

**Beckford Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**October 2022 in Beckford Village Hall**

**Present**

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

**In Attendance**

David Roscoe (Parish Clerk) and Councillor Darby.

**1626 Apologies for absence.**

1626.1 Apologies were received from Martin Spice (Chairman). In the absence of Mr Spice, Mrs Mantle assumed the chair.

**1627 Declaration of interest.**

1627.1 None declared.

**1628 Requests for Dispensation.**

1628.1 None submitted

**1629 Minutes.**

1629.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

**1630 County Councillors Report**

1630.1 No report.

**1631 District Councillors Report**

1631.1 Cllr Darby circulated his report for discussion (see copy below).

**1632 Clerk's Report**

1632.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

**1633 Finance**

1633.1 The Bank Reconciliation & Receipts & payments information had been circulated by David Roscoe (RFO) and were accepted. Proposed: Cllr Colvin, seconded: Cllr Worrall. Unanimous

1633.2 **It was resolved that** the following payments be approved. Proposed: Cllr Colvin, seconded Cllr Worrall Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
18/07/2022	M Wing	OB298	30.00	0.00	Play Area Miantenance
18/07/2022	M Wing	OB299	287.00	0.00	Grafton Kiosk Repairs
20/07/2022	S Brown	OB300	120.00	0.00	Speed Sign Maintenance
18/07/2022	Npower	OB301	32.86	0.00	Street Lighting
17/08/1929	Beckford Church	OB302	900.00	0.00	Grant
27/07/2022	PKF Littlejohn LLP	OB303	240.00	40.00	Audit Fees
12/08/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	481.91	0.00	Clerks Salary
06/08/2022	Mill Lane Nurseries	OB304	120.00	20.00	Plants
06/09/2022	M Wing	OB305	30.00	0.00	Playing Field Maintenance
12/09/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	481.91	0.00	Clerks Salary
25/09/2022	S Brown	OB306	120.00	0.00	Speed Sign Maintenance
12/10/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	481.91	0.00	Clerks Salary
04/10/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB307	151.00	0.00	Clerks Expenses

- 1633.3 The Clerks Expenses were reviewed and approved. Proposed Councillor Worrall, seconded Councillor Mantle. Unanimous.
- 1633.4 The budget for 2022/23 was reviewed and accepted.

#### 1634 Planning

1634.1 Current planning applications were considered:

Appl. Number	Application	Details	Result
W/22/01671/FUL	Mendip Caravan Centre Cheltenham Road Beckford Tewkesbury GL20 7AS	Construction of two bay steel portal frame unit for predelivery inspections and valeting of caravans on raiseable ramps	No objections
W/22/01690/LB	Rose Villa Main Street Beckford Tewkesbury GL20 7AD	Minor internal alterations to the ground floor, to form a larger kitchen, removal of C20th fireplace and hearth	No objections

#### 1635 To review the Risk Register including Little Beckford Playground

- 1635.1 The Risk Register was reviewed. Individual Councillors responsibilities were updated.
- 1635.2 It was agreed that the bench outside the Village Hall was in need of renovation. **Action:** The clerk will ask Mike Wing for a quote.

#### 1636 To update the Council on the progress made by FWAG in assessing the scope for natural flood management along the Alstone Brook.

1636.1 Cllr Nicholds reported that Severn Trent had replied on 30 August to our Environmental Information Request seeking data on discharges of untreated sewage made into the Carrant Brook from Beckford Sewage Works. The main disclosures were: (a) data is available for 2020 and 2021 only because monitoring devices were only installed in 2020; (b) most of the overflow is rainwater; (c) overflows are designed to protect homes from flooding; (d) there were 107 discharges in 2020 and 88 in 2021; (e) the Works service an estimated 375 properties; (f) the Works operate in a manner compliant with Severn Trent's permit from the Environment Agency. Severn Trent refused to respond to our requests for details of annual maintenance spend on the Works over the last 3 years, response times when discharge alarms were activated and the conclusions of Severn Trent's internal review following its £1.5m fine in Dec-21 for illegal discharges at various sewage plants in Worcestershire. Council noted that the discharges equated to 1 every 3 days in 2020 and 1 every 4 days in 2021. **It was resolved to** notify Parishioners of these details both via these minutes and the Council's newsletter.

#### 1637 To discuss position regarding the A46.

1637.1 Cllr Nicholds reported that Glos CCs proposed public consultation (due last month) has been postponed until late 2023 at the earliest. Parishioners interested in learning more about this topic are referred to information on <https://taagroup.co.uk> and various County and Parish council websites easily found by searching online for "A46 Partnership". Cllr Nicholds reminded the meeting that the Midlands Connect A46 Corridor Study Phase 2 Final Report references a Beckford Bypass in its 2040-2045 timeline of need, some 20 years hence.

#### 1638 To progress the Speed Check and Local Safety Working Party (Village Gates, Speed Signs, Speed Control).

- 1638.1 Councillor Colvin confirmed that Barry Barnes' team will install the gates.
- 1638.2 **It was resolved that** the following be purchased. Proposed Councillor Worrall, seconded Councillor Nicholds:
- Solar Powered Speed Sign at £3726+ VAT
  - Speed Gates at up to £1000 plus VAT

- 1639 To consider a request to improve bus stop safety.**  
1639.1 **Action:** Councillor Nicholds will write to his contact at Overbury Estates explaining the issue and asked whether they will consider extending the bus stop area once dimensions and a photograph have been produced
- 1640 To update progress regarding the Jubilee Orchard.**  
1640.1 **It was resolved** at the meeting on 18/7/22 that a donation of £150 for the planting of trees with a plaque would be available to the Village Hall. This was proposed by Councillor Colvin, seconded by Councillor Spice at that meeting.
- 1641 To discuss receive suggestions for the funding of future Community Projects.**  
1641.1 **It was resolved that** Councillor Worrall would obtain a quotation to install bookshelves in the bus shelter at Little Beckford.  
1641.2 **It was resolved that** the Parish Council would fund a 2 hour CPR/Defibrillator awareness session up to the value of £200. Proposed Councillor Nicholds, seconded Councillor Colvin. Unanimous.
- 1642 To discuss the run-down Rooftop properties at the corner of Sweden Lane and Blacksmith's Lane.**  
1642.1 Councillor Nicholds gave Council an update following concern raised by local residents.  
1642.2 **It was agreed that** Councillor Nicholds would write to Rooftop on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 1643 To discuss the faulty street light on Western Hill Road.**  
1643.1 Although it had been suggested that the Parish Council owned the faulty street light, it would be necessary to establish ownership before any work was undertaken in order not to incur any liabilities.  
1643.2 **Action:** The clerk would seek clarification from WCC regarding ownership and would ask Paul Hopkins if he has had experience in repairing faults to street lighting.
- 1644 To agree the purchase of an additional new flower tub.**  
1644.1 **It was resolved that** a new flower tub could be purchased for £20. Proposed Councillor Mantle, seconded Councillor Colvin. Unanimous.
- 1645 To agree items for the next Newsletter.**  
1624.1 The newsletter had been distributed to Councillors for approval before issue.

The meeting closed at 9.06 pm

The date of the next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 7:30 PM. This will also be a budget meeting.

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

##### Planning

After all the recent political upheavals I hardly know what to write. I always focus on planning but it seems that the whole system is going to be turned upside down, so all that I say about the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review may prove redundant.

##### 5-year- housing land supply

Apart from any possible policy changes mentioned above, Wychavon has lost a planning appeal in Broadway in which the inspector ruled that in calculating the five-year-housing land supply, Wychavon was not allowed to take credit for the oversupply of housing that it had delivered in the earlier years of the plan. This meant that we no longer have a five year housing land supply and cannot rely on our existing policy SWDP2 which prevents planning in the open countryside. Policies protecting the AONB and the Conservation Area will still apply. The situation will be rectified once the SWDP Review is in place, but this will not be until some time in Spring 2024, at the most optimistic – see my report to your APM.

##### SWDP Review

The consultation draft of the plan has now been finalised and is being presented to the three partner Councils for approval during October. Assuming that all three councils agree, consultation will last for six weeks from 1 November. Because of the need to

publish committee papers in good time this draft is now in the public domain and can be found on Worcester City's website worcester.gov.uk. It is in the Agenda Reports Pack of the Place and Economic Development Committee of 3 October.

I searched it for Beckford and found that you are still a Category 2 village and that there are no proposed allocations, leaving you with an outstanding housing requirement over the plan period of 18 dwellings. However it will be possible to provide additional housing within the development boundary, which will be treated as 'windfalls'. The plan also proposes the removal of the two significant gaps Beckford (North) and Beckford (South).

#### **Mitton**

As expected, it proposes a new strategic settlement for 1000 houses at Mitton, to the east of the road between Bredons Hardwick and Tewkesbury. As I have already reported, the first phase of this, 500 dwellings to meet the housing needs of Tewkesbury, was refused planning consent in April. The applicants have now appealed and a public inquiry is being held for up to seven days starting on 25 October. Bredon Parish Council will be appearing as a Rule 6 party, but any individual or parish council can appear on the first day and ask to speak. I cannot remember if you objected to the original application.

#### **Beckford Planning Applications**

I will note your comments on these.

#### **Boundary Commission**

You may have seen that, at the last minute, the boundary commission have changed its mind on my ward. In future Kemerton will be joined with Bredon, and the rest of the present South Bredon Hill Ward will be combined with Elmley Castle, Netherton and the Combertons. The commissioners said that this was in response to what I had proposed. It was not – all I had asked for was that their original proposal should be amended to substitute Elmley Castle for Sedgeberrow so that Bredon Hill villages should be kept together. However this will not affect me personally, as I will not be standing next May, having just celebrated my 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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29 September 2022

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