

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 commencing at 6:45pm** 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**

### **105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **106. 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.

**107. CO-OPTION**

To consider the co-option of an additional Councillor subject to an application being received.

**108. MINUTES**

To formally approve and adopt the minutes of the Beckington Parish Council meetings held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (attached)

**109. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

- (a) **Progress Update** – To receive an update on progress. A ten minute slot has been allocated to this item.
- (b) **Green Space Assessment Funding Request** – To discuss whether to resolve to agree in principle that the Parish Council sets aside up to £1,650 budget to commission Openplan planning consultants to undertake a Green Space Assessment for the Neighbourhood Plan if requested by the Steering Group
- (c) **Topography Character Assessment** – To discuss whether to resolve to agree in principle that the Parish Council sets aside up to £1,650 budget to commission planning consultants to undertake a Topography Character Assessment for the Neighbourhood Plan if requested by the Steering Group;
- (d) **Green & Blue Infrastructure Assessment** – To consider whether to resolve to agree in principle that the Parish Council sets aside up to £2,721 budget to commission planning consultants to undertake a Green and Blue Infrastructure Assessment for the Neighbourhood Plan if requested by the Steering Group.
- (e) **Writing the Draft Neighbourhood Plan** – To discuss whether to resolve to agree in principle that the Parish Council sets aside a budget of between £750 to commission the Parish Clerk to draft the Neighbourhood Plan. This work would be undertaken in January and February 2025.

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

- (a) The following applications will be considered:

**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

**Comment:** Please see draft response (attached)

**Proposal:** Construction of single storey rear extension.  
**Location:** Mulgrave, Rudge Lane, Rudge, Frome Somerset  
**Type:** Householder Application  
**Application:** 2024/2052/HSE

**Proposal:** T1- Maple reduce all around by up to 1m. T2- Magnolia reduce all over by 1-2 metres, crown lift to max 3.5 metres.  
**Location:** 10 Church Street Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6TG  
**Type:** Works/Felling Trees in a CA  
**Application:** 2024/2091/TCA

**Appeal Proposal:** Application to vary condition 3 (Hours of Use) of planning approval 2021/0868/FUL (Change of Use of Agricultural Field to Sui Generis Use of field for exercising dogs.) to 8am - 6pm. (updated location plan)

**Appeal Location:** Land At 379803 152200 Bath Road Beckington Frome Somerset

**Application No:** 2023/1863/VRC

**Comments to:** <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

(b) **Consultation, Land South of Bath Road, Beckington** – Please see the attached correspondence received.

(c) **Local Plan Response** – To ratify the response to the Local Plan early engagement exercise (response attached)

#### 111. NEW WEBSITE

To receive information about the development of a new site. A package has been developed by Aubergine at a cost of £499 + VAT. Further information will be forwarded.

#### 112. COUNCILLOR TRAINING

To consider training options including the training events offered by SALC in January and February 2025.

#### 113. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) **Budget 2025/26** – To review the draft budget. Please see attached. An additional sum of £3,000 has been included to engage planning consultants if required.

(b) **Grant Request** – Please see the attached application from the Hub for £150. A grant request of £500 to support the provision of a Christmas Tree has also been received (attached).

(c) **Bath Road Maintenance** – To consider the attached quotation for £287 for works not undertaken by the Highways Department, Somerset Council.

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

| <b>Supplier</b>          | <b>Reason</b>           | <b>Net</b>       | <b>VAT</b>     | <b>Total</b>     |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Unity Trust Bank         | Service Charge          | £6.00            | £0.00          | £6.00            |
| Paul Russell             | Expenses Nov 24         | £52.45           | £0.00          | £52.45           |
| Paul Russell             | Salary/PAYE Dec 24      | £688.85          | £0.00          | £688.85          |
| Beckington Memorial Hall | Room Hire               | £16.00           | £0.00          | £16.00           |
| Council HR & Governance  | HR & Governance support | £700.00          | £140.00        | £840.00          |
| Tree Grant               | Grant Christmas Tree    | £500.00          | £0.00          | £500.00          |
| Hub Grant                | Grant Hub               | £150.00          | £0.00          | £150.00          |
|                          |                         | <b>£2,113.30</b> | <b>£140.00</b> | <b>£2,253.30</b> |

#### **114. NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next scheduled meeting of Beckington Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 commencing at 6:45pm.

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Minutes of 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.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ward Cllr Boyden, 3 members of the public and the Clerk to the Council.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Council was asked whether it would provide a series of planning reasons related to planning application 2024/1865. It was confirmed that it would.

Cllr Boyden provided a number of updates which included the following items:

- Somerset Council had commenced a consultation with staff regarding a reduction in the workforce and potential redundancies;
- Somerset Rivers Authority - SRA is going to launch a Community Flood Action Fund on December 10<sup>th</sup> 2024. It is expected to be oversubscribed. It was agreed to consider applying for funding to help address issues with the culvert behind the allotments;
- The SRA was also providing support for the development of a Flood Prevention Plan and a Flood Action Plan;
- A request had been submitted for planning application 2024/1865 to be determined by the Planning Committee. It was noted that the deadline for comments had extended.

Council thanked Cllr Boyden for all his work.

## 92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies. It was noted that Ward Cllr Denton had submitted her apologies.

## 93. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

Council was requested to consider co-opting Anne Owen on to the Parish Council. It was formally **RESOLVED** to co-opt Anne Owen on to the Parish Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

It was further agreed to start Council meetings at 6.45pm as some Members were struggling to attend at the new time.

**94. MINUTES**

Council **RESOLVED** 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.

**95. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

(a) **Progress Update** – The following report was noted:

- The Chair had now stood down but had remained a member of the Steering Group;
- It had been agreed to have a rota of Chairs;
- Concern was expressed regarding the news that an application for 70 homes in Congresbury initially refused had been overturned by the Planning Inspector despite a Neighbourhood Plan being in place with site allocations. Holt was also mentioned;
- Somerset Council would be sending out a Call for Sites as part of its review of the Local Plan in the near future;
- The Beckington Plan call for sites consultation will close on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024;
- The Plan’s Vision and Objectives had now been drafted and would be consulted upon on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025;
- The Local Green Spaces assessment was currently being undertaken.

**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  
**Comment:** Beckington Parish Council has no objection to the application and is content to leave it to the Case Officer to determine.

**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  
**Comment:** Beckington Parish Council supports this application.

**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  
**Comment:** Beckington Parish Council supports this application.

**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  
**Application:** 2024/1865/FUL  
**Comment:** Extension granted to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

- (b) **Application 2024/1865/FUL** – Council agreed to hold a public meeting to discuss this application with local residents on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 8:15pm in the Main Hall.

Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Context Planning Consultant to help advise the Council regarding this application. Funding of £3,000 to £3,500 was allocated.

- (c) **Local Plan Response** – The closing date for this item had been extended to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024. It was agreed to delegate authority to Members to confirm the response via email and ratify the final submission at the next Full Council meeting to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

**97. ALLOTMENTS**

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the revised Allotment Agreement and map and sign it. The new agreement would commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

**98. 20 MPH SCHEME**

Council noted that the maps have now been submitted and a response was awaited. Council would consider a SIDs in due course.

**99. BECKINGTON LOOP**

No further progress had been made regarding the Beckington Loop due to the current workload of the Council.

**100. ADOPTION OF STATEMENT**

No further update was available.

**101. NEW WEBSITE**

Council noted that a sum of money had been allocated in the annual budget to redevelop the website. It was agreed to obtain quotations.

**102. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) **Budget 2025/26** – Council noted the initial budget. This would be further discussed at the December 2024 meeting with a precept being set at the January 2025 meeting.

- (b) **Payments** – Council **RESOLVED** to approve the payments outlined below:

| Supplier                   | Reason             | Net     | VAT    | Total   |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| 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**

Council noted that agreement has been reached regarding the Local Government salary increase and **RESOLVED** to ratify the implementation of the 3.67% increase and to backdate it to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 for the Clerk to the Council.

**104. NEXT MEETING**

Council noted that the next scheduled meeting of Beckington Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 commencing at 6:45pm.

There being no other business the Chair thanked Members for attending and closed the meeting at 8:15pm.

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**CHAIR:**

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**DATE:**