# **BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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## Minutes of the meeting held in the Clifford Suite, Beckington Memorial Hall on: TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7:30pm

### Present:

Councillors; Mr M Wilson (Chairman), Mrs P Fox (Vice-Chairman), Ms S Brooke, Mrs E Wright

#### In attendance:

Linda Oliver – Somerset County Councillor, Simon Pritchard - Parish Clerk & Two Members of the Public.

### **Public Participation:**

**Allotments:** It was confirmed that the Parish Council has agreed to accept the Allotments. Further advertising within the Parish will take place nearer the time, so that every resident has the chance to put their name on the list to apply for one.

#### **County & District Councillors reports:**

Cllr Oliver reported on housing numbers for Beckington; 55 homes required, 56 built, a further 52 have planning permission. The Chairman requested the statistics for the whole of the District for comparison.

#### **Action - Cllr Oliver**

It was noted that the local plan housing numbers are a minimum number of homes required. Cllr Oliver drew Members attention to a Department for Communities and Local Government consultation taking place called 'Planning for the right homes in the right places' and encouraged the Members to respond to it, she would forward details to the Clerk.

### Action - Cllr Oliver

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
<b>OCT1</b>	Apologies for absence: Cllr Beresford, due to being on holiday
OCT2	Declarations of interest: Cllr Brooke in any matter relating to Standerwick Court Lane (Agenda item 8)
ОСТЗ	Adoption of previous Council minutes:A. Tuesday 12th September 2017Cllr Brooke had submitted to the Chairman a number of requests for changes to the minutes that had not been made. The Clerk expressed his concern that issues relating to the minutes were not being sorted out well in advance of the meeting. The September minutes were withdrawn for redrafting.
OCT4	Clerk's report on actions outstanding from 12 <sup>th</sup> September minutes: The Clerk reported that any outstanding item that needed debate had been given an agenda item.

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OCT11	New website update: The new website has been built, it just needs testing. This is something Cllr Bishop can help with. Action - Cllr Bishop & Wilson
	The Clerk reported that as the Council has had to have a new website built to comply with the new transparency code, the Council should be able to apply for a grant to cover some of the cost.
	Action – The Clerk
OCT12	<b>Local education money:</b> S106 money from development in Beckington that was given in lieu of not extending the School has been ringfenced for transport by Somerset County Council. Cllr Fox will pursue this with the Estates Manager at Somerset County Council
	Action – Cllr Fox
OCT13	<ul> <li>Members portfolio verbal reports:</li> <li>A. Planning &amp; Development - Cllr Brooke:</li> <li>Cllr Brooke reported that 15 Castle Corner was having problems gaining listed building consent and that if the Planning Officer was of a mind to refuse permission, the Council should ask for it to be called into the Planning Committee, as the Parish Council has been fully supportive of the development.</li> <li>B. Finance - Cllr Beresford: (not at meeting)</li> <li>C. Footpaths - Cllr Wright: - Nothing to report</li> <li>D. Highways / Transport - Cllr Wilson:</li> <li>Still need to look at S.I.D data. Speed action group are still very active in the Village.</li> <li>E. Local Environment -</li> <li>Members agreed that Cllr Winterbourne should be appointed to this portfolio.</li> <li>F. Rudge Rep - Cllr Wright</li> <li>Noticeboard, can have the new hardwood one for £900 or repair the old one in hardwood for £195. Members agreed that the current one should be repaired.</li> <li>G. Standerwick Rep - Cllr Brooke - Nothing to report.</li> <li>H. Charities - Cllr Beresford (not at meeting)</li> <li>I. Memorial Hall Rep - Cllr Wilson</li> </ul>
ОСТ14	<b>Items for the next agenda:</b> Cllr Brooke requested an item for Dog Poo Bins, the Clerk explained that the Council was not required to make any further decisions on this matter. The Council has accepted the quote for the bins, it's just a matter of gaining permission from Somerset County Council to install the bins. <b>Action – The Clerk</b>

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21:50 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_