

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary **Council Meeting** held at Beckington Memorial Hall

on: **Tuesday 9th November 2021 @ 7:00pm**

Present:

Councillors: Mrs Paula Fox (Chairman), Mr Clive Winterbourne, Mr Kevin Bishop, Mrs Elizabeth Wright, S Brooke (Ward Councillor MDC)

In Attendance:

Mrs Carolyn Wiggins – Selwood Parish Council Clerk

Two members of the Public

Public Participation:

Comments were made regarding 3 current planning applications. Action: Cllr Brooke to request an extension for one of these as comments deadline is 12/11/2021.

County & District Councilors Reports:

Cllr Brooke, the District Councilor gave an update on the planning application 2020/1150/FUL which had been successfully rejected at planning board unanimously. Redrow are going to appeal this refusal. The problem the village has is that unless it is taken to judicial review it is not possible to change the local plan 2 despite the support of the village to the alternative proposed infill site which would result in more houses (35 not 30 proposed by Redrow), a new Drs surgery reducing harmful traffic to Goose St and the heritage area. It has also been pointed out that the school is full to capacity already.

Cllr Brooke left the meeting at 19.43

Agenda Item:

60. Apologies for Absence:

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

None

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

None

61. Declarations of pecuniary interests and dispensations to participate:

None

62. Adoption of Previous Council Meeting Minutes:

10th October 2021- Extraordinary Council Meeting - The minutes of 10th October were adopted

63. Co-option of a new Council Member

a) To introduce the candidate – deferred to the next meeting as the candidate was unable to attend

- b) To propose and elect a new member - deferred to the next meeting as the candidate was unable to attend
- c) Candidate to sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office

64. Appointment of Locum Clerk

- a) To introduce the candidate – Carolyn Wiggins introduced herself to the Councilors.
- b) To propose and elect the Locum Clerk
Carolyn Wiggins was unanimously co-opted as Locum Clerk at £15/hr.

65. Planning, Licensing & Tree Applications:

To consider:

2021/2256/HSE Erection of single storey rear extension 35A Goose Street Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6SS

The Council resolved to Reject as too large and close to boundary – although no objection in principle to a smaller extension

2021/2283/LBC Renovation and alterations to Coach House Clifford House 21 Bath Road Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6SJ

Parish Council Recommendation - no objection

2021/2286/HSE Erection of detached garage and new garden shed Clifford House 21 Bath Road Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6SJ

Parish Council Recommendation - Clerk to ask for an extension to allow further investigation into the footings and size of the shed. If it is allowed the footings should be for single storey only.

2021/2404/FUL Internal and external alterations 2 Mount Pleasant Bath Road Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6SZ

Parish Council Recommendation - no objection

2021/2416/APP Approval of details reserved by condition 5 (Parking Area) on planning consent
2021/0868/FUL Land At 379803 152200 Bath Road Beckington Frome Somerset

Parish Council Recommendation – refer to the planning officer

Action – Clerk to advise MDC of the above recommendations

Decided at Planning Board:

2021/0868/FUL Change of Use of Agricultural Field to Sui Generis Use of field for exercising dogs.
Land At 379803 152200 Bath Road Beckington Frome Somerset - Approved

2020/1150/FUL Erection of 30 dwellings (21 market, 9 affordable), with public open space and other associated infrastructure Land At 380227 152171 Great Dunns Close Beckington Frome Somerset – Refused

66. Parish Council's Accounts:

A. To approve the following payments: Council HR and Governance Support - 1st August 2021 to the 31st October 2021 £2,687.50

Action: Clerk to request address to send cheque and post

Fossil Design – Website hosting and support - £144

The Council resolved to make these payments.

B. Budget to Date – it was agreed to defer to next meeting

67. Green Agenda Item – Sustainable Beckington Group – There was a discussion around different initiatives / technologies – solar, thermal, rain water harvesting etc. It was suggested that workshops could be run as the children were very keen to be involved.

Action Clerk - check with Rode to see what they've already done and ask a representative from Rode PC to attend the next meeting.

68. MDC 'no vehicle idling' signs – The benefits of these were discussed and it was decided to try some and work together with the school to try to encourage no idling particularly outside the school. –

Action Clerk to request a sample of 2 x each of A4 signs and then it was suggested they be fastened to posts as they can't be attached to listed buildings.

69. New Bus Shelters on Frome Road - Action Clive to measure go for same as have already if space Clive will present back to the next meeting. The possibility of incorporating bike racks was discussed.

70. Cycling and Walking LCWIP:

A. To receive update on consultant' on the appointment of a consultant to undertake a LCWIP for the Parish with associated costs:

Action Mark & Liz to get together with a view to Mark taking over responsibility for this.

71. Verbal Reports and Updates:

- a) Planning & Development: no further update
- b) Footpaths & Rights of Way: It was proposed to locate a spare dog waste bin on Sue's walk and get a quote for the installation of the post after Clive has checked who owns the land and gets approval. The proposal was unanimously approved.
- c) Highways & Local Transport: Kevin gave an update on the current situation at Standerwick Road near Whiterow Farm Shop. The Police need to work with Highways Authority to agree on way forward and different options have been put forward to resolve the situation including no overnight parking with the signs replaced and repositioned.
- d) Local Environment & Council Assets: no update
- e) MDC Parish Forum & SALC Rep: no update
- f) Rudge Rep: A 'street party' is planned for the Queen's platinum Jubilee. Mark is chairing the working group. There is now a new post box which has been situated on public ground. Other issues discussed included concern over some sites where trees have been removed and the dog mess problem around the village.
Action: Liz to liaise with Clive re a grit bin for the winter.
- g) Allotments Reps: Kevin gave a brief update regarding potential legal issues. It was agreed that these should be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
- h) Parish Grant Funding and S106 Money:

i) Frome Town Council - Unitary Group: no update

72. Confidential Session:

To resolve to enter a confidential session as item 73 relates to staffing matters

73. Staffing Matters:

After discussion it was proposed to adopt the report from the HR consultant.

The Council unanimously agreed to adopt recommendations 1,2,3,4 and 6 made in the report It was agreed that recommendation 5 was a statement rather than a recommendation but this was acknowledged and accepted by the Council.

Action Set up a new email address for Parish business

End of meeting 22.00

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