

# BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Clifford Suite, Beckington Memorial Hall on:

**TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 @ 7:00pm**

**Present:**

Councillors; Mrs P Fox (Chairman), Mrs E Wright, Mr C Winterbourne, Mr R Kelly.

**In attendance:**

Mr S Pritchard - Parish Clerk.

**Public participation:**

(None)

**County & District Councillors reports:**

(No reports received)

<b>Agenda Number:</b>	<b>Agenda Item:</b>
<b>35</b>	<b><u>Apologies for absence:</u></b> Cllr Beresford (Away holiday). Cllr Bishop (Away holiday). Cllr Wilson (Away work).
<b>36</b>	<b><u>Declarations of interest:</u></b> A. None B. N/A
<b>37</b>	<b><u>Adoption of previous Council minutes:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b></li></ul> <p><b>It was proposed by Cllr Wright to adopt the minutes, seconded by Cllr Kelly and resolved unanimously.</b></p>
<b>38</b>	<b><u>Planning, Tree &amp; Licensing applications:</u></b>  <b>A. To receive any planning, tree or licensing applications made to Mendip District Council and pass comment:</b>  <b>2018/2273/HSE</b> - Erection of a single storey rear extension, free standing detached double carport to the front of the property and fenestration works <b>35A Goose Street Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6SS, 24 Sep 2018</b> <b>Parish Council recommendation: Approval</b>  <b>2018/2420/TCA</b> - Works to trees in a Conservation Area: T1 - Apple - Reduce by 1-2m (20%) <b>35A Goose Street Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6SS</b> <b>Parish Council recommendation: Approval</b>

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	<p><b>B. To note responses sent to MDC between meetings under the Clerks delegated authority:</b> (None)</p>
<p><b>39</b></p>	<p><b><u>Parish Council Accounts:</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Payments:</b></p> <p><b>The following payments were proposed for payment by Cllr Winterbourne, seconded by Cllr Kelly and resolved unanimously:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members expenses – S.Brooke - £38.60</li> <li>2. Clerks expenses – S.Pritchard - £159.48</li> </ol> <p>It was noted that the expense claim form for 39A1 didn't have a receipt attached as per council policy, the receipt had been given to Cllr Wilson some time ago.</p> <p><b>B. To receive bank reconciliation and budget to date:</b></p> <p>Received and noted. The Clerk reported to Members that he was now in receipt of a grant request from St George's Church. The Local government Act 1894 prohibits a Parish Council from spending money on maintaining or improving Church buildings, the Churchyard or a Church Hall. The Clerk suggested to Members that there may still be a way to help support the maintenance of a public area and that he would work with the Church to see if there was a proposal that could come before the Council to look at.</p> <p><b>C. Internal checks:</b></p> <p>The Council needs to resolve who will be appointed to carry out the checks. The internal auditor could be asked to undertake a ½ year audit. Decision deferred until the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>40</b></p>	<p><b><u>Capital projects for 2019/20:</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk suggested that Members may want to buy two large bins for the A36 and A361 laybys at a cost of £1,000. Members rejected this suggestion as the Council feared they would just go missing.</p> <p>The Chairman had a copy of the Bettering Beckington survey results and talked Members through the list of projects that received more than 50% support. Members agreed they would like to add the following lines to the 2019/20 budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpath improvements (including Dog friendly styles, a footpath route map, and keep on lead signs) - £1,100</li> <li>• Footpath to Rudge - £1,000</li> <li>• Safe cycle route - £1,000</li> <li>• Flowers coming in to Beckington - £300</li> </ul>
<p><b>41</b></p>	<p><b><u>Allotments Car Park Drainage:</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk acknowledged that the agenda item title was not correct, as there is no issue with the drainage of the allotment's car park. A neighbouring resident has an issue with the level of the car park, Mendip District Council planning inspectors have visited the site and the car park has been built in accordance with the planning permission.</p> <p>Cllr Kelly expressed concern that the land the allotments will be on doesn't drain very well and that even with the new topsoil that has now been brought in, the Council need to be sure the site is fit for purpose before it accepts the handover.</p>

## End of formal meeting 20:23

After the meeting had closed, Members were invited to give any updates on their portfolios:

- a) **Planning & Development (Cllr Kelly)**
  - 2018/0972/LBC / 2018/0971/HSE has been requested by the District Councillor to go to the Planning Board.
  - **Tower Hill:** Not sure if the landscaping has been done as per the approved plans, Cllr Kelly will check.
- b) **HR & Resources (Cllr Beresford)**
- c) **Footpaths & Rights of way (Cllr Wright)**
  - The 'Beckington on Foot' booklet will be put on the website if an electronic version can be found.
- d) **Highways & Local Transport (Cllr Bishop)**
  - **Bus Shelters:** The Clerk reported that a site visit is to take place on Thursday morning with one of the neighbouring residents and the contractor. The Clerk asked if any Member was able to attend, as he and Cllr Wilson were unable to. Cllr Wight volunteered. The contractor now has all the correct permissions to install the shelters and it is hoped work will start within the next two weeks.
  - **Grit Bins:** The Clerk reported that these have now been delivered to the Clerk's home. Email sent to Somerset Council highways department to register the new locations, waiting to hear back as to when they will come and fill them up. Cllr Winterbourne suggested that the bins lived with him and he could go around with the highways people on the day that the bins are filled up.
  - **Highways Gritting:** The Clerk reported that Rode Parish Council have been pricing up a local contractor to grit the highways and the Clerk of Rode has kindly suggested that Beckington may also be interested in this service. The Members agreed on three different routes for the Clerk to obtain prices for.
- e) **Local Environment & Council Assets (Cllr Winterbourne)**
  - **Village Pump:** The Clerk reported that Mr Hewitt has now been appointed to carry out the renovations of the Pump and that he would complete the work by the end of the year. The Council had paid him a £120 deposit for him to buy the materials needed.
  - **Dog Bins:** The Clerk reported that he is still awaiting delivery, told that it will be this week. The local contractor has been contacted to arrange a day to install them.
  - **Sue's Walk:** Has had its last cut of the year.
- f) **Rudge Rep (Cllr Wright)**
  - Concern that the pub is not open very much and is now back on the market.
  - Rudge now has an events committee and a harvest supper has been arranged for this Saturday.
- g) **The Beckington Charities (The Clerk & Cllr Beresford)**
- h) **Memorial Hall Rep (Cllr Wilson & The Clerk)**
  - **Playground:** The Clerk reported to Members that since the playground was installed in 2000 no arrangement has been put in place for its long-term maintenance / replacement. The Memorial Hall income and expenditure was about the same, meaning that for larger projects like replacing flooring or painting the outside of the buildings the hall committee had to fund raise. There is no plan for the playground and the hall committee feel that they have their work cut-out just keeping the hall going. The playground is now 18 years old and beginning to show its age. The Council will need to look at this matter and decide if it will support this community facility, this could be anything from giving money to the hall committee to taking over the management of the playpark. The Chairman reported that it is likely there are many grants that the hall committee could apply for.
- i) **Allotments Rep (Cllr Wilson & Clerk)**
  - The Clerk reported that the first meeting of the potential allotment holders had been disappointing, not everyone who said they would come to the meeting actually came to it. The plan of splitting interested persons into two groups to look at the legal agreements with the Council and the other group to mark out the allotments land, didn't happen. The Clerk will arrange a further meeting.

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**j) Parish Grant Funding and S106 Money (Cllr Fox)**

- The members of the working group now need to meet as Cllr Fox has spent some time getting together a load of information that now need sorting through.

The Clerk reminded Members that the next meeting will be Community Connector Training starting at 7pm with a normal meeting called at 9pm if required.

**End: 21:10**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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