

BECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Beckington Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th February 2025 commencing at 7:30pm in the Beckington Memorial Hall, Bath Road, Beckington, Frome BA11 6SH.

PRESENT: Cllr Paula Fox (Chair), Cllr Anne Owen, Cllr Simon Milner, Cllr Liz Wright and Cllr Rory Ingleby-MacKenzie.

ALSO PRESENT: The Clerk to the Council.

Public participation: Two members of the public were present regarding Minute 135(b), Tower Hill application.

131. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Kevin Bishop (holiday) and Cllr Clive Winterbourne (personal)

132. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

133. MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Ingleby-MacKenzie, seconded by Cllr Owen and **RESOLVED** to formally approve and adopt the minutes of the Beckington Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 22nd January 2025.

Item 135(b) was brought forward:

Planning Application 2024/2309/FUL at Land at Tower Hill Farm – Council noted that a report was commissioned from Context Planning and an overview of the application had been drafted.

Following consideration it was proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Milner and **RESOLVED:**

- To accept the advice of Context Planning and formally object to Planning Application 2024/2309/FUL;
- Submit the Context Planning report and supporting material to the Planning Authority, including a paragraph regarding any future S106 agreement, for consideration when it made a decision on the planning application;
- That it be formally requested that the planning application be considered by the Planning East Committee.

134. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- (a) **Neighbourhood Plan Development** – It was proposed by Cllr Fox, seconded by Cllr Owen and **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Brodie Planning to

review the draft Neighbourhood Plan policies following the drafting of the Neighbourhood Plan at a cost of £1,680 + VAT.

- (b) **Consultation Budget** – Council considered the two quotations received. It was proposed by Cllr Ingleby-MacKenzie, seconded by Cllr Wright and **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation received from Company B, Brodie Planning at a cost of £2,400 + VAT.
- (c) **NPSG Public Meeting** – Council noted that this would take place on 17th February 2025. It was proposed by Cllr Milner, seconded by Cllr Owen and **RESOLVED**:
- To ratify expenditure of up to £500 + VAT to enable Brodie Planning to attend and answer questions as well as providing advice;
 - To ratify expenditure of up to £150 + VAT as budgeted to provide refreshments.

Council noted the Neighbourhood Plan update including the adoption and publication of the 13 site assessments.

Thanks was formally extended to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for holding the additional meeting on Monday 10th February 2025 to review and adopt the site assessments.

- (d) **Ditton Marsh Neighbourhood Plan** – Council noted that this plan was at Regulation 16. It was agreed to delegate the review of the plan and any comments to Cllr Ingleby-MacKenzie and Cllr Wright.

135. PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE APPLICATIONS:

- (a) The following applications will be considered:

Proposal: Ash - Fell.
Location: 14 Church Street Beckington Frome Somerset BA11 6TG
Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA
Application: 2025/0179/TCA
Comment: No Objection

Appeal APP/E3335/W/24/3357975 - 2024/0560/FUL - 22 Frome Road Beckington - D Kelly (Erection of 2 dwellings) and Appeal APP/E3335/W/24/3357955 - 2024/0511/FUL - 22 Frome Road, Beckington - D Kelly – Council agreed to delegate the development of a response to Cllrs Ingleby-MacKenzie and Wright

- (b) **Planning Application 2024/2309/FUL at Land at Tower Hill Farm** – A formal response was considered under Minute 133 above.

Council ratified the appointment of Brodie Planning to review the Context Planning Report. The cost would be £80 and hour plus VAT.

136. ALLOTMENT AGREEMENT

Council agreed to defer this item until the March meeting as a hard copy of the agreement was not available.

137. BOUNDARY REVIEW

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Fox, seconded by Cllr Owen and **RESOLVED** to develop a response to the Boundary Review Commission regarding the proposed boundary changes, obtain agreement from members, submit the response by 4th March 2025 and ratify that response at the Full Council meeting to be held on 11th March 2025.

138. CHURCH NOTICE BOARD AND PEDESTRIAN SIGNAGE AT THE END OF SUE'S WALK BECKINGTON

Council agreed to defer this item until the March meeting due to the limited amount of time available to give the matter due consideration.

139. NETWORK MAGAZINE

Council noted the report presented by Cllr Owen regarding Network articles. It was agreed to submit an article on planning in March and then a precept article in April.

140. FACEBOOK POSTS

Council noted the report presented by Cllr Owen regarding the setting up and posting of regular Facebook updates about the work of the Parish Council. It was agreed to create a Business Facebook page using the Clerk's email address.

Thanks were extended to Cllr Owen for all the work she had put into these two important communication items.

141. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) **Internal Audit** – Following consideration of the three quotations received, it was proposed by Cllr Fox, seconded by Cllr Milner and **RESOLVED** to appoint Hillside Business as the Council's new internal auditor for 2024/25.

(b) **2023/24 Year End External Audit** – Council noted the Year End external audit report from PKF Littlejohn. The notice of conclusion of audit would be uploaded onto the website.

(c) **Payments** – It was proposed by Cllr Fox, seconded by Cllr Ingleby-MacKenzie and **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Supplier	Reason	Net	VAT	Total
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6.00	£0.00	£6.00
Context Planning	Planning Advice	£3,000.00	£600.00	£3,600.00
Paul Russell	Expenses Feb 25	£67.40	£0.00	£67.40
Paul Russell	Salary Feb 25	£551.25	£0.00	£551.25
HMRC Cumbernauld	PAYE Feb 25	£137.60	£0.00	£137.60

Beckington Memorial Hall	Room Hire (3/12/24)	£18.00	£0.00	£18.00
Beckington Memorial Hall	Room Hire (5/11/24)	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
Beckington Memorial Hall	Room Hire (27/01/25)	£4.00	£0.00	£4.00
Beckington Memorial Hall	Room Hire (14/01/25)	£28.00	£0.00	£28.00
Beckington Memorial Hall	Room Hire (2025)	£204.00	£0.00	£204.00
PKF Littlejohn	Audit	£315.00	£63.00	£378.00
		£4,351.25	£663.00	£5,014.25

142. NEXT MEETING

Council noted that the next scheduled meeting of Beckington Parish Council would be held on Tuesday 11th March 2025 commencing at 6:45pm.

There being no other business the Chair thanked Members for attending and closed the meeting at 9:18pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: