

# BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Council Meeting** held at Beckington Memorial Hall  
on: **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 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

Public Participation:

(None)

County & District Councilors Reports:

The Chairman had received an email from Cllr Oliver the District Councilor:

Agenda

136 Apologies for Absence:

A. To receive any apologies for absence and reason, made to the Parish Clerk:

- o District Councillor Shannon Brooke – Conflicting meeting
- o Cllr Linda Oliver - illness

B. To resolve if to accept any apologies for absence:

It was proposed by the Chairman to accept the two Members apologies, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved

137 Declarations of pecuniary interests and dispensations to participate:

None.

138 Adoption of Previous Council Meeting Minutes:

Cllr Winterbourne proposed that the council adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.

Cllr Hollyoake proposed that the council adopt the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.

139. Planning, Licensing & Tree Applications:

2022/0461/FUL Installation of external timber decking in the rear garden (retrospective). The Full Moon Inn Rudge Lane Rudge Frome Somerset BA11 2QF

Cllr Wright advised that there was to be a site meeting next week and therefore put forward no recommendation.

2022/0513/ FDN Five day notice:(retrospective) T1 Cypress – removed. T2 – Cypress – Felled. T3 Cypress – section felled.

Beckington Abbey 7 Frome Road Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6TD

Notice of planning application at Beckington Recreation Ground – Emails received and forwarded to Councillors.

This was a formal notification prior to the official planning application.

Breach in wall Mill Lane – Simon Trafford had investigated and did not feel that there was any issue with the work that had taken place to give access.

140. LPP2 adoption

To discuss any further update on NSP Parish Council's Judicial Review following the adoption of LPP2 by MDC. Clerk had circulated documents from NSP clerk and these were briefly discussed. There was to be a Parish Council meeting the following day so further update may be available next meeting.

141. Parish Council's Accounts:

- A) Budget to Date – Cllr Bishop circulated a copy of the statements and had begun the process with the bank to remove old signatories and update information. The Council needs access to the Spire software to be able to produce an up to date budget.
- B) Payments required:
  - 1. £309.60 to MDC for Contribution towards sending MDC 'when to contact emergency services' leaflets to Beckington residents – agreed at previous meeting
- C) Grass Cutting Grant – previously £400 last paid in October 2017. Grant application received and circulated to Councillors and it was unanimously approved.  
Action: Clerk to email Jeanette Hurst to find out who to make the cheque out to and where to send.
- D) AGAR forms – not used by the previous Beckington auditor but it was agreed by the meeting to appoint Paul Russell to conduct the internal audit.  
Action: Clerk to email James Corrigan confirming the decision to appoint Paul Russell and ask what information is required.

142. 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](mailto:charlotte.carson2@nhs.net)

It was agreed that the information should be posted on the Beckington Facebook page and website

143. MDC 'no vehicle idling' signs  
No further action required

144. New Bus Shelters on Frome Road

Update on land ownership and progress made

Cllr Wright updated the meeting on her findings and that the sites were both on land owned by Somerset Highways.

The Councillors discussed the possibility of having simple posts with a curved roof and this was going to be investigated further mindful that there may be issues with conservation.

145. Cycling and Walking LCWIP

Cllr Hollyoake updated the meeting on his meeting with Patrick. They will agree on the location of the tubes for the counts. There needs to be 3 hr Public Consultation meeting held at the Memorial Hall – date yet to be confirmed and a smaller meeting at Rudge. Possible dates between 6<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> June, this can be advertised at the May meeting to encourage attendance.

146. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Cllr Winterbourne needs help identifying someone who can help and Cllr Brooke has taken on the task of pointing the Councillors in the right direction.

147. Flytipping

Rode site update – the site has been cleared in the last few days by persons unknown but it may have been MDC.

148. Supplimentary 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.

This is now out of date and will be removed from further agendas.

149. Local Heritage List

To discuss the email and press release received from [hattie.induni@swheritage.org.uk](mailto: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.

It was agreed that the Clerk post this information on the Beckington website.

150. May elections

To discuss the Parish Council elections planned to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022

The clerk had received information that the elections would be uncontested so all those who stood have been re-elected. There are now 2 vacancies and 2 Councillors can be co-opted at the next meeting.

151. Speedwatch team – Email received stating that there is a need for coordinator and team members  
Mendip contact is [ashleyreay@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyreay@gmail.com)

It was agreed that the Council would not be directly involved in this but the information could be published on the website.

Action: Clerk to email Ashley Reay

152. Verbal Reports and Updates:

- Planning & Development: Cllr Wright gave an update on the 3 sites that had been opened up in Rudge. These have been referred to both Highways and Enforcement teams.
- Footpaths & Rights of Way: Cllr Wright has been liaising with Les Stather of the Ramblers
- Highways & Local Transport: White line repainting has been carried out although not all have been completed. There is currently an issue with drain covers being stolen for scrap value. Highways are dealing with replacements but where they are missing they are a potential hazard. There are also a considerable number of potholes in Mill Lane.
- Local Environment & Council Assets: Cllr Winterborne reported that the grass verges have been cut and all storm damage cleared. Litter is an ongoing issue.
- MDC Parish Forum & SALC Rep:
- Rudge Rep: Cllr Wright reported that one of the grit bins has been moved to the other side of the road.  
Jubilee Village Day will be 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- Allotments Reps: Cllr Bishop will investigate what fee was previously agreed as none has been paid so far. A solicitor will need to quote to draw up a formal lease between the Parish Council and the Allotment society.  
Action: Clerk to add this to the agenda of the next meeting
- Parish Grant Funding and S106 Money: Cllr Fox advised that there was no deadline for using the S106 money from David Wilson Homes but all agreed it should be spent as soon as possible.
- Frome Town Council - Unitary Group: no further update

153. Queen's Jubilee Celebration

As previously agreed the Council will fund any Public Liability Insurance required for the event in the village but it needs to be taken out by the organizers and refunded.

154. Annual and Parish Meeting date

To agree the date of the Annual and Parish Meetings 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

It was agreed unanimously to hold both meetings on the same evening.

155. Confidential Session

To resolve to enter a confidential session as item 156 relates to staffing matters and a Care in the Community issue.

156. Staffing Matters and Care in the Community issue

**End of meeting 8.45**

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