

# BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Council Meeting** held at Beckington Memorial Hall  
on: **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 @ 7:00pm**

**Present:**

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

**In Attendance:**

Mr Simon Pritchard – Parish Clerk  
One Member of the Public

**Public Participation:**

(None)

**County & District Councillors Reports:**

The Chairman had received a report from Cllr Brooke the District Councillor:

- The Selwood Garden Village looks like it will be reduced from 1,700 home to 1,600 but have made it clear that she wants Beckington's problems sorted out first.
- Still no sign of the Planning Inspectors report on the Local Plan Part II so not know what is going on with the proposed extra 505 homes.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
35	<p><b><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></b></p> <p><b>A. To receive any apologies for absence and reason, made to the Parish Clerk:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ District Councillor Shannon Brooke – Conflicting meeting</li><li>○ Cllr Roland Kelly</li><li>○ Cllr Mark Wilson - Sabbatical</li></ul> <p><b>B. To resolve if to accept any apologies for absence:</b> <b>It was proposed by the Chairman to accept the two Members apologies, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.</b></p>
36	<p><b><u>Declarations of pecuniary interests and dispensations to participate:</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
37	<p><b><u>Green Agenda Item: School Competition -</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Members to judge the winner of the 'Green Group' name and logo competition:</b> Pupils from both Beckington first School and Springmead School had been invited to design a logo and name for the new green group. The Chairman worked her way down the list we Members voting for the ones they liked.</p> <p>19:24 Cllr Shannon Brooke joined the meeting</p>

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

	<p>After a process of elimination and voting, the name: <b>The Beckington Green Team</b> was chosen. It was agreed that the logo would be chosen by WhatsApp, with photos of the entries being uploaded and members voting / commenting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – Cllr Fox</b></p> <p><b>B. To agree the next steps in the setting up of the group:</b></p> <p>Once the group has both a name and logo an announcement in the network mag and the schools' newsletters should be made to get people onboard. Subject to Covid rules a public meeting could be held.</p> <p>It was agreed to put the matter on the next agenda for final agreement.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – The Clerk</b></p>
	<p><b>It was agreed to adjourn the Meeting to allow District Councilor Brooke to make a verbal report.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dog walking field planning application will be going to the Planning Board. Hope this will be the September meeting, not the August meeting.</li> <li>- The final draft of the Local Plan Part II was promised to be published back in April, but there was a problem with purdah. It still hasn't been released, or the Planning Inspectors report.</li> <li>- Alternative sites to Redrow II are being rejected by Planning Officers behind the scenes under the guise of 'Heritage harm'. One of the developers, Stonewood, is looking at a judicial review.</li> <li>- Selwood Gardens is moving towards a formal planning application. Cllr Brooke has said that she will not engage with any other planning matters until the Beckington issues are sorted out. She has requested a meeting with MDC CEO and Deputy CEO.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr Brooke left the meeting</b></p> <p>The Chairman mentioned a Carbon Literacy Training event being run by Somerset County Council. This is an all-day event and is free to attend. Cllr Wright and the Clerk agreed they would try and attend. The Clerk will also look to advertise the event on Facebook.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – Cllr Wright &amp; the Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>38</b></p>	<p><b><u>Adoption of Previous Council Meeting Minutes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Annual meeting</b></li> </ul> <p>As these minutes didn't exist in final draft form yet it was agreed to defer them to the September meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr Winterbourne proposed that the council adopt the 8<sup>th</sup> of June minutes, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Extraordinary meeting</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr Wright proposed that the council adopt the 30<sup>th</sup> of June minutes, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>39</b></p>	<p><b><u>Planning, Licensing &amp; Tree Applications:</u></b></p> <p><b>2021/1515/TCA - T1 - Magnolia - Reduce by 1m. T2 - Birch Reduce by 4-5m. T3 - Hazel - Reduce by 1-2m remove 3x thicker limbs.</b></p>

<p>40</p>	<p><b><u>Parish Council's Accounts:</u></b> <b>A. To approve the following payments:</b> 1. S.Pritchard – Clerk's Exp Apr to Jun - £122.70</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the expenses related to his agreed allowances and travel. <b>It was proposed by Cllr Winterbourne to make the payment, seconded by Cllr Bishop and resolved unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>B. Budget to Date</b> To received and noted</p>
<p>41</p>	<p><b><u>Mendip District Council – Grant Funds:</u></b></p> <p><b>Community Fund:</b> If the Memorial Hall can obtain three quotes for replacing the rubber matting in the playground, then the Clerk could apply for a grant for ½ the cost and if successful the Parish Council could decide if it will fund the other ½ if there is no other obvious source of money.</p> <p><b>Climate and Ecological Fund:</b> It is likely that the proposed bus shelter on Frome Road will qualify for both grant schemes. The Clerk offered to apply for the grant money.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – the Clerk</b></p>
<p>42</p>	<p><b><u>Cycling Strategy Report (Internal Parish):</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed that the clerk would contact the SCC Highways person that he had had contact with before and send them a copy of the 'quick wins' list to see if SCC Highways would be able carryout any of the work.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action – The Clerk</b></p>
<p>43</p>	<p><b><u>Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (External Parish):</u></b> <b>A. To resolve on the appointment of a consultant to undertake a LCWIP for the Parish with associated costs:</b></p> <p>The Council had already received presentations from two different specialist who were quoting for the contract. <b>It was proposed by Cllr Winterbourne to appoint Jess Read at a cost of £2,400 to make the LCWIP for Beckington Parish, seconded by Cllr Wright and resolved unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>B. To resolve on any further steps, outlining any costs involved:</b> None.</p>

<b>44</b>	<p><b><u>Verbal Reports and Updates:</u></b></p> <p><b>a) Planning &amp; Development:</b></p> <p><b>b) Footpaths &amp; Rights of Way:</b></p> <p><b>c) Highways &amp; Local Transport:</b></p> <p><b>d) Local Environment &amp; Council Assets:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The bus shelters on bath road have had the windows removed / vandalised. This is in hand and will be repaid.</li></ul> <p><b>e) MDC Parish Forum &amp; SALC Rep:</b></p> <p><b>f) Rudge Rep:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The new grit bin has been badly damaged</li><li>○ Rudge finally has a post box again. Thanks to the Clerk for pursuing that matter over the last year.</li></ul> <p><b>g) Allotments Reps:</b></p> <p><b>h) Parish Grant Funding and S106 Money:</b></p> <p><b>i) Unitary Grouping:</b></p>
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***End of formal meeting 21:33***