

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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 10th 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 30th 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:

Supplier	Reason	Net	VAT	Total
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£14.67	£0.00	£14.67
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
		£1,711.69	£18.13	£1,729.82

(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 2nd October 2024.

88. NEXT MEETING

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

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

CHAIR:

DATE: