

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting held in Clifford Suite, Beckington Memorial Hall on:
TUESDAY 13th March 2018 at 7:30pm**

Present:

Councillors; Mr M Wilson (Chairman), Mrs P Fox, Mrs E Wright, Ms J Beresford, Mr C Winterbourne, Mr K Bishop

In attendance:

Simon Pritchard - Parish Clerk.

Public Participation:

(None)

County & District Councillors reports:

(Email received re Stubbs Lane from Cllr Mockford, District Councilor)

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
MAR1	<p><u>Apologies for absence:</u> Cllr Oliver, County Councillor – On a 6-month sabbatical. Cllr Mockford, District Councilor – Due to a family bereavement. The Chairman will send the Councils condolence to Cllr Mockford</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Cllr Wilson</p>
MAR2	<p><u>Declarations of interest:</u> (None)</p>
MAR3	<p><u>Adoption of previous Council minutes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 13th February 2018 <p>The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated amongst Members. It was proposed by Cllr Wright to adopt them, seconded by Cllr Fox and resolved unanimously.</p>
MAR4	<p><u>To receive Planning & Tree applications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application Number 2018/0184/VRC – It was reported that this application had been withdrawn. However, it is still showing as a live on the MDC website. Given the information received, Members did not formally consider this application.• Application Number 2018/0261/HSE – <i>Cllr Winterbourne Informed Members that the applicant was his Brother-in-law and so he would not participate in the debate.</i> Members question why LBC was not needed for this address. Recommend: Leave to Planning Officer.• Application Number 2018/0336/LBC – Recommend Approval

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Number 2018/0486/FUL – Ask for an extension and bring back to the next meeting. • Application Number 2018/0429 – Ask for an extension in order to carryout site visit and bring back to the next meeting.
MAR5	<p><u>Co-option of new Member:</u></p> <p>After the withdrawal of one candidate, the Council was left with one resident who has applied. The candidate was not present at the meeting and as the candidate is not known to all Members, it was decided to hold an informal interview with them and bring this back to the next meeting.</p>
MAR6	<p><u>To agree grants form layout:</u></p> <p>Members had been circulated a draft grant form. A S106 grants form had already been developed by the Council. The Clerk will find the s106 form and circulate to Members and return this agenda item in April for a resolution.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p>
MAR7	<p><u>Appointment of Internal Auditor 2018/19:</u></p> <p>The Clerk recommended appointing the Deputy Town Clerk of Somerton, but he had yet to approach her to see if she would be willing to take on the role, if this approach prove unsuccessful then sticking with the same person as this year would be the fall back position.</p> <p>This was proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Beresford and resolved unanimously.</p>
MAR8	<p><u>Parish Council Accounts:</u></p> <p>A. Payments:</p> <p>The following payments were proposed for payment by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Fox and resolved unanimously:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk’s salary - February & Overtime 2018 - £279.38 2. HMRC PAYE – January 2018 – £69.80 3. Lars Place Garden Bins – MDC - £110.80 4. Rudge Noticeboard Repair – Mr R. Covill - £195.00 <p>Cllr Wright informed Members that the owner of moo2me had very kindly offered to pay for the repairs to the noticeboard. It was agreed that the Council would go ahead and pay the invoice and then wait to be reimbursed.</p> <p>B. To receive bank reconciliation: Received and noted.</p>
MAR9	<p><u>Parish Grass Cutting; Summer 2018:</u></p> <p>The Clerk tabled 4 quotes that had been received. Cllr Winterbourne recommended continuing the contract with IDVerde as he had built quite a good relationship with them and he was sure they would match the cheapest quote.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Winterbourne, seconded by Cllr Beresford to appoint IDVerde to cut the grass verges in Beckington for the 2018 season.</p>

	<p>The issue of the cutting of Sue's Walk still needs to be resolved. To be on the next agenda</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p>
MAR10	<p><u>Confidential Session:</u> As no Members of the Press or Public were present, there was no need to pass a resolution to exclude them.</p>
MAR11	<p><u>Freehold of the Memorial Hall and Grounds:</u></p> <p>A. Clerks verbal report: The Clerk reported to the Council that the advice that he had received from an experienced person, who had read the conveyance document, was that the Parish Council is the 'Custodian Trustee' for the freehold of the Hall and grounds.</p> <p>B. Legal advice and budget: Members did not resolve to seek any formal legal advice and no budget was set. A few Members suggested that they may know someone who would also be able to offer an opinion.</p>

End of formal meeting 21:20

The next items were for verbal exchange of information only:

A. Bettering Beckington projects:

The Bus shelters will cost around £16,000 in total for both.

B. Clerks Update:

Email received from Cllr Mockford re Stubbs Lane. Members very disappointed that the point seems to have been missed.

C. Members portfolio verbal reports:

- 1. Planning & Development:** Nothing to report
- 2. Finance** – Cllr Beresford: Nothing to report
- 3. Footpaths** – Cllr Wright: Still needs to carryout a kissing gate survey
- 4. Highways / Transport** – Cllr Bishop: Has been in contact with SCC Highways re Standerwick Court Lane and other matters, very difficult to get a response. It was confirmed that Highways rep also covered grit bins.
- 5. Local Environment** - Cllr Winterbourne: Need a bin to be fitted to layby on Warminster Road, as always full of litter. Trailer with advertising board in layby on other side of A36 should be removed, Cllr Winterbourne will contact the company concerned. Will ask IDVerde if they are able to install dog bins and manage the whole process.

Action – Cllr Winterbourne

- 6. Rudge Rep** – Cllr Wright: Litter pick has taken place.
- 7. Charities** – Cllr Beresford: Still trying to change over the signatories in the Coventry BS account.
- 8. Memorial Hall Rep** – Cllr Wilson: (Nothing to report)
- 9. M.D.C. Parish Forum** – Cllr Wilson & Bishop: (Nothing to report)

D. Items for the Clerks consideration for the next agenda:

- Sue's Walk grass cutting.

There being no further reports Members left at 21:55

Signed: _____ Date: _____