

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 Full Council meeting of Beckington Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7.00pm in the Beckington Memorial Hall, Bath Road, Beckington, Frome BA11 6SH

Paul Russell

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Locum Clerk

Public Participation and County and District Councillors Reports

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 about 3 minutes.

Questions may not be answered at the meeting; a written reply maybe be given within 7 days.

Once the meeting has started members of the public are reminded that they have no right to speak.

The District & County Councillors are invited to make a report to the Parish Council in this time as well.

AGENDA

120. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

121. 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.

123. MINUTES

To formally approve and adopt the minutes of the Beckington Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 (attached)

124. PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE APPLICATIONS:

To receive an update from Cllr Wright. The following applications will be considered:

- Application 2023/2183/FUL: Land South East of Bradford Road
- Application 2023/2228/TCA: 5 Frome Road (Feedback report from Tree Officer to be requested as decision date was 1st January 2024)
- Application 2023/2251/VRC: Tower Hill Barn, Mill Lane.
- Application 2023/2336/HSE Tower Hill Barn, Mill Lane.

125. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

To receive an update on progress. An expression of interest application to undertake a housing needs survey has been submitted to help inform the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

126. SECTION 106 SUBMISSION

To receive an update on this application and the receipt of funding.

127. SOMERSET BUS TIMETABLES

To receive an update from Cllr Ingleby-MacKenzie.

128. GRASS CUTTING GRANT

To consider the request for a grant for £400 towards the grass cutting from Beckington Memorial Hall. Details have been sent to Members for information.

Council is also requested to consider the possibility of supporting the work to the trees around the hall.

129. CYCLING AND WALKING LCWIP

Please see the Final Report regarding this project. Council is requested to consider the “Next Steps” outlined on page 19 of the report.

130. BECKINGTON CRICKET CLUB

To consider the re-registration of the Recreation Ground following having exhausted all other enquiries. Cllr Winterbourne will speak further on this matter. Deferred from previous meeting.

131. COMPLAINT

Please see the attached letter of complaint to the Planning Inspectorate from Norton St Philip Parish Council which Members are asked to consider.

132. BECKINGTON ALLOTMENTS

To receive an update from Cllr Bishop. The updated draft agreement is attached for consideration and adoption.

133. POLICE REQUEST

To consider the request received from the Local Police to organise a regular meeting possibly every other week at a location to be identified where the Police can discuss issues with members of the community.

134. BOOK EXCHANGE

To receive an update on identifying a suitable location.

135. FINANCIAL MATTERS

To approve the payments outlined below:

Supplier	Service	Net	VAT	Total
Paul Russell	Locum Clerk Services Dec 23	£750.00	£0.00	£750.00
Paul Russell	Locum Clerk Services Jan 23	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00
Norton St Philip Parish Council	Contribution to the costs relating to the Judicial Review into MDC's Local Plan Part II	£3,307.79	£0.00	£3,307.79
Beckington Memorial Hall	October 2023 Hire	£11.25	£0.00	£11.25
Stuart Todd Associates Ltd	Neighbourhood Plan	£2,444.30	£488.86	£2,933.16
Moss Naylor Young Ltd	LCWIP Report	£720.00	£144.00	£864.00
Beckington Memorial Hall	Grass Cutting Grant	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00
TOTAL		£8,233.34	£632.86	£8,866.20

136. PARISH PRECEPT/COUNCIL BUDGET

To consider the draft budget (attached) for 2024/2025 and to resolve to request a Parish Precept from Somerset Council. The draft request is for a precept of £40,925.

137. NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of Beckington Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 13th February 2024.

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FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Beckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.00pm in the Beckington Memorial Hall, Bath Road, Beckington, Frome BA11 6SH.

PRESENT: Cllr Paula Fox (Chair), Cllr Kevin Bishop, Cllr Mark Hollyoake, Cllr Liz Wright and Cllr Rory Ingleby-MacKenzie.

ALSO PRESENT: Ward Councillor Boyden, the architect for Beckington Abbey, three members of the public and the Locum Clerk.

Prior to the start of the meeting fifteen minutes was allowed for questions and comments from members of the public.

Cllr Boyden presented the Ward Councillor Report, which was noted.

101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Clive Winterbourne (holiday).

Council received the resignation of Cllr Hollyoake and thanks were extended to him for all the work he had undertaken on behalf of the community.

102. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No Declarations of Interests were made.

103. MINUTES

Council considered the minutes and **RESOLVED** to formally approve and adopt the minutes of the Council meetings held on Tuesday 10th October 2023.

104. BECKINGTON ABBEY

Council received a presentation from the architects developing this project. Initial works to repair the roof and make the building watertight had commenced. Scaffolding had been erected and the Conservation Officer was involved. It was expected that the initial work would be completed in June 2024. A Listed Building Consent application would be submitted for further works and, subject to approval, these works would probably be completed in summer 2025. However, it was acknowledged that works might extend into 2026.

105. PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE APPLICATIONS:

Cllr Wright presented her observations regarding the three applications below. It was agreed to submit comments to the following applications:

2023/1935/HSE

Beckington Parish Council supports this application.

The plans seem to be supportive of a development in a conservation area even though the property is not listed. The extension enhances the street scene. Also there could/should be less on street parking needed and on Goose Street this should be an advantage.

2023/2049/PIP

Beckington Parish Council objects to this proposal.

The proposed site is outside development limits. Beckington has a well documented sewage/drainage problem and it is hard to see how this proposed development could deal with the sewage and possibly soakaway and surface water satisfactorily.

Should this development go ahead Council would ask that the neighbouring property is not overlooked and that the height be taken into consideration as it is on rising ground. Council also requests that there is no light pollution.

Council also requests that ground conditions be the subject of tests to ensure that waterlogging should not occur.

2023/1863/VRC

Beckington Parish Council wishes to make an observation further to our objection already submitted.

Council is fully aware that car parking spaces, which were the subject of condition 5 of 2021/0868/FUL were not completed until late summer of 2023 nor had dog bins been provided nor have dogs been seen being exercised on the site. These matters are considered pertinent to the current application.

106. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Council noted that Cllr Fox and Cllr Winterbourne were the Parish Council representatives on this Steering Group. Two meetings had been held with a third being held on Thursday 23rd November. Stuart Todd of Stuart Todd Associates would be attending.

The Terms of Reference were awaiting adoption and documentation had now been placed on Google Drive to allow the Steering Group to access and comment on documentation. An action plan had been developed alongside the consultation plan.

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan grant had been awarded.

107. SECTION 106 SUBMISSION

Council noted that there was no further update. The Clerk would chase this matter up.

108. SOMERSET BUS TIMETABLES

Council noted that the new bus timetable leaflets had now been printed and received. It was agreed that Cllr Ingleby-MacKenzie would take over this initiative; he would arrange a handover meeting with the outgoing Cllr Hollyoake. Cllr Winterbourne would investigate plastic holders for the leaflets to be placed at the bus stops.

109. BECKINGTON FAMILY PRACTICE

Council received an update following the meeting held on 13th November 2023 with the Practice. Cllr Wright and Cllr Ingleby-MacKenzie had attended. The practice had a patient population of 11,000 which was expected to increase to 15,000 in the next ten years. Short term plans included the siting of a portacabin to provide two extra consulting rooms. This would not affect the number of parking spaces.

Long term plans included identifying an alternative site in Beckington if possible. It was hoped this would be in part of any future development housing but it was stressed that no large scale development was currently part of the Local Plan.

The Integrated Care Board (ICB) based in Yeovil were in support of the plans but had no funding available.

Council suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to ask questions.

Following the reinstatement of Standing Orders Council considered the request to support the aims of the practice.

It was agreed that Council would support the proposal of providing a portacabin to increase capacity in principle, subject to a planning application being submitted.

110. CYCLING AND WALKING LCWIP

Council received an update from Cllr Hollyoake. The final draft plan had been submitted to Somerset Council and would be considered by the Parish Council at its next meeting in January 2024.

It was noted that discussions were taking place to extend the LCWIP to leisure as well as its current focus.

111. BECKINGTON CRICKET CLUB

Following discussion, Council agreed to defer this item regarding the proposed re-registration of the Recreation Ground to the next Council meeting in January 2024.

112. BECKINGTON ALLOTMENTS

Council noted that no further progress had been made. Cllr Bishop agreed to contact the allotment association to request the information initially promised. The draft agreement would also be updated and finalised by the Clerk.

113. COMMUNITY FUND

Council noted that an application form and guidance had been drafted and agreed. An initial budget of £5,000 had been allocated to the Community Fund and details would be uploaded onto the Council's website.

114. BOOK EXCHANGE

Council noted that an alternative location for this initiative needed to be identified. Cllr Ingleby-MacKenzie agreed to investigate options.

115. FINGER POSTS

Council agreed to obtain quotations to repaint the fingerposts at the junction of Green Lane and Rudge Lane. The Clerk would contact the contractor.

116. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Council **APPROVED** the payments outlined below:

Supplier	Service	Net	VAT	Total
Paul Russell	Locum Clerk Services Nov 23	£750.00	£0.00	£750.00
Memorial Hall	Booking	£11.25	£0.00	£11.25
HR	Governance and HR support	£770.00	£0.00	£770.00
Frome Printing Co.	Leaflet printing	£140.00	£0.00	£140.00
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£210.00	£42.00	£252.00
		£1,881.25	£42.00	£1,923.25

Council noted the Monthly expenditure overview.

117. CAB SOMERSET

Following consideration, it was agreed to request CAB to submit a grant application form for consideration at the next meeting. It was further agreed that BPC should informally consult other Parish Councils locally to discuss their proposed level of grant support.

118. COMMUNITY REVIEW

Following discussion Council agreed that it would not take up the offer to undertake a Community Review.

119. END OF YEAR AUDIT

Council noted the completion of the end of year external audit. It was agreed to address all the issues raised and ensure that an action plan was drawn up and implemented.

120. NEXT MEETING

Council noted that the next meeting of Beckington Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

There being no other business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:41pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: