Rudge Lane:** A horse has fallen and was injured so badly that it had to be putdown, at the junction where Scotland Lane joins Rudge Lane. The same thing has happened in the same place before. Emails have been received from concerned Members of the Public asking that Somerset County Council Highways urgently survey the road. Can a horse warning sign be installed? Constant flow of water across the road makes matters worse, drainage need to be looked at. Cllr Oliver reported that the Parish Council need to report the problems and copy her into the email

Action – The Clerk

County & District Councillors Reports:

Cllr Brooke reported:

- **Somerset Unitary:** Please contact her if anyone wants to debate the benefits of the one Somerset vs two Somerset proposals.
- **Redrow II:** Is staying in the emerging Local Plan Part II and the planning application looks like it will be rubber stamped.
- **Local Plan Part II:** The latest changes are now out for consultation. It would be good if there could be a joined-up approach. The inspector has said that he will only be interested in new matters. The form that has been issued must be used. There is no point / need for residents to re-issue their previous objections. Deadline for response is 5pm on Monday 22nd March
It was noted that this would be on the March agenda to agree the Parish council response.

At this point Cllr Oliver, Cllr Brooke and the Member of the Public left the meeting

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
84	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Cllr Mark Wilson – On a sabbatical

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85	<p><u>Declarations of Interest & Dispensations to Participate:</u></p> <p>A. None</p> <p>B. None</p>
86	<p><u>Adoption of Previous Council minutes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tuesday 10th November 2020 ▪ Tuesday 12th January 2021 <p>○ Minutes of Tuesday 10th November 2020:</p> <p>Cllr Kelly stated that he still was not happy with the minutes, he wants to see all the detail of agenda item 65 (Somerset County Council: Climate Emergency Fund) removed from the minutes.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the minutes had been redrafted exactly in line with what had been requested at the January meeting, he had watched back through the recording of the meeting to check this. The detail of the agenda item had not been questions until now, the fact is that the detail recorded happened and the minutes should reflect that, this is useful to anyone who would like an outline idea of what was being talked about. The Council was now in an unfortunate position of not having adopted the Clerk's minutes of the November 2020 meeting and if the Council was not going to adopt the Clerk's minutes then a Member of the Council should be appointed to write a set for the November meeting.</p> <p>It was suggested that the minutes for agenda item 65 should have an emphasis change, rather than reading that the Parish Council was definitely committed to carrying out the project highlighted the wording be adjusted to read that it was a potential project / proposal that the Parish Council was not committed to.</p> <p>Further adjustment was requested to ensure that the cycling consultants are always referred to as 'Moss Naylor Young Ltd' and that is isn't true to say that all of the S106 money would be spent on the scheme' as there would be some left.</p> <p>The Clerk agreed to take the minutes away again and change the connotations from that of something that is definitely going to happen, to more of an idea.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p> <p>○ Minutes of Tuesday 12th January 2021:</p> <p>Cllr Kelly stated the that minutes should say that the Governance report (Agenda item 78) was presented in error and was withdrawn.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that this would not be possible as the report had not been presented in error and it had not been withdrawn, so to say that in the minutes would not be an accurate reflection of the meeting. It is not possible to delete the past and the minutes of this meeting would now record the existent of the report as well.</p> <p>Cllr Kelly stated that the governance report had an incorrect conclusion and should be withdrawn. The Chairman stated that it had been agreed that the Clerk had not raised any of his concerns during the November meeting and that it seems that there was just a misunderstanding. The minutes should say 'it was stated that the Clerk had not raised any of his concerns during the November meeting'</p> <p>The Clerk will add to the minutes and present to the Council once the November minutes have been adopted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action - The Clerk</p>

<p>87</p>	<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>2021/0172/FUL - Change of use of land for the use as recreational overnight camping. Land At 382765 151543 Rudge Lane Rudge Somerset, 23 Jan 2021 Parish Council recommendation: Objection</p> <p>2021/0077/LBC - Fitting of new conservation rooflight to kitchen roof 3 Church Hill Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6TJ, 25 Jan 2021 Parish Council recommendation: No Objection</p> <p>2021/0134/TPO - M1091 group - Corsican Pine - Remove Dead Wood Sycamore - Remove Large Dead Wood Corsican Pine - Remove deadwood, remove 2 lowest and smallest diameter scaffold limbs and install support cable Corsican Pine - Remove large deadwood and install support ca 3 The Weavers Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6SA, 23 Jan 2021 Parish Council recommendation: No Objection</p> <p>2021/0140/TCA - T1 - Norway Maple - reduce the trunkated stems approx 3 - 4 metres below the original pruning cuts. T2 Norway Maple on rear boundary, Reduce 3 long lateral branches over the neighbours garden by up to 3 metres and remove the long low branch over garden. Prune branches away from electricity line. T3 Sycamore growing next to electricity pole and cable. Fell tree as it is too close to the cables and pole. 17 Church Street Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6TG, 22 Jan 2021 Parish Council recommendation: No Objection</p> <p>2021/0159/HSE - Erection of porch, two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, and vehicular access. 12 Sandy View Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6TR, 29 Jan 2021 Parish Council recommendation: No Objection</p> <p>B. To note responses sent to Mendip District Council between meetings under the Clerk's delegated authority:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(None)</p>
<p>88</p>	<p><u>Parish Council's Accounts:</u></p> <p>A. To Approve the Following Payments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Scribe – Accounting Software Annual Subscription - £345.60 2) Glasdon – Grit Bin - £119.34 <p>It was proposed by Cllr Winterbourne to make the listed payments, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>B. Budget to Date: Members had been sent the budget to date. The Clerk reported that the cheque for Lars Place garden waste bins had never been cashed and was being sent back to him, this will then show in the accounts as an underspend.</p>

	<p>C. Precept for 2021/22:</p> <p>The Clerk had been guided by Cllr Wilson during December that the Council should freeze the cost of the Parish Council's share of the council tax bill. The Clerk had worked with Councilors Bishop & Winterbourne to achieve this and presented the budget to members with a recommendation to set the precept at £34,356.00 this would mean a Band D household would pay £66.31, the same as they had paid this year.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Bishop to set the precept at £34,356.00, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</p>
89	<p><u>Grant Application from: Network Magazine:</u></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Winterbourne to award a grant of £50 to the Network Magazine, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.</p>
90	<p><u>Grant Application from: Beckington Pre-School:</u></p> <p>The Chairman noted that it had been brought to her attention that the Charity has a healthy reserve. It was proposed by Cllr Kelly to award a grant for £385.84, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</p>
94j	<p><u>Verbal Reports and Updates: (j) SCC Climate Emergency Grant</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that Rode Parish Council & Frome Town Council had asked to see the cycling feasibility study that Beckington Parish council has commissioned Moss Naylor Young Ltd to undertake. Members agreed that they should be sent the report. The Clerk advised that it was a public document. The Chairman agreed to send the final version to all the Council Members and to Frome & Rode Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Chairman</p> <p>The Chairman inquired as to what was happening with the Council's application for a Local Council Award. The Clerk reported that it was all taking far too long and he was told it was to be assessed in January. The Clerk will chase with SALC / NALC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p>
91	<p><u>Transport Delivery Action Plan for Bath - Consultation:</u></p> <p>A zoom call is to take place this coming Friday for Member of Norton St Philips, Rode, Frome & Beckington to debate the response to this. All members welcome to join.</p>
92	<p><u>Additional Yellow Lines Requests:</u></p> <p><i>This item had been debated in the public participation part of the meeting.</i></p> <p>Cllr Bishop suggested that putting forward any additional yellow lines will not be very well received, but that many of the white lines do need repainting. Cllr Bishop will survey and respond to Somerset County Council highways.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Cllr Bishop</p>

93	<p><u>Green Agenda Item: Sustainable Beckington Group</u></p> <p><i>As the meeting had been running for over two hours at this point, this item was deferred.</i></p>
94	<p><u>Verbal Reports & Updates:</u></p> <p>e) Local Environment & Council Assets (Cllr Winterbourne): The Layby on the A361 is in a horrid state and we must keep on at Mendip district council to clear it and cut the hedge back.</p> <p>c) Footpaths & Rights of Way (Cllr Wright): Successful 'Lost footpaths' public talk held on zoom, with Les Sather, Chairman of the Somerset Ramblers. Thanks to the Clerk for hosting the meeting. Les is spending some time walking the paths n the Parish. There is a role for a historian to do some research to check that nothing has been missed.</p> <p>It was questions as to what was happening with the cycling strategy. This should be on the next agenda.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p>

End of formal meeting: 21:30

The Clerk was requested to see if there were any training events that can be offered to Members.

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