

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 9th April 2024 at 7.00pm in the Beckington Memorial Hall, Bath Road, Beckington, Frome BA11 6SHp

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

171. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

172. 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.

173. MINUTES

To formally approve and adopt the minutes of the Beckington Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2024 (attached)

174. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

To receive an update on progress. A ten minute slot will be allocated to this item.

175. PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE APPLICATIONS:

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

Proposal: Prior Approval for change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3).

Location: Priors Court Farm Rudge Lane Beckington Frome BA11 6TS

Application: 2024/0393/PAA

Proposal: Prior Approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to flexible commercial uses, B1/8 (Office/Storage), A1 (Retail Use) and A3 (Cafe).

Location: Priors Court Farm Rudge Lane Beckington Frome Somerset

Application: 2024/0394/PAF

Proposal: Remove part of a man-made bund to create parking, replace existing stables with similar timber buildings.

Location: Scotland Farm Scotland Lane Rudge Frome Somerset

Application: 2024/0496/FUL

176. BECKINGTON SITE ASSESSMENT

To resolve to approve the draft response to the Somerset Planning Department regarding the proposed site allocations consultation report (regulation 18) and supporting documents. The closing date is 12th April 2024. [Mendip Local Plan Part II Limited Update - Regulation 18 - Somerset Council - Citizen Space](#)

177. BECKINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

To consider supporting the pre-school to find suitable land and through grant funding place a modular building that will allow the pre-school to flourish in a purpose-built space and continue providing pivotal service to the village following the closure of the Baptist Church in January 2024.

178. SECTION 106 SUBMISSION

To receive an update on the receipt of funding.

179. LCN HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP MEETING

Please see the attached report previously distributed by Cllr Bishop following attendance at this meeting. Cllr Bishop will speak to this item.

180. BECKINGTON LOOP

To receive an update regarding the registering of the Beckington Loop.

181. BECKINGTON HISTORY BOOK

To consider providing a contribution towards the funding of this publication..

182. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) **Payments** – To approve the payments outlined below:

31/03/2024	Norton St Philip PC	Judicial Review Cont	£1,591.66	£0.00	£1,591.66
31/03/2024	SLCC	SLCC Membership	£154.00	£0.00	£154.00
31/03/2024	Jennifer Tyler	HFE Signs for NP	£76.68	£15.34	£92.02
31/03/2024	RYJ Retailing Ltd	NP Printing	£1,673.05	£0.00	£1,673.05
31/03/2024	Stuard Todd Associates	NP Consultancy	£2,885.91	£577.18	£3,463.09
31/03/2024	Mrs Deborah L Byrne	NP Buffet	£361.67	£0.00	£361.67
31/03/2024	Ben Richards	NP SmartSurvey	£45.00	£9.00	£54.00
31/03/2024	Kevin Mitchell	NP Photography	£125.00	£0.00	£125.00
31/03/2024	Mrs Joanna Rozycka	NP Expenses	£216.46	£27.24	£243.70
31/03/2024	Paula Fox	NP Expenses	£74.84	£14.42	£89.26
			£7,204.27	£643.18	£7,847.45

April 2024 expenditures will include:

- Clerk's Salary - £666.73
- Clerk's Expenses - £25.00
- Unity Trust Opening Balance - £500.00
- Bus timetable expenditure – TBN (100 leaflets printed)

(b) **Banking** – To receive an update on the progress of changing banks to Unity Trust.

183. GAZEBO

To note that it has been confirmed that the gazebo reported to the Parish Council meets planning rules under permitted development.

184. NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of Beckington Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 commencing at 7pm. This will include the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

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FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Beckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th March 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 and Cllr Rory Ingleby-MacKenzie.

ALSO PRESENT: One member of the public and the Parish Clerk.

Prior to the commencement of the main Council meeting a minute's silence was observed in memory of Mr Chris Rose who passed away recently. The funeral would be taking place on 19th March 2024..

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

160. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Liz Wright (health)

161. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No Declarations of Interests were made.

162. MINUTES

Council considered the minutes and **RESOLVED** to formally approve and adopt the minutes of the Council meetings held on Tuesday 20th February 2024.

Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders and bring forward Agenda Item 167.

BECKINGTON CRICKET CLUB

It was noted that Council were faced with two choices going forward:

- Continue with the status quo and take no immediate action;
- Register the land as Custodian Trustees.

No documentation regarding the Title Deeds for the land had been identified despite a wide ranging search that had incurred some legal fees. It was noted that the Cricket Club had put the upgrading of the cricket pavilion on hold due to funding issues.

It was agreed to draw up a statement which would:

- Outline the roles and responsibilities of each of the main users of the land;
- Confirm that the Memorial Hall Committee was the operator of the site;

- That the Parish Council was the Custodian Trustees;
- That the Beckington Cricket Club used the site as its home pitch and had sole use of the pavilion.

This would provide a Without Title Guarantee by the Parish Council.

Council **RESOLVED** to support any future lease for the Cricket Club in principle and would consider the matter when it came forward in the future.

163. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Council noted that a Neighbourhood Plan meeting was taking place at the same time as the Parish Council meeting to discuss the launch event which would be held on Thursday 14th March 2024.

The launch event would take the following format:

- Commence at 6pm;
- Presentations at 7pm;
- Close at 8pm;
- Wine and nibbles would be provided;
- A consultation exercise would be held as part of the launch.

Cllr Fox and Cllr Winterbourne met the consultants undertaking the Design Guide as part of the Plan and took them round the village. Information including the surveys that had been undertaken between 2008 and 2016 were passed on alongside the 2002 and 2010 Conservation Area Appraisal. A new survey would be launched on 14th March 2024 and would run through to 6th April 2024.

164. PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE APPLICATIONS:

The following update was received from Cllr Ingleby-MacKenzie. The following application was considered.

Proposal: Construction & operation of a solar photovoltaic farm with battery storage & associated infrastructure, including inverters, security cameras, fencing, access tracks & landscaping. (Revised information received 29/02/2024)

Location: Land to The South East Of Bradford Road Rode Frome Somerset

Application: 2023/2183/FUL

Response: Council **Resolved** to support the objections raised by Rode Parish Council to this development. The developers have not made significant changes and Beckington Parish Council continues to strongly object to the scheme as follows:

- The changes made to the scheme since the original consultation period are very minor and do not materially address any of the concerns or issues previously raised.
- Beckington Parish Council remains unanimously opposed to the application, primarily for reasons of scale, its proximity to the historic village of Rode, and its impact on the local

countryside. In addition, there are significant concerns regarding one of the proposed access routes.

- Great care should be taken to site any such development appropriately bearing in mind the visual impact of such developments especially when the location is adjacent to a small historic village.

165. BECKINGTON LOOP

Council considered the suggestion to apply for the Beckington Loop to be recorded/upgraded on the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way (the legal record) under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Following discussion it was agreed to look into this and report back in due course on the process to be undertaken to register the Loop.

166. SECTION 106 SUBMISSION

Council noted that the agreement had now been signed by Somerset Council and funding would be forthcoming. Following receipt of the funding the work would commence on delivering the project.

167. BECKINGTON CRICKET CLUB

This item had been considered previously.

168. HIGHWAYS SERVICES DEVOLUTION

Council noted that an Expression of Interest had been submitted to Somerset Council. No further update had been received.

169. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) **Payments** – Council **RESOLVED** to approve the payment below:

Supplier	Service	Net	VAT	Total
Paul Russell	Locum Clerk – March 24	£750.00	£0.00	£750.00
A Richards/Wix.com	NP Website/Domain	£179.62	£33.60	£213.22
Beckington Memorial Hall	NP Hire	£96.00	£0.00	£96.00
Stuart Todd	NP Consultancy	£770.70	£154.14	£924.84
P Fox	NP Costs	£23.09	£4.63	£27.72
Fossil Design	Email update/Annual Fee	£85.00	£0.00	£85.00
TOTAL		£1,904.41	£192.37	£2,096.78

(b) **Banking** – Council noted that the process to transfer the bank account to Unity Trust had commenced. A further update would be provided at the next Xouncil meeting.

(c) **Council IT Provision and Purchase of a Council Laptop** – Council considered the quotation received from MicroshadeVSM to provide an IT cloud solution and the purchase of a new laptop.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED**:

- To note the report;
- To purchase a laptop for the Council and its Clerk at a cost not exceeding £350 + VAT and to delegate the purchase of the laptop to the Clerk;
- To enter into a 3 year contract with MicroshadevSM to have its electronic data hosted and accessed through a Citrix login at an initial cost of £594.58 + VAT followed by an annual fee of £479.58
- That it would set up Councillor emails using its existing provider, Fossil Design.

(d) **Insurance** – Council confirmed that it would continue insuring with Hiscox Insurance Company Ltd.

170. NEXT MEETING

Council noted that the next meeting of Beckington Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 9th April 2024.

There being no other business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:00pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: