

# BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Beckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.00pm in the Beckington Memorial Hall, Bath Road, Beckington, Frome BA11 6SH

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**PRESENT:** Cllr Paula Fox (Chair), Cllr Clive Winterbourne, Cllr Kevin Bishop, Cllr Mark Hollyoake and Cllr Liz Wright.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ward Councillor Boyden, xx members of the public and the Locum Clerk.

Prior to the start of the meeting fifteen minutes was allowed for questions and comments from members of the public. A number of representations were made by members to the public for Council to consider including the provision of a goal end on the recreation ground, representations regarding planning application 2023/1369/FUL, the launch of the Neighbourhood Plan and communications.

Cllr Boyden presented the Ward Councillor Report, which was noted.

### **68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies. All Councillors were in attendance.

### **69. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Winterbourne read out a statement clarifying his position with regard to planning application 2023/1369/FUL.

### **70. MINUTES**

Council considered the minutes and **RESOLVED** to formally approve and adopt the minutes of the Council meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

### **71. PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE APPLICATIONS:**

It was agreed to submit comments to Somerset Council on the two applications below:

- Application 2023/1527/FUL, The Grey Building, Stubbs Lane: No objection.
- Application 2023/1369/FU, Land at 379803:152200, Bath Road: Object to this application.

### **72. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

Council considered commencing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Beckington. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED:**

- To accept the quotation received from Stuart Todd Associates to provide support to the village to help develop a Neighbourhood Plan;

- To set up a Steering Group to begin the process;
- To submit an application for funding to Locality to help towards the cost of financing the Plan.

An initial meeting would be held with the Consultant as soon as possible followed by a public meeting when the Steering Group would be formed.

**73. LOCAL PLAN UPDATE**

Council noted the update received from Somerset Council regarding the limited update to the adopted Mendip Local Plan Part II (Sites and Policies) Plan following the Judicial Review judgement upheld on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

**74. SECTION 106 SUBMISSION**

Council noted that the S106 funding request to support bus shelters and a cycle shelter had been submitted and agreed. The relevant paperwork would be drawn up in September and funds would be transferred to the Parish Council to enable the delivery of the project to commence. Thanks were extended to Cllr Boyden for his support.

**75. SOMERSET BUS TIMETABLES**

Council noted that bus timetables in Somerset would now only be changed every 6 months.

Council **RESOLVED** to allocate a sum of up to £200 towards the cost of printing new leaflets.

**76. DEFIBRILLATOR**

Council considered the request from the Beckington Tennis Association for support to fund a defibrillator at the clubhouse. Council was concerned regarding the accessibility of a defibrillator at this location as it would not be accessible to all and suggested that the Club pursue one of the many other grants available to help fund this initiative.

**77. RESIDENT CONCERNS**

Council considered the concerns raised by residents of Longmeadow regarding the completion of road, footpath and landscaping at the entrance to the Longmeadow housing development in Beckington. It was noted that this was now a legal dispute and the Parish Council had no authority over this matter.

Council noted that Sue's Walk had now been cut. Thanks were extended to Cllr Winterbourne for organising this.

**78. CYCLING AND WALKING LCWIP**

Council noted that the initial report had now been amended and resubmitted so that the final version could be drafted.

**79. BECKINGTON CRICKET CLUB**

Council noted that further enquiries had been undertaken but the original Deeds had not been found. It was agreed that as no further documentation

had been found a new document should be drawn up. It was agreed that this matter move on to the next stage.

**80. BECKINGTON ALLOTMENTS**

Council noted that a reply from the Allotment Association was still awaited. It was agreed to draft up an agreement and send it to the Association for comment.

**81. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

To approve the payments outlined below:

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Paul Russell	Locum Clerk Services Aug & Sept 23	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,200.00
J M Fencing	Cutting of grass and hedges on Sue's walk	£320.00	£64.00	£384.00
Fossil Design Ltd	Website	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00
Somerset Council	20mph Zone fee	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
Rode PC	Great Big Week Cont	£55.40	£0.00	£55.40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£2,140.00</b>	<b>£64.00</b>	<b>£2,259.40</b>

Council noted the budget and financial statement to date.

**82. ADVERTISEMENT FOR NEW PARISH CLERK**

Following discussion it was agreed to defer the appointment of a new Parish Clerk and review the matter in March 2024. It was agreed to extend the current contract with the existing Acting Clerk.

**83. NEXT MEETING**

Council noted that the next meeting of Beckington Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

There being no other business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:55pm.

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**CHAIR:**

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**DATE:**