

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Zoom (videoconferencing)
on: **Tuesday 29th April 2021 @ 7:00pm**

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mr Simon Pritchard - Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.
One Member of the Public

Public Participation:

(None)

County & District Councillors Reports:

(None received)

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
115	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cllr Mark Wilson – On a sabbatical.○ Cllr Linda Oliver (County Councillor).
116	<u>Declarations of Interest & Dispensations to Participate:</u> A. None B. None
118	<p><i>This item was brought forward as a member of the public had attended to talk to the planning application.</i></p> <u>Planning, Tree & Licensing Applications:</u> A. To receive and determine planning, tree or licensing applications made to Mendip District Council and pass comment: 2021/0686/HSE - Erection of annexe & erection of home office & gym building Tower Hill Barn Mill Lane Beckington Frome Somerset, 07 Apr 2021 The agent for this application had attend the meeting and spoke to the application. It was resolved that the Council has No Objection but will request a planning condition is applied to prevent the outbuildings being sold of separately.

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2021/0700/CLE - Application for a certificate of lawful existing use of annex approved under 110624/000 as independent dwellinghouse (C3).
 The Loft Mount Pleasant Bath Road Beckington Frome, 08 Apr 2021

The Council resolved that it had No Objection.

B. To note responses sent to Mendip District Council between meetings under the Clerk's delegated authority:

*2021/0452/VRC - Application to vary condition 3 (European Protected Species Mitigation Licence) of planning approval 2020/1341/HSE (Erection of a single storey extension and alterations).
 5 Goose Street Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6SS, 09 Mar 2021
Parish Council recommendation: Leave to Planning Officer*

*2021/0076/HSE - Fitting of new conservation rooflight to kitchen roof.
 3 Church Hill Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6TJ, 09 Mar 2021
Parish Council recommendation: No Objection*

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Adoption of previous council meeting minutes:

- **Tuesday 12th January 2021 (Redrafted)**
- **Tuesday 9th March 2021**
- **Tuesday 16th March (Extraordinary meeting)**

Tuesday 12th January 2021:

The third redrafting of the January minute had been circulated to Members.
 Cllr Kelly stated that he was still not happy with agenda item 78. The key thing is the Council does not have the General Power of Competence and this it was agreed to put in a further two applications to the Somerset county Council Climate Grant Fund.
 Cllr Fox stated she was sure that the General Power of Competence was mention several times in the meeting and that it was definitely agreed to put in a further two application into the Somerset County Council Climate Grant Fund.
 Cllr Kelly stated that the Council did not identify a project that the council was applying for a grant towards and that he had made a statement in the meeting to that effect.
 It was agreed to adopt the January minutes, but put a statement in the April 2021 minutes to clarifying the January 2021 minutes.

Statement:

Cllr Kelly stated Beckington Parish Council had only applied for a grant, which if awarded would enable it to investigate the feasibility and development of cycling and walking projects. So Beckington Parish Council was a long way from actually implementing a project.

The minutes of 12th January were adopted.

Tuesday 9th March 2021:

Cllr fox reported that agenda item 101 had not mixed up the cycling reports and that what was originally recorded on the agenda as 'Cycling Strategy Report' was correct. Also, she recalled that she had been nominated the task of approaching Frome Town council with regards to finding an Internal Auditor. The Clerk withdrew the 9th of March minutes so these items could be looked at.

	<p><u>Tuesday 16th March 2021 - Extraordinary meeting:</u></p> <p>The minutes of 16th of March were adopted.</p>
119	<p><u>Parish Council's Accounts:</u></p> <p>A. To approve the following payments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Zoom Access (July20 – April 21) – Milborne Port PC - £30.00 2) Clerk's Expenses (Jan 21 – Mar 21) - £106.16 <p>It was noted that in the future the Parish Council may want to use its own Zoom account and that it should explore how to live broadcast meetings.</p> <p>The payments were approved.</p> <p>B. To note the payment of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Mental Health Event – SALC - £20.00 2) Room Hire 2021/22 – Beckington Memorial Hall - £112.00 3) Chieftain Bin – Glasdon - £389.98 <p>C. Budget to Date:</p> <p>The end of year turnout was received.</p>
120	<p><u>Appointment of Internal Auditor:</u></p> <p>The Clerk had obtained a quote from the Internal Auditor to Frome Town Council.</p> <p>The Chaiman had obtained two quotes from professional companies. It was agreed to appoint Council HR & Governance Support at a cost of £150.</p>
121	<p><u>Somerset County Council: Climate Emergency Fund Grant:</u></p> <p>This item was deferred to the next meeting</p>
122	<p><u>Cycling Strategy Report:</u></p> <p>This item was deferred to the next meeting</p>
123	<p><u>Annual Parish Meeting 2021:</u></p> <p>It was agreed that given the Covid pandemic, the Parish Council was not going to organize an Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>NB: This dose not affect the rights of Residents of the Parish to organize a meeting.</p>
124	<p><u>Green Agenda Item: Sustainable Beckington Group:</u></p>

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125	<p><u>Verbal Reports and Updates:</u></p> <p>This item was deferred.</p> <p>The meeting guidelines for the next in-person meeting were noted. This will be held on the Memorial Hall with doors and windows open and people space well away from each other. It can be held outside the hall if conditions are favorable.</p>
126	<p><u>Confidential Session:</u></p> <p>It was resolved to exclude the Press and Public and go into confidential session. At this point The Clerk left the meeting.</p>
108	<p><u>Staffing Matters:</u></p>

End of formal meeting (Time not recorded)