

Beckford Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
21st March 2022 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 and 1 member of the public

The Chairman noted the resignation of Chris Revel and thanked him for his services.

1549 Apologies for absence.

1549.1 No apologies.

1550 Declaration of interest.

1550.1 None declared.

1551 Requests for Dispensation.

1551.1 None submitted

1552 Minutes.

1552.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th November 2021 and 17th January 2022 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

1553 County Councillors Report

1553.1 No report.

1554 District Councillors Report

1554.1 Cllr Darby had emailed his report to council (see attached). No decisions were required of the Parish Council.

1555 Clerk's Report

1555.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

1556 Finance

1556.1 The Bank Reconciliation & Receipts & payments information had been circulated by David Roscoe (RFO) and were accepted. Proposed: Cllr Colvin, seconded: Cllr Mantle. Unanimous

1556.2 **It was resolved that** the following payments be approved. Proposed: Cllr Colvin, seconded Cllr Mantle Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
23/12/2021	ICO	DD	35.00	0.00	Information Commissioner
19/01/2022	BCVH	OB269	30.00	0.00	Hall Hire
25/01/2022	Parish Online	OB270	64.80	10.80	Mapping Software
12/03/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	473.33	0.00	Clerks Salary
07/02/2022	S Brown (Nov/Dec)	OB271	120.00	0.00	Speed Sign Maintenance
01/03/2022	Communicorp	OB272	12.00	0.00	Clerks Magazine
18/02/2022	Overbury Estates	OB273	150.00	25.00	Grass Cutting
01/03/2022	Netwise	OB274	360.00	60.00	Web Hosting
07/03/2022	M Wing	OB275	198.00	0.00	Noticeboard Installation
07/03/2022	M Wing	OB276	30.00	0.00	LB Playground Maintenance
07/03/2022	Netwise	OB277	18.00	3.00	Domain Name Renewal

31/03/2022	D Roscoe (Back Pay)	OB278	102.96	0.00	Back Pay
23/03/2022	BCVH	OB279	30.00	0.00	Hall Hire
22/03/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB280	153.30	9.93	Clerks Expenses

- 1556.3 The Clerks Expenses were reviewed and approved. Proposed Councillor Mantle, seconded Councillor Worrall. Unanimous.
- 1556.4 The budget for 2021/22 was reviewed and accepted.
- 1556.5 **It was resolved that** Iain Selkirk be appointed as our internal auditor for the 2021/22 audit at a cost of £110. Proposed Councillor Worrall, seconded Councillor Spice. Unanimous.
- 1556.6 **It was resolved that** the Chairman's Allowance of £200 be paid. Proposed Councillor Colvin, seconded Councillor Mantle. Unanimous.

1557 Planning

1557.1 Current planning applications were considered:

Appl. Number	Application	Details	Result
21/02336/FUL	Building At (Os 9875 3719)Manor Farm Grafton Beckford	Erection of dwelling. Amendments to planning permission 20/02452/FUL.	Approved
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	Approved
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.	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	Approved
W/22/00090/HP	Wishanger Blacksmiths Lane Beckford Tewkesbury GL20 7AH	Extensions and Alterations. (Revised scheme to 21/00415/HP)	Permit
22/00080/PIP	Land At (Os 9795 3584) Station Road Beckford	Application for Permission in Principle for the construction 1no. self-build dwelling	Approved
W/22/00168/HP	Ashbrook House Station Road Beckford Tewkesbury GL20 7AD	Erection of front porch and single storey extension to the side/rear	No objections

1558 To review the Risk Register including Little Beckford Playground

- 1559.1 The Risk Register was reviewed It was noted that the roof on the bus shelter by the pub has lifted.
Action: The Clerk will ask Mike Wing to inspect and report.

1559 To update the Council on the progress made by FWAG in assessing the scope for natural flood management along the Alstone Brook.

- 1542.1 Councillor Nicholds advised that there was nothing more to add than what has already been reported in the January report.

1560 To discuss position regarding the A46.

- 1560.1 Cllr Nicholds confirmed that Glos CC's planned public consultation on a potential route from the M5 to Teddington Hands is again delayed and that there was no clarity on when it would take place. In short, there was no progress to report.

1561 To agree actions regarding traffic restriction markings at the bus stop in Beckford.

- 1561.1 Cllr Colvin reported that she had met with Barry Barnes from Worcestershire highways who acknowledged that the buses were unable to pull into the bus stop when restricted by parked vehicles.
- 1561.2 However he informed Councillor Colvin that parking restriction markings were not allowed in a conservation area.
- 1561.3 It was agreed that this advice should not be accepted by the Parish Council (for example Overbury has parking restriction markings and they are also in a conservation area). Councillor Colvin will talk again with Barry Barnes.

- 1561.4 **Action:** The Clerk will contact the Overbury and Congleton Parish Clerk to enquire what they have done.
- 1561.5 The Clerk will forward the link to the Gloucestershire “20s Plenty” initiative for information.
- 1562 To update re Smartwater Project**
- 1562.1 Councillor Nicolds reported that 70% of the Parish households had now registered thereby qualifying signs throughout the area.
- 1562.2 The preferred wording for the signs was requested and A1 signs would be used.
- 1563 To discuss the Grant Application from Beckford Community Village Hall.**
- 1563.1 **It was resolved that** grants to Beckford Community Village Hall be agreed as follows:
- Contribution to costs of mowing children’s play area £492.90
 - Hire of flail mower £136.56
 - Clearing shrub in line with report from National Networks £320.00 (30% of amount claimed)
- the above amounts were proposed by Councillor Worrall and seconded by Councillor Spice. Unanimous.
- Mowing of village hall field for 2022 (payable on submission of invoices) £1632.90
- the above amount was proposed by Councillor Spice and seconded by Councillor Colvin. Unanimous.
- 1564 To agree cost and purchase for new defibrillator cabinet for Beckford Community Village Hall and new defibrillator for Beckford kiosk.**
- 1564.1 **It was resolved that** an expenditure of £2500 (ex VAT) be approved for the defibrillator and cabinet plus £100 for fitting to be located in the kiosk in Beckford. Proposed Councillor Mantle, seconded Councillor Colvin. Unanimous.
- 1564.2 **It was also resolved that** an expenditure of £500 (ex VAT) be approved for the replacement of the defibrillator cabinet at the village hall. Proposed Councillor Mantle, seconded Councillor Colvin. Unanimous.
- 1565 To consider the installation of village Gateways**
- 1565.1 Councillor Colvin confirmed she was awaiting cost from Barry Barnes, Worcestershire Highways.
- 1565.2 Locations had been agreed with him at both entrances to the village.
- 1566 To consider the purchase of an additional speed sign.**
- 1566.1 **Action:** Councillor Colvin will obtain costs from Barry Barnes, Worcestershire Highways for a solar powered speed sign and seek further technical information regarding longevity.
- 1567 To agree a communication with the parish residents policy.**
- 1567.1 **Action:** Councillor Mantle will liaise with the Parish Magazine to include the Parish Council Newsletter.
- 1568 To discuss the planting of trees for the Queens Jubilee.**
- 1568.1 **It was agreed that** the Council would contribute to the cost of planting fruit trees. Proposed: Councillor Worrall, Seconded Councillor Spice. Unanimous.
- 1569 To discuss the Open Village Event.**
- 1569.1 Event is to be renamed Beckford Jubilee Celebrations as it coincided with the Queens Jubilee dates of 4th & 5th June.
- 1569.2 Council has been asked for the grass to be cut as close to this date as possible.
- 1569.3 Council was asked to consider placing a plaque on the Jubilee stone to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. We may need to obtain consent as the stone is listed. **Action:** Councillor Mantle agreed to look into what is needed.
- 1570 Items for the next agenda**
- 1570.1 To discuss

- Speed signs
- Village gates
- Jubilee Celebration plaque
- Bus signs
- Defibrillators
- Smartwater
- Clearing the overgrowth along the new path at Station Road

The meeting closed at 9.32 pm

The date of the next meeting 16th May 2022 at 7:30 PM. This will also be the AGM and Annual Parish Meeting.

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Report by Wychavon Councillor Adrian Darby to Beckford Parish Council

Since your last meeting in January I have only attended three meetings at Wychavon, two of the **Planning Committee** and the other of **Council**. At the February planning meeting there were five applications considered of which four were approved. The exception was an application for three gypsy pitches at Comhampton Lane Dunhampton Ombersley which was refused, despite officers' recommendation for approval, on the grounds of poor access and being contrary to SWDP policy SWDP 17. It was noted that Wychavon can demonstrate a robust 5 year supply of gypsy and traveller pitches.

At the meeting of 3 March there were only three applications, none of which affect Beckford. All were approved. I did not call the application at Sycamores into the Committee as I considered that the amendments had met the substantive planning objections. The next meeting on 31 March will be much longer with nine applications likely to be considered, two of which relate to the 500 dwellings and a primary school at Mitton.

There is only one outstanding planning application on your agenda to which you have raised no objection and two applications for tree works at Sycamores and Westville

Council Meeting on 23 February.

This was the meeting which considers the budget and fixes the council tax.

The Liberal Democrats had proposed an amendment to the budget which would have earmarked three tranches of £1million pounds each from the council's capital reserves to spend over the next three years to

- (1) Increase household energy efficiency in the district by establishing a grant/loans scheme for households in Council Tax bands A-C to fund installation of energy saving devices in their homes and improve insulation
- (2) Create new wetlands for increased biodiversity, carbon storage and natural flood management.
- (3) Reduce carbon emissions from Wychavon's leisure centres.

All of these projects were envisaged as giving impetus to the council's Intelligently Green plan which the Lib Dems regarded as lacking ambition. We were not successful in persuading the conservative majority to support our amendment although members of the Green party did vote for it.

The proposal to keep Wychavon's part of the council tax unchanged was passed unanimously.

We also considered a proposal by the Boundaries Commission to change the reduce the number of councillors and two enlarge each ward somewhat. The proposal for South Bredon Hill is that it should lose Westmancote to Bredon ward and include Sedgeberrow. Wychavon Council resolved to approve this proposal so Ashton may no longer find itself at the end of the ward. There was also a decision to review the Scheme of Delegation, the procedure for dealing with planning applications, so as to bring Wychavon and Malvern Hills DC into conformity. One implication of this is that, from now on, ward councillors seeking to refer applications to the planning committee will have to produce good planning reasons to go against officers' recommendations. I felt that I could not call in the application at Sycamores applying this test (see above).

I have also attended two JAP meetings on Zoom which continued its work on overseeing the Review of the South Worcestershire Development plan. The proposed consultation draft should be ready by the end of this month to present on Zoom to Wychavon councillors at the end of this month. There should be a presentation to Parish Councillors on 7th July.

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