

Beckford Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held online
21st September 2020

Present

Martin Spice (Chairman), Nettie Mantle (Vice Chairman), Diane Colvin, Anne Worrall, Chris Revell.

In Attendance

D Roscoe (Parish Clerk) and Cllr Darby.

1378 Apologies for absence from Parish Councillors.

1378.1 Apologies were received from David Nicholds.

1379 Declaration of interest.

1379.1 None declared.

1380 Requests for Dispensation.

1380.1 None submitted

1381 Minutes.

1381.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th July 2020 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

1382 County Councillors Report

1382.1. Cllr Hardman's report was distributed. No decisions were required of the Parish Council.

1383 District Councillors Report

1383.1 Cllr Darby's report was distributed. No decisions were required of the Parish Council.

1383.2 Councillor Darby will distribute his draft response to the change in Planning Rules Consultation for consideration by the Parish Council.

1384 Clerk's Report

1384.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

1385 Finance

1385.1 The Bank Reconciliation & Receipts & payments information had been circulated by email by David Roscoe (RFO) and were accepted. Proposed: Cllr Colvin, seconded: Cllr Spice. Unanimous

1385.2 It was resolved that the following payments be approved. Proposed: Cllr Colvin, seconded: Cllr Spice. Unanimous

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
23/07/2020	Diane Colvin	OB191	78.16	0.00	Printing Costs
12/09/2020	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	425.78	0.00	Clerks Salary
04/08/2020	EON	OB192	23.61	0.00	Street Lighting
05/08/2020	Smartwater	OB193	2254.80	375.80	Smartwater Kits
12/10/2020	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	507.75	0.00	Clerks Salary
22/09/2020	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB194	115.35	7.08	Clerks Expenses
20/08/2020	1&1 Internet	DD	54.00	9.00	Web Hosting

1385.3 The clerk's expenses was approved. Proposed Councillor Worrall, seconded Councillor Mantle. Unanimous

1385.4 The budget 2020/21 was reviewed and approved.

1385.5 The Clerk explained the recent national annual pay rise increase in the clerks salary.

1386 Planning

1386.1 Current planning applications were considered:

Appl Number	Application	Update
20/00930/HP	The GranaryManor FarmGraftonBeckfordTewkesburyGL20 7AT	Two storey extension. Approved
20/01088/HP	Chestnut CloseMain StreetBeckfordTewkesburyGL20 7AD	Demolish existing single storey garage. Construct two storey side extension, convert roof space into a habitable room. Variation of condition 2 of planning reference 19/01552/HP. Approved
20/01802/HP	1 Pimlico CottagesCheltenham RoadBeckfordTewkesburyGL20 7AL	Single Storey Rear Extension with minor internal alterations. No objections.
20/00511/HP	Manor FarmGraftonBeckfordTewkesburyGL20 7AT	Installation of air source heat pumps, relocation of car ports and roof to pigsty on east barn. No objections.
20/01803/HP	1 Back Lane CottagesBack LaneBeckfordTewkesburyGL20 7AF	Rear Single Storey Extension. No objections.

1387 To Review the Risk Register including Little Beckford Playground.

1387.1 The Risk Register was reviewed. No issues to report.

1387.2 In principle there were no objections from the Parish Council to the reopening of the playground in Little Beckford but consideration needed to be given to any potential changes in the lockdown situation. Councillor Worrall will liaise with Councillor Nicholds.

1388 To discuss position regarding the A46.

1388.1 Councillor Nicholds report was distributed.

1388.2 **It was agreed that** a working group led by Councillor Nicholds should be formed.

1388.3 It was suggested that councillor Nicholds makes contact with The A46 Action Group (TAAG) in Teddington who have a lot of information concerning the recent proposals for a junction 9A on the M5 plus a dual carriage route from the Teddington Roundabout. The Clerk can provide contact details.

1389 To agree action on hedge cutting along the Cheltenham Road, Little Beckford

1389.1 **Action:** The Clerk will report that hedge cutting is required along the Cheltenham Road on either side of the entrance to Little Beckford.

1390 To discuss the Lengthsman position.

1390.1 **It was agreed that** the Lengthsman vacancy be kept under review until Spring 2021. An item on this vacancy will be added to the newsletter.

1391 To discuss strimming of bollards on the bank in Back Lane.

1391.1 Due to the lack of a Lengthsman, it was agreed that the strimming of the bollards would not be undertaken. This was due to insurance and working on the highway health and safety issues.

1391.2 Much discussion took place regarding the maintenance and upkeep of the bank. Due to the fact that this was not the direct responsibility of the Parish Council it was suggested that local residents form an action group to take up the matter with the Highways England Historical Railways Estate.

1392 To discuss the state of drains on the Cheltenham Road section at the entrance to LB and Western Hill Road.

1392.1 **It was agreed that**, due to the fact that the Worcestershire Hub required an exact location using their map technology on their Report It Site (https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it), Councillor Nicholds would be asked to identify the exact location using their Report It facility.

1393 To discuss replacement of the noticeboard in Little Beckford.

1393.1 **Action:** Councillors Worrall and Colvin will liaise to obtain a quotation for a replacement noticeboard at Little Beckford.

1394 To agree a policy regarding the use of the container and keyholders.

1394.1 **Action:** Councillor Spice will email Beckford Village Hall to assess if there is any interest in purchasing the container.

1395 To agree a Defibrillator Policy.

1395.1 **It was resolved** that the Defibrillator Policy produced by Councillor Mantle be adopted with an annual review in 12 months time. Proposed Councillor Spice, seconded Councillor Worrall.

1396 To discuss Resilience/Catastrophe Planning.

1396.1 Measures could not be extended due to Covid 19 restrictions at this time, but satisfactory resources are currently in place. Deferred until Spring 2021.

1397 To discuss Website Accessibility Regulations.

1397.1 **It was agreed that** the Website Accessibility Statement be adopted and published on the website. It was further agreed to progress the possibility of installing a new website specifically tailored for Parish Councils. Cost will be discussed at the Budget Meeting in November.

1398 To discuss Town and Parish Survey.

1398.1 **It was agreed that** no comments will be made by the Parish Council.

1399 To discuss production on next Newsletter and to include conditions regarding the use of bonfires in the parish

1399.1 An article would be added to the next newsletter informing residents on the advice from Wychavon DC regarding the use of bonfires and to better promote recycling instead.

1400 To consider progress regarding application of New Homes Bonus following grant request from Beckford Village Community Hall (BCVH) and a joint working party.

1400.1 Council was informed that they were still awaiting the response from the Village Hall to the clerk's email regarding the process for the release of grant money. Councillor Colvin will contact the Village Hall to assess progress.

1401 To consider request for contribution towards the costs of electric car charging points at the village hall.

1401.1 **It was agreed that** the Parish Council would not be making grants towards an electric car charging point..

1402 To agree meetings policy through the autumn/winter and into spring next year.

1402.1 **It was agreed that** the use of the online conferencing software would continue for the foreseeable future.

1403 Items for Future Agenda

1403.1 No items raised.

**Date of Next Online Meeting 16th November 2020. This will also be a Budget meeting.
The meeting closed at 8.57pm**