

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Beckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 23rd 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: 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 9th 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 18th 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 20th February 2024.

137. COMPLAINT

It was agreed to defer this matter until the meeting on 20th 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 20th 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:

Supplier	Service	Net	VAT	Total
St George's Church	Grant	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00
TOTAL		£300.00	£0.00	£300.00

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 20th February 2024.

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

- Tuesday 12th March
- Tuesday 9th April
- Tuesday 14th May
- Tuesday 11th June – Main Hall
- Tuesday 9th July – Main Hall
- Tuesday 10th September
- Tuesday 8th October
- Tuesday 12th 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.

CHAIR:

DATE: