

# BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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To: Cllr Paula Fox (Chair), Cllr Clive Winterbourne, Cllr Liz Wright, Cllr Kevin Bishop and Cllr Rory Ingleby-MacKenzie.

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

You are hereby summoned to attend the Full Council meeting of Beckington Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.00pm in the Beckington Memorial Hall, Bath Road, Beckington, Frome BA11 6SH

*Paul Russell*

Paul Russell  
Locum Clerk

### **Public Participation and Somerset Councillors Reports**

Prior to the start of the meeting fifteen minutes will be allowed for questions or comments from members of the public. Any resident wishing to address the Council will have about 3 minutes.

Questions may not be answered at the meeting; a written reply maybe be given within 7 days.

Once the meeting has started members of the public are reminded that they have no right to speak.

The Somerset Councillors are invited to make a report to the Parish Council in this time as well.

## **AGENDA**

### **145. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence and resolve to accept the reasons.

### **146. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Members to declare any 'Pecuniary' or 'Other' interests under the council's code of conduct. Members are reminded of their responsibility to register their interests with Somerset Council and to keep that register up to date.

**147. MINUTES**

To formally approve and adopt the minutes of the Beckington Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 (attached)

**148. PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE APPLICATIONS:**

To receive an update from Cllr Wright. The following applications will be considered: (None received to date)

**149. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

To receive an update on progress. Approval has been given to providing support to undertake a housing needs survey and the development of Design Guidelines to help inform the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

To resolve to approve the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Terms of Reference. Note that the Terms of Reference are being considered at the Steering Group meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and will be circulated to all Councillors before the Council meeting.

**150. HGV SIGNAGE**

Somerset Council highways team now agree there will be signs put up to deter HGVs from using Court Lane, Limerick Lane, Beckington and Whitechapel Lane, Windsbatch Lane and Berkley from A36. This has been added to the Council's programme of work for 2024/25.

The Parish Council is requested to consider two options; to wait for Somerset Council to erect the signage in the new financial year or to supply and erect their own signage as soon as possible.

**151. HEDGEHOG HIGHWAY PROJECT**

To consider taking part in the Hedgehogs R Us project. Further details can be found on this link: [Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project - Hedgehogs R Us](#)

Council is requested to consider the purchase a box of hedgehog highway surrounds and make them available for their residents. Each box of 50 is £150 and includes:

- 50 Hedgehog Highway surrounds & 50 information leaflets
- A display box & window sticker showing that the Council is part of the project.

**152. SECTION 106 SUBMISSION**

To receive an update on this application and the receipt of funding.

**153. SOMERSET COUNCIL**

To note the current financial situation at Somerset Council and consider the potential of taking over the delivery of some services locally.

**154. BECKINGTON CRICKET CLUB**

To consider the re-registration of the Recreation Ground following having exhausted all other enquiries. Cllr Winterbourne will speak further on this matter. Deferred from previous meeting.

**155. BECKINGTON ALLOTMENTS**

To consider the updated draft agreement (attached) and adopt before forwarding to the Allotment Association for signing.

**156. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) **Payments** – 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 – Feb 24	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00
A Richards/Wix.com	NP Website	£168.00	£33.60	£201.60
A Richards/Wix.com	NP Domain	£11.62	£0.00	£11.62
RYJ Retailing Ltd	NP Printing	£350.00	£0.00	£350.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£1,129.62</b>	<b>£33.60</b>	<b>£1,163.22</b>

(b) **Banking** – To consider transferring the Council’s bank accounts from Nat West to Unity Trust Bank. Council is requested to consider passing a resolution to instruct the Clerk to commence the transfer.

**157. COUNCIL IT PROVISION**

To consider the quotation received from MicroshadeVSM to provide an IT cloud solution plus hosted email boxes for Councillors. Council is asked to consider the two options put forward (Citrix and Office365) and make a decision on whether to accept the quotation for an option or seek further quotations.

**158. STAFFING**

Please see the attached report for consideration and adoption if agreed.

**159. NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next meeting of Beckington Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

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## FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Beckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at 7.00pm in the Beckington Memorial Hall, Bath Road, Beckington, Frome BA11 6SH.

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**PRESENT:** Cllr Paula Fox (Chair), Cllr Kevin Bishop, Cllr Clive Winterbourne, Cllr Liz Wright and Cllr Rory Ingleby-MacKenzie.

**ALSO PRESENT:** The Parish Clerk.

### **127. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies.

### **128. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No Declarations of Interests were made.

### **129. MINUTES**

Council considered the minutes and **RESOLVED** to formally approve and adopt the minutes of the Council meetings held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

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

Council **RESOLVED** to object to planning application 2023/1863/VRC: Land At 379803 152200 Bath Road Beckington.

### **131. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Council noted the following update:

- The Steering Group was organising the launch of the plan which would take place in March 2024;
- The Plan logo had been finalised;
- An initial survey of the parish was going to be undertaken;
- The survey would be delivered to all properties in the parish;
- Both a Housing Needs Survey and the development of Design Guidelines were being organised through Locality and Groundwork as part of the development of the Plan.

### **132. SECTION 106 SUBMISSION**

Following discussion Council agreed in principle to adopt the agreement to provide bus shelters and a cycle shelter from S106 funding to be provided by Somerset Council.

### **133. SOMERSET BUS TIMETABLES**

Cllr Ingleby-MacKenzie provided the following update to Council on the bus timetables:

- Meetings had been held with Mr Hollyoake and Mr Travis;

- The timetables would run until 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024. It had previously been agreed that the timetable would only be changed twice a year;
- Somerset Council was reviewing its bus subsidies which included the D2 evening service. The MP and two Ward members were currently lobbying to retain the service;
- Daytime services D2 and D2X were not subsidised;
- Cllr Winterbourne was leading on timetable holders at the bus stops.

**134. GRANT APPLICATION**

Following consideration Council **RESOLVED** to award the Social Hub, St George's Church, Beckington a grant of £300 to support the new social hub venture.

The verbal request from Beckington Memorial Hall to support the work to the trees around the hall was deferred.

**135. CYCLING AND WALKING LCWIP**

Following discussion, it was agreed to contact Somerset Council to establish what the future of the LCWIP project was and whether funding would be provided to develop and implement the initiative.

**136. BECKINGTON CRICKET CLUB**

Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Ingleby-MacKenzie and Cllr Winterbourne would meet with the Cricket Club to discuss the project.

Council authorised the preparation of the Title Deed for the land by the Solicitors which would be registered with the Land Registry. The costs for this would be submitted to Council for consideration at the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**137. COMPLAINT**

It was agreed to defer this matter until the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024. A request to contribute £1,571 towards the costs of the appeal had been received.

**138. BECKINGTON ALLOTMENTS**

It was agreed to amend paragraph 7.3 of the draft agreement and consider the final draft agreement at the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**139. POLICE REQUEST**

Members discussed options to improve publicity and communication with the Police. It was agreed that Cllr Winterbourne would liaise with the local PCSOs and feed back any ideas. Among the suggestions was a regular slot twice a month potentially in the Village Hall car park, posters publicising the events, publication on the Council website, the local Facebook page and the Network magazine.

**140. BOOK EXCHANGE**

Cllr Ingleby-MacKenzie provided an update on the work he had undertaken on this project. Following discussion, it was agreed to defer this until a more

suitable and sustainable location had been identified. Council thanked Cllr Ingleby-MacKenzie for all his work.

**141. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the payment below:

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
St George's Church	Grant	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£300.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£300.00</b>

**142. COUNCIL BUDGET**

Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the revised budget. It was noted that the precept request had already been submitted.

**143. NEXT MEETING**

Council noted that the next meeting of Beckington Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Council agreed the following meeting dates commencing at 7pm in the Clifford Suite unless otherwise stated:

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Main Hall
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Main Hall
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

**144. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

It was **RESOLVED** that the matters outlined below would be taken in the absence of Press and Public (Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960) as the items contain exempt information as defined by Standing Orders.

- (a) **Mendip Local Plan Part II: Sites and Policies – Issues and Options** Consultation. Council received an overview of the original submission by the Parish Council to the Local Plan. Following discussion, Council agreed to investigate the process and review the matter again if appropriate.

There being no other business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:11pm.

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**CHAIR:**

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**DATE:**