

Beckford Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
18th July 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), one member of the public, Councillor Darby and Councillor Hardman.

1607 Apologies for absence.

1607.1 No apologies.

1608 Declaration of interest.

1608.1 None declared.

1609 Requests for Dispensation.

1588.1 None submitted

1610 Minutes.

1610.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th May 2022 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

1611 County Councillors Report

1611.1 Councillor Hardman circulated his report for discussion (see copy below.)

1612 District Councillors Report

1612.1 Cllr Darby circulated his report for discussion (see copy below).

1613 Clerk's Report

1613.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

1614 Finance

1614.1 The Bank Reconciliation & Receipts & payments information had been circulated by David Roscoe (RFO) and were accepted. Proposed: Cllr Spice, seconded: Cllr Worrall. Unanimous

1614.2 **It was resolved that** the following payments be approved. Proposed: Cllr Spice, seconded Cllr Worrall Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
20/05/2022	CHT	OB291	2118.00	353.00	Defibrillator
20/05/2022	CHT	OB292	864.00	144.00	Defibrillator
24/05/2022	S Brown	OB293	120.00	0.00	Speed Sign Maintenance
12/06/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	481.91	0.00	Clerks Salary
20/06/2022	M Wing	OB294	38.00	0.00	Playground Repairs
12/07/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	481.91	0.00	Clerks Salary
06/07/2022	Wychavon DC	OB295	100.34	16.72	Dog Bin Emptying Fee
19/07/2022	BCVH	OB296	24.00	0.00	Hall Hire
19/07/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB297	136.59	0.00	Clerks Expenses

1614.3 The Clerks Expenses were reviewed and approved. Proposed Councillor Colvin, seconded Councillor Spice. Unanimous.

1614.4 The budget for 2022/23 was reviewed and accepted.

1615 Planning

1615.1 Current planning applications were considered:

Appl. Number	Application	Details	Result
W/22/00910/LB	Manor FarmGraftonBeckfordTewkesburyGL20 7AT	Conversion of the cart shed to a single dwelling - amended scheme approved under W/16/01231/PN and W/16/01232/LBC and 18/0139/LBC	No objections
W/22/01346/HP	Mullberry Cottage Back Lane Beckford Tewkesbur yGL20 7AF	Extension to dwelling and detached garage	No comments made by the Parish Council
W/22/00909/FUL	Manor FarmGraftonBeckfordTewkesburyGL20 7AT	Conversion of listed and curtilage listed barns to four permanent dwellings; erection of two car port buildings and all associated works. (Variation of condition 3 Ref. Prev S73 - 18/01119/FUL - original app 16/012312/PN - amended scheme for the Cart shed	No objections

1616 To review the Risk Register including Little Beckford Playground

1616.1 The Risk Register was reviewed and no issues were raised. Individual Councillors responsibilities were updated.

1617 To update the Council on the progress made by FWAG in assessing the scope for natural flood management along the Alstone Brook.

1617.1 Reactivating the disused soakaway at Gilder's Farm gate / Old Cheltenham Road – Cllr Nicholds reported that new drains are scheduled to be installed by Worcestershire CC's contractors at the site during the week of 1 August

1617.2 Alstone Brook – Cllr Nicholds had no substantive progress to report regarding this tributary and the upstream natural flood management proposals made by the Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group and on which Cllr Nicholds has reported previously.

1618 To discuss position regarding the A46.

1618.1 Cllr Nicholds referred the Council to the ongoing work being undertaken by the Teddington & Alstone Advisory Group, which is keeping a close eye on developments (see <https://taagroup.co.uk> for more information).

1619 To progress the Speed Check and Local Safety Working Party (Village Gates, Speed Signs, Speed Control).

1619.1 **Action:** Councillor Colvin will obtain up-to-date prices and options and circulate to the members of the Parish Council.

1619.2 It was suggested that, once the new solar speed sign had been obtained for Main Street, Beckford, Back Lane could be added to the current speed sign rotational program.

1620 To discuss and update position regarding the Lengthsman.

1620.1 It was noted that Mike Wing was no longer available for Lengthsman duties.

1620.2 **Action:** The Clerk will contact local Lengthsmen at Ashton under Hill and Pershore to see if they would be interested in the role.

1621 To adopt the new Code of Conduct

1621.1 **It was resolved that** the new Code of Conduct be accepted. Proposed Councillor Spice, seconded Councillor Worrall. Unanimous.

1622 To update progress regarding the Jubilee Orchard.

1622.1 **It was resolved** in principle that a donation of approximately £150 be made available to the Village Hall for the planting of trees with a plaque. Approx £150 cost. Proposed Councillor Colvin, seconded Councillor Spice. Unanimous.

1623 To consider the grant application from Beckford Church.

1623.1 **It was resolved that** the grant application of £900 from Beckford Church be approved. Proposed Councillor Colvin, seconded Councillor Worrall. Unanimous.

1624 To agree items for the next Newsletter.

1624.1 Councillor Mantle updated progress regarding the newsletter for further articles.

1625 Items for the next agenda

1625.1 To discuss receive suggestions for the funding of future Community Projects.

1625.2 To discuss progress regarding the Severn Trent Sewerage issue.

1625.3 To agree the purchase of an additional new flower tub.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

The date of the next meeting 3rd October 2022 at 7:30 PM.

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Beckford Parish Council

County Councillor Adrian Hardman

18/07/2022

Dear all,

Just a few things to update you on,

The County Council budget out turn was satisfactory from my point of view but we did fail to deliver some £5.3 million worth of savings target which we are rolling into this year because I think it is reasonable that due to COVID-19 some of these projects never got going.

I continue to be concerned by COVID-19 and the new variants and as I write this we have over 100 people with the virus in our hospital but mercifully only two in intensive care and I do not think that this problem has gone away. Highways maintenance continues to be affected by the high cost of oil since oil is about 40% of the cost of tarmac; in effect means that our budget has been reduced considerably as we experience above 100 dollars a barrel of oil prices but I suspect we are seeing at this price level some demand destruction and we'll see some price reduction to a lower level by the end of the summer.

We are in the process of introducing the new social care reforms and this is turning out to be any a big challenge because I think that the government will need to put considerably more money into the system in due course and I hope that the new team down in Whitehall is aware of this.

Seems to be in some confusion caused by Calc over 20 miles an hour speed limits. just to be clear the position of the County Council is unchanged we are willing to consider 20 mile limits in areas of high accident rates, outside schools and in areas where we don't have to undertake considerable road engineering to get compliance.

I look forward to hearing the update on the works that were carried out to improve the prospects of flood mitigation in little Beckford.

Adrian

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Report by District Councillor Adrian Darby to Beckford Parish Council

Things have been pretty slack since I reported to your annual parish council meeting in May.

There have been two meetings of the Planning Committee. That in May had only one item – a very marked contrast from the excitement of the previous meeting. That in June was only a little longer. It had three items, two dealing with the same site at Boat Lane Evesham, which were deferred because of the discovery of human remains by the

archaeological survey. The July meeting is to be held this Thursday and it has only five items on the agenda, two of which relate to the same application. None of these will have any impact on Beckford, as four relate to Droitwich and one to Ombersley. I look forward to seeing your comments on the two outstanding Beckford planning applications. There were also two meetings of JAP which reviewed the risks of further delays to the timetable and kept a watch on the progress of the SWDP Review. A further one is to be held this Wednesday. We now have an approximate date for the publication of the draft SWDP Review. It will be considered by the three councils in October and, if approved, will go out to public consultation in November and early December. This will be the Regulation 19 Publication and any objections or comments from the public will be considered directly by the Planning Inspector.

There was a special Council meeting after the Executive Board on 22 June, which I did not attend, to deal with the Board's proposals for the Pershore Station Carpark and footbridge and the Droitwich Leisure Centre feasibility study. The regular July Council meeting is also to be held on this Wednesday.

Two notices of motion have been proposed for this meeting, one of which, put forward by the Lib Dem group, is of particular relevance to Beckford since it deals with the number of discharges of raw sewage into local watercourses, and cites Beckford Sewage treatment works as a notable offender. The second is proposed jointly by the Lib Dems and the Greens. It deals with the protection of and engagement with those living in private rented property. I will have to declare an interest in this as I own some rented cottages.

In addition there is a Council Debate, also presented by a Lib Dem Councillor, Charles Tucker, entitled ' Not heating, eating or meeting bills: managing a cost of living crisis on a low income' (a report by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation) – the implications for the Wychavon area and what we can do to address the issues it raises.

The agenda for this meeting is available on the Wychavon website. If you Google Wychavon Meetings you will be led to the Archive of Agenda Reports and Minutes and you can find these two notices of motion and the details of the JRF report under Council Agenda 20 July. It should be a lively meeting.

You will see that the boundary commission is accepting Wychavon's proposal for the enlarged South Bredon Hill ward which I reported last time.

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