

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Beckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7.00pm in the Beckington Memorial Hall, Bath Road, Beckington, Frome BA11 6SH.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ward Councillor Dawn Denton, four members of the public and the Parish Clerk.

Prior to the start of the meeting fifteen minutes was allowed for questions and comments from members of the public.

Cllr Denton presented the Ward Councillor Report, which was noted. There was a possibility that Somerset Council might declare bankruptcy on 20th February 2024.

Representations were made by two members of the public with regard to Norton St Philip Parish Council and two planning applications.

120. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

121. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No Declarations of Interests were made.

122. MINUTES

Council considered the minutes and **RESOLVED** to formally approve and adopt the minutes of the Council meetings held on Tuesday 14th November 2023.

Cllr Fox and one member of the public left the meeting.

123. PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE APPLICATIONS:

To receive an update from Cllr Wright. The following applications will be considered:

- Application 2023/2183/FUL: Land South East of Bradford Road. Council agreed to support.
- Application 2023/2228/TCA: 5 Frome Road (Feedback report from Tree Officer to be requested as decision date was 1st January 2024). Council noted the application.

Cllr Fox and one member of the public returned to the meeting.

- Application 2023/2251/VRC: Tower Hill Barn, Mill Lane. Council agreed to leave the decision to the Case Officer.
- Application 2023/2336/HSE Tower Hill Barn, Mill Lane. Council agreed to object to this application as it was outside the limits to build development.

124. GRASS CUTTING GRANT

Under Minute 125 Council **AGREED** to allocate a grant for £400 towards the grass cutting from Beckington Memorial Hall for the year 2023/2024.

125. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Proposed by Cllr Winterbourne, seconded by Cllr Bishop. Council **RESOLVED** to approve the payments outlined below:

Supplier	Service	Net	VAT	Total
Paul Russell	Locum Clerk Services Dec 23	£750.00	£0.00	£750.00
Paul Russell	Locum Clerk Services Jan 23	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00
Norton St Philip Parish Council	Contribution to the costs relating to the Judicial Review into MDC's Local Plan Part II	£3,307.79	£0.00	£3,307.79
Beckington Memorial Hall	October 2023 Hire	£11.25	£0.00	£11.25
Stuart Todd Associates Ltd	Neighbourhood Plan	£2,444.30	£488.86	£2,933.16
Moss Naylor Young Ltd	LCWIP Report	£720.00	£144.00	£864.00
Beckington Memorial Hall	Grass Cutting Grant	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00
TOTAL		£8,233.34	£632.86	£8,866.20

126. PARISH PRECEPT/COUNCIL BUDGET

Council considered the draft budget and the proposed precept. Following consideration, Council **RESOLVED** to request a precept of £45,501 to help fund any additional responsibilities that may be handed down by Somerset Council in 2024/25.

A revised budget would be approved at the next meeting.

It was **AGREED** to defer the remaining business to a further meeting to be held on either 23rd or 30th January 2024.

There being no other business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8:07pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: