

# BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Council Meeting** held at Beckington Memorial Hall  
on: **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 @ 7:00pm**

Present:

Councillors: Mrs Paula Fox (Chair), Mr Clive Winterbourne, Mr Kevin Bishop, Mr Mark Hollyoake.

In Attendance:

Mrs Carolyn Wiggins – Locum Parish Clerk  
Three Members of the Public  
Shannon Brooke( Ward Member MDC)

Public Participation:

Those present offered their support for holding Jubilee Celebrations in the village. They left their contact details with the clerk.

County & District Councilors Reports:

The Council had received a report from Cllr Oliver the Somerset County Councilor by email.

Agenda Number:

97. Apologies for Absence:

A. To receive any apologies for absence and reason, made to the Parish Clerk:  
Cllr E Wright  
Cllr Linda Oliver

B. To resolve if to accept any apologies for absence:  
It was proposed by the Chair to accept the two apologies, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.

98. Declarations of pecuniary interests and dispensations to participate  
None

99. Adoption of Previous Council Meeting Minutes:  
Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Cllr Winterborne proposed to adopt the minutes, seconded by Cllr Hollyoake and resolved unanimously.

100. Co-option of a new Council Member  
a) To introduce the candidate  
b) To propose and elect a new member  
c) Candidate to sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office  
Deferred to the next meeting

101. Planning, Licensing & Tree Applications:  
2021/2903/FUL Shallow side and a rear extension to outbuilding. Standerwick Court Standerwick Court Access Road Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 2PP  
  
Parish Council decision - Leave to planning officer  
  
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Parish Council decision - Leave to planning officer/ Listing Officer

2022/0068/LBC The replacement of windows and the front door in the main house. Rudge Hill House  
Rudge Lane Rudge Frome Somerset BA11 2QG

Parish Council Decision - No objection

Decided at Planning Board:

102. LPP2 adoption

To discuss any further update on NSP Parish Council's Judicial Review following the adoption of LPP2 by MDC – there has been no update since the last meeting. Cllr Winterborne will contact NSP Parish Council Chair and report back.

103. Parish Council's Accounts:

A) Budget to Date

Cllr Bishop had circulated the latest statements.

Zoom a/c – the price for the Zoom a/c was quoted ex VAT so the total will be £143.88. Parish Councils can claim the VAT so Clerk to proceed with purchasing the Zoom a/c for the Council and claim the money back at the next meeting. Action – Clerk to investigate how to claim back the VAT through the Government Gateway.

104. Green Agenda Item – Sustainable Beckington Group

The Council will support the group and help liaise with schools and possibly join with Rode. It was suggested that a separate open meeting is arranged inviting schools, Somerset Sustrans and other interested parties. Date yet to be arranged.

105. MDC 'no vehicle idling' signs : Signs are yet to be erected but will need to be fixed to lamp posts

106. New Bus Shelters on Frome Road : Cllr Wright is still awaiting confirmation as to who owns the land where the proposed new bus shelters are to be situated. Cllr Oliver may be able to help. The previous shelter was built by Russell Bus Shelters – 07962187133. Action: Cllr Winterborne will find out the contact number of the company who did the ground works previously and arrange a site visit.

107. Cycling and Walking LCWIP

Cllr Hollyoake gave an update. The previous consultant, Jess, has been released. The likely cost of the new consultant, Patrick, is likely to be over £5000 but the work will be more aligned to Somerset and will be more realistic to achieve.

108. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Cllr Winterborne explained that it is difficult how to decide on an area and then to get it designated as AONB. Further work needs to be done to find out how to achieve this, who to contact and what to do. Action Cllr Winterborne will email Jayne Baldy a conservation officer for further information.

109. Flytipping

To discuss the issue of fly tipping in particular on the boundary of Beckington and Rode. There is a significant amount of rubbish on the site which is actually in Rode Parish but close to the Parish boundary. It was agreed to provide support in trying to get this matter resolved. Clerk to report and liaise with Rode Clerk.

Clerk to report this issue regularly via FixmyStreet and MDC and to reach out to Rode Parish Council's Clerk.

110. Verbal Reports and Updates:

- Planning & Development:

- Footpaths & Rights of Way:
  - Email received regarding broken stile at Whiterow / Standerwick Court – this is not an official footpath and has been referred to the Ramblers
- Highways & Local Transport:
- Local Environment & Council Assets:
- MDC Parish Forum & SALC Rep:
- Rudge Rep: Further land clearance has taken place along Rudge Lane. MDC planning department will be able advise if planning laws have been followed.
- Allotments Reps: The transfer of the land almost complete so there needs to be a formal agreement between the Parish Council and the Allotment Association. Action: Clerk to find out who to contact.
- Parish Grant Funding and S106 Money: The bus stop work need to progress soon to avoid losing the S106 money. BPC has previously provided a grant for grass cutting at the Memorial Hall. Action: Clerk to add this to agenda of next meeting.
- Frome Town Council - Unitary Group: Paula has previously attended meetings arranged by FTC but there is no recent update.

111. Queen's Jubilee Celebration

CLlr Hollyake shared what was so far planned in Rudge including village events and church service. Various ideas were discussed but the Councillors agreed that the Council would not organize anything but provide advice, guidance and help liaise if required by local residents. R Crossman advised that there is to be a church service but the timing has yet to be fixed. Clerk has the details of the members of the public present if others require them. Action : Clerk to post this information on the Beckington FB page.

112. Somerset Housing Support Fund:

The information circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting will be added to the Beckington website.

113. Confidential Session

To resolve to enter a confidential session as item 114 relates to staffing matters and a Care in the Community issue.

114. Staffing Matters and Care in the Community issue

**End of meeting 21.15**

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