

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Council Meeting** held at Beckington Memorial Hall
on: **Tuesday 8th March 2022 @ 7:00pm**

Present:

Councillors: Mrs Paula Fox (Chairman), Mr Clive Winterbourne, Mr Kevin Bishop, Mrs Elizabeth Wright, Mr Mark Hollyoake

In Attendance:

Mrs Carolyn Wiggins – Locum Parish Clerk
Cllr Shannon Brooke Ward Member MDC

Public Participation:

(None)

County & District Councilors Reports:

The Councillors had received a report from Cllr Oliver by email.
Cllr Brooke the District Councilor:

Agenda

Number:Agenda Item:

115. Apologies for Absence:

A. To receive any apologies for absence and reason, made to the Parish Clerk:
o Cllr Linda Oliver – Conflicting meeting

B. To resolve if to accept any apologies for absence:
No objection

116. Declarations of pecuniary interests and dispensations to participate:

None.

117. Adoption of Previous Council Meeting Minutes:

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118. Co-option of a new Council Member

Due to the forthcoming elections in May this was cancelled

119. Planning, Licensing & Tree Applications:

2022/0272/APP Approval of details reserved by condition 4 (Hard and soft landscaping) and 6 (Provision and storage of recycling and waste containers) on planning consent 2020/1168/FUL 1 Longmeadow Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6BA

Parish Council decision – no objection

2022/0304/FDN

Five Day Notice: P1(Beech) – Fell

Beckington Abbey 7 Frome Road Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6TD

The work has already taken place

2022/0368/HSE

External works including revised entry steps, new rainwater goods, and replacement windows and doors.

Little Grange 5 Frome Road Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6TD

Parish Council decision – no objection

2022/0367/LBC

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2022/0283/APP

Approval of Details reserved by conditions 4, (Construction Management Plan) 7, (Himalayan Balsam Biohazard security measures) on planning permission 2018/2695/FUL (Installation of a AquaZoom vortex hydro turbine with associated intake structure, channel, basin and outfall pipe buried within existing river bank. Includes enabling works, temporary construction compound, temporary vehicular access and permanent buried cable to connect to electricity network).

Beckington Mill Mill Lane Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6SN

After discussion and looking at the proposal in light of the breach in the wall in Mill Lane the decision was made to leave the decision to the planning officer with the following comments: Under normal circumstances the Beckington Parish Council would vote in favour of the proposed route marked in blue on the plan. However knowing that the route would have to go through a gap in a field boundary which we have been informed has been made unlawfully we cannot do this. Should this matter be resolved then we would reconsider our decision and would have to have a guarantee that the boundary would be reinstated after the installation of the hydro turbine.

Breach in wall Mill Lane – update on possible planning breach. This has already been reported to Enforcement.

Development Policy

To discuss the email sent by Cllr Brooke regarding the proposed changes and agree on supporting these. See agenda item 128

To discuss the issue of pigs being kept in fields close to residential properties.

Clerk reported back that MDC has confirmed that this is an environmental issue not a planning issue and any nuisance should be reported as such.

120. LPP2 adoption

To discuss any further update on NSP Parish Council's Judicial Review following the adoption of LPP2 by MDC - MDC has submitted a very robust response and Cllr Oliver is concerned that Parish Councils do not waste public money.

Action: Clerk to email Norton St Philip Parish Council for an update.

121. Parish Council's Accounts:

A) Budget to Date – Cllr Bishop advised he had been unable to get to the bank to get the latest statement. However an independent audit is required for the end of year. Action: Clerk to get a quote for an audit from James Corrigan / HR Governance. Once this has been received it can be voted on at the next meeting.

As there are several quotes required to vote on Cllr Fox proposed, seconded by Cllr Hollyoake to call an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 15th February. Action: Clerk to book the hall and post an agenda.

B) Payments required:

1. £216.00 JM Fencing and Landscaping for emergency tree clearance – Cheque issued
2. £143.88 Zoom subscription – Clerk to be reimbursed – Cheque issued

- C) Grass Cutting Grant – previously £400 last paid in October 2017 Action: Clerk to find the grant forms and email Jeanette Hurst. Once received the application can be considered.
 - D) LCWIP – To sign off the consultant agreement, over £5000
After discussion about what would be covered by the quote supplied by Patrick Moss it was agreed Cllr Hollyoake would revisit the quote and bring back a definite cost and details of the work to be covered to the extraordinary meeting
 - E) Revision of Beckington on Foot Book - £1000 previously allocated. After discussion as to what revisions should be made Cllr Wright agreed to get a quote for reprinting 1000 copies.
 - F) Contribution towards sending MDC 'when to contact emergency services' leaflets to Beckington residents – All Councillors agreed to make a contribution to the posting of these leaflets. Cllr Brooke will get an exact figure for 2nd class postage costs to be voted on at the Extraordinary Meeting on 15th March 2022.
 - G) Defibrillator for the Hall – Cllr Fox explained that she'd received a request for a contribution towards the defibrillator costs at the Woolpack. It was discussed that perhaps there should be a defibrillator at the Memorial Hall as well because of the sporting and other events held. Exact costs to be presented and voted on at the Extraordinary Meeting.
 - H) Pay Locum Clerk for work done during January & February 2022 – cheque issued
122. Green Agenda Item – Sustainable Beckington Group
A Green & Healthy Future. Email received from Charlotte Carson based at Frome Medical Practice offering training to people to feel comfortable initiating/ holding conversations on climate and health win-wins and building local knowledge on the support on offer in Frome. We are called Green Community Connectors! charlotte.carson2@nhs.net
- Cllr Hollyoake is going to reach out to Rode to see if they will join forces. It was suggested that they and Charlotte might be able to attend a public meeting. Cllr Brooke agreed to email her contacts to see what has been done in other Parishes.
123. MDC 'no vehicle idling' signs – These have now been handed to Beckington school to put where they feel is best.
124. New Bus Shelters on Frome Road
Update on land ownership and progress made
Cllr Wright updated the meeting on the fact that Steve Tucker, who owns the wall behind one of the proposed shelters, has agreed to take the wall down to allow a new retaining wall to be built. It was agreed that it should be surveyed. Cllr Wright is still waiting to hear back from Somerset Highways on the ownership of the land where the shelters are to be built.
125. Cycling and Walking LCWIP
To sign off the consultant agreement – see finance
126. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Cllr Winterbourne agreed to write to Jayne Baldy of Natural England and also Cllr Brooke to try to move this forward.
127. Flytipping
To discuss the issue of fly tipping in particular on the boundary of Beckington and Rode.
Clerk explained she'd contacted Rode PC and added BPC's concerns to the enforcement officer about the increase in flytipping and the potential hazards.
128. Supplementary Planning Document -

Mendip Local Plan Part 1 includes Policy DP7; Design and Amenity of New Development. The policy makes clear that development should be well designed, creating developments that are useable, durable, adaptable, sustainable and attractive.

The Council is asking for views on the new Supplementary Planning Document which aims to help applicants demonstrate how their proposal meets the requirements of DP7, including the need to ensure that resource efficiency, sustainable construction and renewable energy have been included.

A Net Zero Carbon Toolkit providing further technical guidance has been endorsed by the Council alongside the SPD.

129. Local Heritage List

To discuss the email and press release received from hattie.induni@swheritage.org.uk on behalf of The South West Heritage Trust seeking nominations from the public, as well as community organisations, and asking for assistance in publicising this opportunity for engagement.

Deferred to the next meeting

130. May elections

To discuss the Parish Council elections planned to take place on 5th May 2022.

Clerk had sent an email to the Councillors prior to the meeting with the information regarding the dates and deadlines for the elections (dates yet to be formally confirmed) and their individual electoral numbers. Completed forms need to be handed into MDC by hand. Notification of the elections to be posted on the Beckington Parish Council website.

131. Speedwatch team – Email received stating that there is a need for coordinator and team members Mendip contact is ashleyreay@gmail.com. After discussion it was agreed by all that the Speedwatch team should be run by volunteers and not the Parish Council. It was agreed to add looking into other tactics including traffic calming to the April agenda.

132. Verbal Reports and Updates: Deferred to next full meeting

- Planning & Development:
- Footpaths & Rights of Way:
 - Email received regarding broken stile at Whiterow / Standerwick Court
 - Beckington on Foot – can the details of the walks be added to the BPC website?
- Highways & Local Transport:
- Local Environment & Council Assets:
- MDC Parish Forum & SALC Rep:
- Rudge Rep:
- Allotments Reps:
- Parish Grant Funding and S106 Money:
- Frome Town Council - Unitary Group:

133. Queen's Jubilee Celebration

To discuss what events might be put on in the villages

The meeting discussed and agreed that sending out the reprinted Beckington on Foot books could be the Jubilee contribution from BPC.

134. Confidential Session

To resolve to enter a confidential session as item 135 relates to staffing matters and a Care in the Community issue.

135. Staffing Matters and Care in the Community issue

End of meeting 22.30

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