

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Cllr Shannon Brooke (District Councillor)
Mr Simon Pritchard - Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.
Two Members of the Public

The Chairman advised that she would be changing the running order of the agenda, bringing forward agenda items 101, 104 & 105

Public Participation:

- **20MPH Speed limit:** A member of the Public wondered if there was any scope to extend the 20mph speed limit through the Village and to extend the 30mph limit to the farm shop roundabout.

It was noted that SCC have looked at the 20mph limit and have said that other parts of the Village do not qualify. It was also noted that SCC do monitor the vehicle speeds in and around the Village. The Parish Council is looking at cycling routes around the Village so may have more traction if a cycling scheme was implemented.

County & District Councillors Reports:

Cllr Brooke reported she was attending for agenda item 104

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
95	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Cllr Mark Wilson – On a sabbatical. Cllr Linda Oliver (County Councillor).
96	<u>Declarations of Interest & Dispensations to Participate:</u> A. None B. None
98	<u>Planning, Tree & Licensing Applications:</u> A. To receive and determine planning, tree or licensing applications made to Mendip District Council and pass comment: (None)

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	<p>B. To note responses sent to Mendip District Council between meetings under the Clerk's delegated authority:</p> <p>2021/0271/FUL - Erection of rainwater harvesting canopy. Ivy House Farm Berkley Lane Beckington Frome Somerset, 17 Feb 2021 Parish Council recommendation: No Objection</p> <p>2021/0255/LBC - Installation of internal lift 18 Church Hill Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6TJ, 09 Feb 2021 Parish Council recommendation: No Objection</p>
104	<p><u>MDC Local Plan Part II – Consultation Response:</u></p> <p>Redrow II is now in the Local Plan Part II and it is just this element that is being consulted upon. Cllr Brooke reported that a Village consultation in 2015 identified land at Warminster Road as being the preferred location for any further development. Development here would have benefits and there is a proposal by Stonewood to provide needed resource to the Village. Now in possession of some drawing that also have an added benefit, will share with Council Members after the meeting. The Planning Inspector will only consider new information, this is that.</p> <p>Members agreed to hold an extra meeting to resolve on the Council response. This will allow time to see the new information from Cllr Brooke.</p>
105	<p><u>Green Agenda Item: Sustainable Beckington Group:</u></p> <p>The Parish Council is looking to set up a Sustainable Beckington group, independent of the Parish Council. BAG (Beckington Action Group) worked well in the past. It was agreed to advertise the forming of the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Facebook • The Parish Council Website • In the Network Mag <p><i>It was agreed by vote to suspend Standing Orders so members of the public could contribute. The group should have a wide remit. Need to get kids involved for a logo and name, will ask the school</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Chairman</p>
101	<p><u>Cycling Feasibility Study Report:</u> (Misnamed 'Cycling Strategy Report' on the Agenda)</p> <p>The Cycling Feasibility Study report commissioned by the Parish Council and carried out by Moss Naylor Young of Frome had been emailed to Members ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman reported; The aim is to connect Beckington to Rode, Rudge, the Tennis Club and, eventually, Frome. Frome Town Council are doing a lot of work already. Improving access to Rode & Rudge seem to be the quick wins. Want the Council to set a budget. Have received quotes from a consultancy company to produce a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for the Parish. The Clerk suggested that the Council should consult with Somerset County Council Highway Department first before commissioning any reports as if the Highways Department has no interest</p>

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	<p>in carrying out the highway improvements then the report would be a waste of public money, or it could be that Highways will undertake the survey themselves. Also, Cllr Oliver should be asked to support the engagement with SCC. It was agreed to engage with the SCC Highways Department.</p>
99	<p><u>Parish Council's Accounts:</u></p> <p>A. To Approve the Following Payment:</p> <p>1) Ratcliffe Associates Ltd – Consultancy Work - £200.00</p> <p>It was proposed by the Chairman to make the listed payment, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>B. Budget to Date:</p> <p>Members had been sent the budget to date.</p>
100	<p><u>SCC Climate Emergency Fund Application Forms:</u></p> <p>A. To receive the two applications that have been made on the Council's behalf by Cllr Fox:</p> <p>A copy of the application forms had not been received by the Members or the Clerk. The Chairman gave an overview of what the potential, possible, not committed to project could look like, this being based on the Cycling Feasibility Study.</p> <p>B. To receive any verbal update on their progression:</p> <p>The Chairman reported that Somerset County Council should have informed applicants of the outcome on the 2nd of March. Cllr Oliver has asked and been informed that the decisions have been delayed until today.</p>
102	<p><u>Appointment of Legal Signatures:</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the conveyancing documents for the land transfer of the Allotments from David Wilson Homes can only be signed by two Members of the Council and not himself as is normal with most other matters. The Council needed to appoint two Members who would then have to attend a local Solicitor to have their identity verified.</p> <p>It was agreed to appoint Councilors; Clive Winterbourne and Kevin Bishop</p>
103	<p><u>Appointment of an Internal Auditor:</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that this year he was struggling to find people that were interested in the role. The Council should look to appoint an experienced person. One of the local Clerks is available for the role. Members agreed to ask Frome Town Council if they had anyone who could undertake the role.</p>
106	<p><u>Verbal Reports and Updates:</u></p> <p>This item was deferred.</p>

	The Chairman asked about the date of the Annual Parish Meeting, it was agreed that this meeting should be held in May.
97	<p><u>Adoption of Previous Council minutes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tuesday 10th November 2020 ▪ Tuesday 9th February 2021 <p><u>Tuesday 10th November 2020:</u> These minutes had been redrafted for a third time. It was proposed by the Chairman that the minutes of Tuesday 10th November 2020 be adopted, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.</p> <p><u>Tuesday 9th February 2021:</u> Cllr Kelly stated that until he had been given a recording of the meeting, he could not be sure that the minutes were accurate. It was proposed by Cllr Kelly that the adopting of the minutes of Tuesday 9th February 2021 be deferred, seconded by Cllr Winterbourne and resolved.</p>
107	<p><u>Confidential Session:</u> Cllr Bishop stated that he had only just seen agenda item 108 and that he was not very happy at all and that he had not requested the agenda item. Some things had occurred, and conversations had taken place. The agenda item (108) was not required. The Clerk reported that it was not possible to talk about those things without the agenda item and that is why he had included it on the agenda.</p>
108	<p><u>Staffing Matters:</u> This agenda item was not debated upon.</p>

End of formal meeting (Time not recorded)