

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 23rd January 2024 at 7.00pm in the Beckington Memorial Hall, Bath Road, Beckington, Frome BA11 6SH

Paul Russell

Paul Russell
Locum Clerk

Public Participation and Somerset 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

127. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

128. 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.

129. MINUTES

To formally approve and adopt the minutes of the Beckington Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 (attached)

130. PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE APPLICATIONS:

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

- Application 2023/1863/VRC: Land At 379803 152200 Bath Road Beckington

131. 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.

132. SECTION 106 SUBMISSION

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

133. SOMERSET BUS TIMETABLES

To receive an update from Cllr Ingleby-MacKenzie.

134. GRANT APPLICATION

To consider the following:

- Social Hub, St George's Church, Beckington: Grant of £300 to support the new social hub venture.
- To consider the request for support from the Parish Council by Beckington Memorial Hall to support the work to the trees around the hall.

135. 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.

136. 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.

137. COMPLAINT

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

138. BECKINGTON ALLOTMENTS

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

139. 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.

140. BOOK EXCHANGE

To receive an update on identifying a suitable location.

141. FINANCIAL MATTERS

To approve the payments outlined below:

Supplier	Service	Net	VAT	Total
St George's Church	Grant	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00
TOTAL		£8,233.34	£632.86	£8,866.20

142. COUNCIL BUDGET

Please see revised Council budget for approval.

143. NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of Beckington Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 20th February 2024.

To consider the following meeting dates commencing at 7pm in the Clifford Suite unless otherwise stated:

- Tuesday 20th February
- Tuesday 12th March
- Tuesday 9th April
- ~~Tuesday 14th May~~ Wednesday 15th May
- Tuesday 11th June – Main Hall
- Tuesday 9th July – Main Hall
- Tuesday 10th September
- Tuesday 8th October
- Tuesday 12th November

144. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Matters to be taken in the absence of Press and Public (Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960) as the items contain exempt information as defined by Standing Orders.

- (a) **Mendip Local Plan Part II: Sites and Policies – Issues and Options** Consultation. To review the Parish Council's original response.

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FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ward Councillor Dawn Denton, four members of the public and the Parish Clerk.

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

Cllr Denton presented the Ward Councillor Report, which was noted. There was a possibility that Somerset Council might declare bankruptcy on 20th February 2024.

Representations were made by two members of the public with regard to Norton St Philip Parish Council and two planning applications.

120. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

121. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No Declarations of Interests were made.

122. MINUTES

Council considered the minutes and **RESOLVED** to formally approve and adopt the minutes of the Council meetings held on Tuesday 14th November 2023.

Cllr Fox and one member of the public left the meeting.

123. 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. Council agreed to support Rode Parish Council in its **OBJECTION** to the application and requested that if approved by the case officer that determines the case conversely to the Parish Council's response above, then Beckington Parish Council politely request that the Chair

and Vice-Chair review the matter for further consideration at Somerset East's Planning Committee.

- Application 2023/2228/TCA: 5 Frome Road (Feedback report from Tree Officer to be requested as decision date was 1st January 2024). Council noted the application.

Cllr Fox and one member of the public returned to the meeting.

- Application 2023/2251/VRC: Tower Hill Barn, Mill Lane. Council agreed to leave the decision to the Case Officer.
- Application 2023/2336/HSE Tower Hill Barn, Mill Lane. Council agreed to object to this application as it was outside the limits to build development.

124. GRASS CUTTING GRANT

Under Minute 125 Council **AGREED** to allocate a grant for £400 towards the grass cutting from Beckington Memorial Hall for the year 2023/2024.

125. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Proposed by Cllr Winterbourne, seconded by Cllr Bishop. Council **RESOLVED** 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

126. PARISH PRECEPT/COUNCIL BUDGET

Council considered the draft budget and the proposed precept. Following consideration, Council **RESOLVED** to request a precept of £45,501 to help fund any additional responsibilities that may be handed down by Somerset Council in 2024/25.

A revised budget would be approved at the next meeting.

It was **AGREED** to defer the remaining business to a further meeting to be held on either 23rd or 30th January 2024.

There being no other business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8:07pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: