

**Beckford Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**  
**15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in Beckford Village Hall**

**Present**

Martin Spice (Chairman), Nettie Mantle (Vice Chairman), Diane Colvin, David Nicholds and Anne Worrall.

**In Attendance**

David Roscoe (Parish Clerk), Councillor Darby, Councillor Hardman and 2 members of the public

**1532 Apologies for absence.**

1532.1 No apologies.

**1533 Declaration of interest.**

1533.1 None declared.

**1534 Requests for Dispensation.**

1534.1 None submitted

**1535 Minutes.**

1535.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

**1536 County Councillors Report**

1536.1 Councillor Hardman gave his report.

1536.2 discussion took place regarding the parking issues at the bus stop and Councillor Spice explained the need for some kind of restriction.

**1537 District Councillors Report**

1537.1 Cllr Darby had emailed his report to council (see attached). No decisions were required of the Parish Council.

**1538 Clerk's Report**

1538.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

**1539 Finance**

1539.1 The Bank Reconciliation & Receipts & payments information had been circulated by David Roscoe (RFO) and were accepted. Proposed: Cllr Mantle, seconded: Cllr Colvin. Unanimous

1539.2 **It was resolved that** the following payments be approved. Proposed: Cllr Mantle, seconded Cllr Colvin Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
21/09/2021	BCVH	OB244	25.00	0.00	Hall Hire
12/11/2021	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	473.33	0.00	Clerks Salary
03/10/2021	Simon Brown (July/Aug)	OB245	120.00	0.00	Speed Sign Maintenance
12/10/2021	EON	OB246	25.03	1.19	Electricity
14/10/2021	Westcotec	OB247	201.00	33.50	Speed Sign Maintenance
14/10/2021	M Wing	OB248	1107.00	0.00	Playground Maintenance
29/10/2021	M Wing	OB249	230.00	0.00	Painting Telephone Box
29/10/2021	CPRE	OB250	36.00	0.00	Subs
29/10/2021	Signs of Cheshire Limited	OB251	1062.00	177.00	Parish Noticeboard
16/11/2021	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB252	108.83	2.52	Clerks Expenses

- 1539.3. The Clerks Expenses were reviewed and approved. Proposed Councillor Colvin, seconded Councillor Mantle. Unanimous.
- 1539.4 The budget for 2021/22 was reviewed and accepted.
- 1539.5 The budget for 2022/23 was discussed and approved.
- 1539.6 It was resolved that the Precept for 2022/23 at £20,339. Proposed Councillor Worrall, seconded Councillor Colvin. Unanimous.

## 1540 Planning

1540.1 Current planning applications were considered:

Appl. Number	Application	Details	Result
21/01366/HP	1 The Gables Main Street Beckford GL20 7AD	Proposed rear and side extension	Approved
21/01595/HP	Annexe At Byre Cottage Blacksmiths Lane Beckford Tewkesbury GL20 7AH	Replacement of garage and house extension	Approved
21/01508/HP	Lone Pine 6 Beckford Close Beckford GL20 7AG	Roof extension, garage conversion and new detached double garage	Approved
21/01809/HP	Sycamores Main Street Beckford Tewkesbury GL20 7AD	Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling, erection of new detached hobby room and landscaping.	Objections submitted 18/10/21
21/02336/FUL	Building At (Os 9875 3719)Manor Farm Grafton Beckford	Erection of dwelling. Amendments to planning permission 20/02452/FUL.	No comments
21/02360/LB	The GranaryManor Farm Grafton Beckford Tewkesbury GL20 7AT	Two storey side extension- amendment to 20/00931/LB to include moving of an internal wall to en-suite and additional conservation roof light	No objections
21/02260/HP	Brook Farm Cheltenham Road Beckford Tewkesbury GL20 7AN	Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and porch to side. Erection of rear extension and porch to front.	No objections
21/02009/FUL	Mullberry Cottage Back Lane Beckford GL20 7AF	Change of use of Building currently used for holiday accommodation to C3 (a) dwelling	Approved

## 1541 To review the Risk Register including Little Beckford Playground

1518.1 The Risk Register was reviewed. It was noticed that the Grafton noticeboard had broken glass and dog mess hindered its approach.

## 1542 To update the Council on the progress made by FWAG in assessing the scope for natural flood management along the Alstone Brook.

1542.1 The scoping work by The Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) is ongoing: an initial site visit took place in October and various types of alleviation work (including leaky woody dams and hedge planting) are being considered at points along the Alstone Brook, probably as part of a larger flood alleviation project. Any scheme will take time as it will require the consent of all affected landowners and funding from the Environment Agency. Cllr Nicholds to report further progress at the next Council meeting.

## 1543 To discuss position regarding the A46 including the request to join a local Parish Council's group to address safety concerns.

- 1543.1 It was noted that the roadworks on the A 46 were related to the Traffic Management initiative.
- 1543.2 Councillor Hardman confirmed that over 5000 signatures had now been received with regard to the issues on the A 46 especially following the recent fatality and he was therefore awaiting further comments from Highways.
- 1543.3 The Parish Council expressed support for the joint local Parish Council Group but awaits the outcome of the approach by Councillor Hardman to Highways before joining any group.
- 1543.4 Details of the petition will be added to our next newsletter.
- 1543.5 The standing item relates to the proposed dualling of the road through our community. Cllr Nicholds reported:

- The A46 Partnership met last on 6 October. It's agenda includes updates from key players and on the proposed Garden Town. However, no minutes were available online as of the date of the PC meeting.
- Glos CC has deferred its proposed public consultation on the J9/A46 new route to relieve Ashchurch (due last Summer) until some time in 2022.
- The Teddington and Alstone A46 Advisory Group continues to do sterling work keeping an eye on things – take a look at their website if you want more information.

**1544 To update re Smartwater Project**

1544.1 Almost 60% of Parish households have registered, with a further 30 or so required to reach the 70% target required for installation of “We Don't Buy Crime” signage at points throughout the Parish. Police officers from the local crime prevention team are willing to help with the final push and we propose a sign up session with them outside the shop in Beckford and tempting locals to participate via the offer of a free coffee.

**1545 To discuss defibrillator funding and cabinet replacement**

1545.1 **It was resolved that** a budget of £4000 will be allocated to the 2022/23 budget.

**1546 To agree items for the next Newsletter**

1546.1 Councillor Mantle confirmed that the newsletter was progressing and new items were added pending the final draft.

**1547 To agree actions re new noticeboard(s) for Beckford and Little Beckford**

1547.1 **It was resolved that** a 2<sup>nd</sup> noticeboard for Little Beckford would be purchased using the same design and dimensions for an amount of £885 plus VAT. Proposed Councillor Worrall, seconded Councillor Spice. Unanimous.

1547.2 **It was resolved that** Mike wing would erect the new signs in Beckford and Little Beckford at an estimated cost of £200. Proposed Councillor Worrall, seconded Councillor Spice. Unanimous.

**1548 Items for the next agenda**

1548.1 To discuss village gateways at each end of Beckford village.

**The meeting closed at 9.35 pm**

**The date of the next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7:30 PM**

**Report by District Councillor Adrian Darby to Beckford Parish Council**

In my last report I said there was nothing on the agenda of the September Planning Committee of particular interest to Beckford. However I was wrong about this, in that I should have pointed out that there was a report on the South Worcestershire Five Year Housing Land Supply, which is of importance to all parishes. This showed a position of 5.76 years, but this has not been formally tested at a planning inquiry. It is of huge importance that we can demonstrate that we have at least five years, so that our existing housing policies should be given full weight.

Since your last meeting I have attended two further planning committee meetings and this time I think I can safely say that there was nothing of particular relevance for Beckford.

I also attended the October meeting of the Joint Advisory Panel overseeing the SWDP Review and am due to attend the November one on Wednesday. Because of the delay which I talked about in my last report there has been little business other than keeping a watching brief over the whole plan making process to ensure that the review does not fall any further behind.

So far as recent Beckford applications are concerned I have been in touch with the case officer to make sure that the parish council's objections to the application at Sycamores have been given proper weight, and have queried whether the conservation officer was happy with the enlargement of the Building at Manor Farm. The other applications seemed non-controversial.

Covid numbers are now rising again, and sadly have included Cllr Adrian Hardman who I understand is making a good recovery. I hope to see you on Monday evening.

AMGD

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