

# 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 Beckington Parish Council meeting to be held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 commencing at 6:30pm** in the Beckington Memorial Hall, Bath Road, Beckington, Frome BA11 6SH.

Paul Russell  
Locum Clerk

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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 a maximum of 3 minutes to speak.

Questions may not be answered at the meeting but a written reply will be provided 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**

### **92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **93. 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.

**94. MINUTES**

To formally approve and adopt the minutes of the Beckington Parish Council meetings held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 (attached)

**95. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

- (a) **Progress Update** – To receive an update on progress. A ten minute slot has been allocated to this item.

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

- (a) The following applications will be considered:

**Proposal:** Single storey side extension and carport.

**Location:** 4 Homefield Close Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6SX

**Application:** 2024/1801/HSE

**Proposal:** Installation of a 2.5 kW solar array in a hidden roof valley, with associated wiring and battery

**Location:** 18 Frome Road Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6TD

**Type:** Listed Building Consent

**Application:** 2024/1646/LBC

**Proposal:** Proposed installation of a Stiltz Duo lift allowing access from ground floor to first floor.

**Location:** 18 Church Hill Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6TJ

**Type:** Listed Building Consent

**Application:** 2024/1828/LBC

**Proposal:** Erection of 20 dwellings (including affordable housing) with associated highway access, public open space, landscaping and external works, including demolition of outbuilding and installation of sewage pumping station and electricity sub-station.

**Location:** Land At 380227 152171 Great Dunns Close Beckington Frome, Somerset

**Type:** Full Application

**Application:** 2024/1865/FUL

- (b) **Application 2024/1865/FUL** – To consider holding a public meeting to discuss this application with local residents on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 8pm in the Main hall and to consider appointing a planning consultant to help advise the Council. Funding of £2,500 to £3,000 is requested to be allocated.

- (c) **Local Plan Response** – To consider responding to the Local Plan early engagement exercise.

**97. ALLOTMENTS**

To consider the draft amended Allotment Agreement and map prior to formally signing. The new agreement will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

**98. 20 MPH SCHEME**

To receive an update of this survey if available. Maps have now been submitted.

**99. BECKINGTON LOOP**

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

**100. ADOPTION OF STATEMENT**

To receive an update of this matter if available.

**101. NEW WEBSITE**

To consider developing a new website using the .gov.uk domain.

**102. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) **Budget 2025/26** – To review the draft budget. Please see attached.

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

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Harris & Harris Solicitors	Invoice Allotments	£400.00	£80.00	£480.00
Paula Fox	NP Expenses	£74.84	£14.42	£89.26
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£5.40	£0.00	£5.40
Paul Russell	Expenses Oct 24	£79.90	£0.00	£79.90
Paul Russell	Salary Oct 24	£533.53	£0.00	£533.53
HMRC Cumbernauld	PAYE Oct 24	£133.20	£0.00	£133.20
Beckington Memorial Hall	Room Hire	£24.00	£0.00	£24.00
St George's PCC	Grant	£750.00	£0.00	£750.00
		<b>£2,000.87</b>	<b>£94.42</b>	<b>£2,095.29</b>

**103. SALARY INCREASE**

To note that agreement has been reached regarding the Local Government salary increase. Council is requested to ratify the implementation of the 3.67% increase and to backdate it to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

**104. NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next scheduled meeting of Beckington Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 commencing at 6:30pm.

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Minutes of the Beckington Parish Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 commencing at 6:30pm in the Beckington Memorial Hall, Bath Road, Beckington, Frome BA11 6SH.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ward Cllr Denton, Sue Shipley and the Clerk to the Council.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Cllr Denton provided a number of updates which included the following items:

- The School had previously requested sight of the S106 agreement;
- The relevant officer had been in contact with the parish council regarding the 20mph zone survey;
- Consideration was being given to creating a regional authority which would include Devon, Somerset and Wiltshire;
- Network Rail would be closing Westbury Station for one month. Clarification was sought as to whether just the station or the entire line would be closed;
- The A36 might be reopened for three weeks over Christmas

The following items were raised:

- Council requested that the removal of the caravan abandoned on the Bath Road be followed up. An Officer had attended but the caravan had not yet been removed;
- Cllr Fox was now in receipt of the information relating to the street light brought up at the last meeting;
- A request to cut back the hedging along Bath Road was made due to it creating a potential health and safety hazard.

## 74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Kevin Bishop. Cllr Bowden also submitted his apologies.

## 75. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

## 76. MINUTES

Council **RESOLVED** to formally approve and adopt the minutes of the Beckington Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

## 77. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(a) **Progress Update** – A progress report was noted:

- An external consultant had been appointed to oversee the Call for Sites;
- All sites needed to be mapped and the landowner identified;

- A Call for Sites letter would be going out in the near future;
- A full assessment of suitability would be carried out by the consultant;
- Clarification was provided that the call for sites would not be restricted to the original nine sites put forward;
- Rudge would be included;
- Following the site assessments a survey would be sent to residents to ask them for their preferences;
- The Views assessment report had not yet been received;
- The Plan was now being drafted;
- The SG had noted the concerns raised re the length of time to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan but it was noted that there was a lengthy process as outlined in Planning Regulations to observe.

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

Council **RESOLVED** to submit the following comments:

**Proposal:** Single storey side extension and carport.  
**Location:** 4 Homefield Close, Beckington, Frome, Somerset BA11 6SX  
**Type:** Householder Application  
**Application:** 2024/1801/HSE  
**Comment:** Beckington PC notes the application and has no objection.

**TREES**

**Proposal:** T1 - Magnolia - Reduce by 1m. T2 - Birch - Reduce by 2m.  
**Location:** 8 Frome Road Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6TD  
**Type:** Works/Felling Trees in a CA  
**Application:** 2024/1741/TCA  
**Comment:** Beckington PC notes the application and is content for the Somerset Tree Officer to determine.

**NOTIFICATION ONLY:**

**Proposal:** The use of part of a building as a single dwellinghouse  
**Location:** Eden Vale Farm Mill Lane Beckington Frome Somerset  
**Type:** Certificate of Use Existing  
**Application:** 2024/1729/CLE  
**Comment:** Beckington PC notes the application and is content for the Somerset Officer to determine.

**Proposal:** Application for a certificate of lawful existing development for use of barns  
**Location:** Eden Vale Farm Mill Lane Beckington Frome Somerset  
**Type:** Certificate of Use Existing  
**Application:** 2024/1728/CLE  
**Comment:** Beckington PC notes the application and is content for the Somerset Officer to determine.

It was agreed to request further information and clarification regarding the planning law related to Certificates of Lawful Use.

**79. S106 FUNDS**

Council noted that funds of £17,256 had now been received from Somerset Council in respect of the Bus Shelter project funded from S106 funding. This project was currently being progressed. A map indicating the proposed sites of the two bus shelters and cycle shed would be shared.

**80. ALLOTMENTS**

Council noted that a meeting scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 would be held with the new Chair of the Allotment Association to discuss the draft agreement.

**81. 20 MPH SCHEME**

Council noted the draft 20mph zone area outlined on a map provided. It was agreed to update the map to properly reflect feedback and submit it to Somerset Council to commence the survey.

**82. SALC**

Council **RESOLVED** to renew its subscription to SALC. The membership for half a year's membership would be £172.64. This was agreed.

**83. BECKINGTON LOOP**

Council noted the additional information shared with members regarding the creation of a new footpath. Cllr Fox agreed to contact the landowner to find out whether they were in favour of this initiative.

**84. ADOPTION OF STATEMENT**

Council noted that no further progress had been made to date. Legal advice was awaited.

**85. ENHANCED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE (EHM) PILOT AND VOLUNTEER TRAINING LAUNCH**

Council noted that an Expression of Interest had been submitted. To date no response had been received but it was noted that this initiative was in its infancy.

**86. DOMAIN NAME**

Council noted that that the domain name "beckington-pc.gov.uk" had now been registered. Council noted that it would need to consider upgrading its website with the new domain name and creating .gov.uk email addresses. The current website was not WCAG compliant.

**87. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(a) Grants – Council considered the following grant applications:**

- St George's PCC – It was proposed by Cllr Fox, seconded by Cllr Ingelby-MacKenzie and **RESOLVED** that a grant of £750 be awarded to help towards the maintenance of the churchyard;
- Beckington Memorial Hall – Council noted that it was unable to consider this request until it had received advice regarding the Without Guarantee Statement. It was agreed to inform the Committee of this.

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

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Paul Russell	Expenses Oct 24	£43.65	£3.73	£47.38
Paul Russell	Salary Oct 24	£533.53	£0.00	£533.53
HMRC Cumbernauld	PAYE Oct 24	£133.20	£0.00	£133.20
Beckington Memorial Hall	Room Hire NP Sept 24	£144.00	£0.00	£144.00
Beckington Memorial Hall	Room Hire	£80.00	£0.00	£80.00
Beckington Memorial Hall	Room Hire	£48.00	£0.00	£48.00
SALC	Subscription (6 months)	£172.64	£0.00	£172.64
Geosphere Ltd	Parish Online Mapping	£72.00	£14.40	£86.40
David West	Stubbs Hedge/Sue's Walk	£470.00	£0.00	£470.00
		<b>£1,711.69</b>	<b>£18.13</b>	<b>£1,729.82</b>

(c) **Interim External Audit Report** – Council noted that the interim report and that the Annual Governance & Accountability Statement Return was now available for inspection. The date of announcement was Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024.

**88. NEXT MEETING**

Council noted that the next scheduled meeting of Beckington Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 commencing at 6:30pm.

There being no other business the Chair thanked Members for attending and closed the meeting at 8:45pm.

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**CHAIR:**

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**DATE:**