

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Beckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7.00pm in the Beckington Memorial Hall, Bath Road, Beckington, Frome BA11 6SH.

PRESENT: Cllr Paula Fox (Chair), Cllr Clive Winterbourne, Cllr Kevin Bishop, Cllr Mark Hollyoake and Cllr Liz Wright. Cllr Rory Ingleby-MacKenzie was co-opted.

ALSO PRESENT: Ward Councillor Boyden, three 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.

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

84. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies. All Councillors were in attendance.

Following consideration of his co-option application Council **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr Rory Ingleby-MacKenzie on to Beckington Parish Council.

85. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No Declarations of Interests were made.

86. MINUTES

Council considered the minutes and **RESOLVED** to formally approve and adopt the minutes of the Council meetings held on 12th September 2023.

87. PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE APPLICATIONS:

Cllr Wright presented her observations regarding the three applications below. It was agreed to submit comments to the following applications:

- Application 2023/1655/OUT – Object.
- Application 2023/1863/VRC at Land At 379803 152200 Bath Road – Object
- Application 2023/1867/LBC – Support.

88. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

An update on the initial development of the Neighbourhood Plan was received. A Steering Group had now been set up and would meet this week for its first meeting on a date to be confirmed.

Once the Steering Group was in place it would agree what additional Technical Support it required and a further grant application would be submitted. An initial application had been submitted and a reply was awaited to confirm funding.

The Neighbourhood Plan consultant had been appointed and had attended the initial public meeting.

89. LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Council noted the update following the call for sites for the Local Plan. 140 sites had been submitted to meet the 505 housing target. 5-7 sites would potentially go forward.

90. SECTION 106 SUBMISSION

Council noted that the submission had been approved and finalisation was awaited. Once the funding had been received the project would commence.

91. SOMERSET BUS TIMETABLES

Council noted that 600 leaflets would be produced. The leaflet was currently being developed and the proof would be sent to Cllr Hollyoake for approval. Holders to be placed at the bus stops were being investigated. Cllr Hollyoake would lead on this project.

92. BECKINGTON FAMILY PRACTICE

Council considered the request from the GP Partners to submit a letter of support on behalf of the GP Partners at the surgery to move to a larger premises.

Following discussion it was agreed to request further information from the GP Partners and to invite them to attend a Council meeting to outline their plans. It would be placed on the next agenda.

93. CYCLING AND WALKING LCWIP

Cllr Hollyoake informed Council that a copy of Frome's LCWIP had been obtained. A map was going to be included on the Beckington LCWIP and the recommendations needed to be more focused. An update would be provided at the next meeting.

94. BECKINGTON CRICKET CLUB

Cllr Winterbourne informed Council that he had been in contact with Harris & Harris who were currently contacting solicitors to ensure that nothing existed regarding Deeds. If nothing further was found then a new Deed would be drafted but it would not have as much legal security. An update would be provided at the next meeting.

95. BECKINGTON ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Bishop informed Council that a Draft Agreement had been drawn up. Representation from the Allotment Association was in attendance and it was agreed to forward copies of the tenancy agreement, the constitution and any other documentation to the Clerk.

The agreement would be finalised and considered for adoption at the next meeting. Prior to signing Council would consider whether to ask its Solicitors to review it.

96. COMMUNITY FUND

Cllr Hollyoake informed Council that a sum of £5,000 has been allocated to support this grant fund. Council agreed to give delegated authority to Cllr Hollyoake and the Clerk to develop a grant application form and a set of criteria for consideration at the next meeting.

97. BOOK EXCHANGE

Cllr Hollyoake informed Council that a suggestion had been made to create a book exchange at the Frome Road bus stop. It was agreed to investigate the practicality of providing a book exchange at this location and report back to the next meeting along with some outline costs for shelving and ensuring the shelter was weatherproof.

98. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Council **APPROVED** the payments outlined below:

Supplier	Service	Net	VAT	Total
Paul Russell	Locum Clerk Services Oct 2023	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00
Memorial Hall	Booking	£45.00	£0.00	£45.00
Ms Burne	Printing Costs NP	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00
		£705.00	£0.00	£705.00

99. END OF YEAR AUDIT

Council noted that the external audit report had not been issued as yet.

100. NEXT MEETING

Council noted that the next meeting of Beckington Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 14th November 2023.

There being no other business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:07pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: