

Beckford Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
21st November 2022 in Beckford Village Hall

Present

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

In Attendance

David Roscoe (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

1646 Apologies for absence.

1646.1 Apologies were received from Martin Spice (Chairman). In the absence of Mr Spice, Mrs Mantle assumed the chair.

1647 Declaration of interest.

1647.1 None declared.

1648 Requests for Dispensation.

1648.1 None submitted

1649 Minutes.

1649.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd October 2022 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

1650 County Councillors Report

1650.1 No report.

1651 District Councillors Report

1651.1 Cllr Darby circulated his report for discussion (see copy below).

1652 Clerk's Report

1652.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

1653 Finance

1653.1 The Bank Reconciliation & Receipts & payments information had been circulated by David Roscoe (RFO) and were accepted. Proposed: Cllr Colvin, seconded: Cllr Worrall. Unanimous

1653.2 **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
08/10/2022	Npower	OB308	32.15	1.53	Electricity
08/10/2022	P&H Services Ltd	OB309	138.00	23.00	Installing Defibrillator
01/10/2022	BCVH	OB310	24.00	0.00	Hall Hire
19/10/2022	Westcotec Ltd	OB311	4471.20	745.20	Speed Signs
20/10/2022	M Wing	OB312	145.00	0.00	Repairs
16/11/2022	JACS (UK) LTD	OB313	2371.20	395.20	Village Gates
12/11/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	481.91	0.00	Clerks Salary
31/10/2022	M Wing	OB314	1655.00	0.00	Grass Cutting
29/10/2022	Royal British Legion	OB315	20.00	0.00	Remembrance Wreath
02/11/2022	M Wing	OB316	30.00	0.00	LB Play Area
22/11/2022	BCVH	OB317	24.00	0.00	Hall Hire
12/11/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary) Back Pay	DD	286.00	0.00	Clerks Back Pay
07/11/2022	S Brown (Sept/Oct)	OB318	120.00	0.00	Speed Signs
15/11/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB319	113.61	0.00	Office Expenses

- 1653.3 The Clerks Expenses were reviewed and approved. Proposed Councillor Mantle, seconded Councillor Colvin. Unanimous.
- 1653.4 The budget for 2022/23 was reviewed and accepted.
- 1653.5 The budget for 2023/24 was adopted and approved.
- 1653.6 The precept for 2023/24 was agreed at £16,000. Proposed Councillor Nicholds, seconded Councillor Mantle. Unanimous.
- 1653.7 Iain Selkirk was approved as internal auditor for the 2022/23 audit at a cost of £115. Proposed Councillor Worrall, seconded Councillor Colvin. Unanimous.

1654 Planning

- 1654.1 There were no applications to consider.

Appl. Number	Application	Details	Result

1655 To review the Risk Register including Little Beckford Playground

- 1655.1 The Risk Register was reviewed. Individual Councillors responsibilities were updated.
- 1635.2 No issues reported.

1656 To discuss Environment Agency's response to query regarding the discharges from the sewage plant.

- 1656.1 The Minutes on this issue from the previous meeting are still applicable. Information was also given in the September 2022 newsletter.

1657 To discuss position regarding the A46.

- 1657.1 Cllr Nicholds reported that there appears to be little change from last time, with the Glos. CC consultation perhaps now taking place at some point in 2023, along with a preferred route announcement.

1658 To discuss Little Beckford Flood Alleviation.

- 1658.1 LB flood alleviation ... Cllr Nicholds reported that The Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group continues to make progress with natural flood management measures. They need more trained personnel and, to this end, are offering training in woodland management skills, including chainsaw use. They have already run a couple of sessions in Oxenton woods and will be getting more students out there in the next few months. Once trained, FWAG expect to see natural flood management measures going up all over the woodland. FWAG has also finished the woodland management plan which, once approved, should lead to the installation of robust leaky dams over this winter. Cllr Nicholds has asked for more information regarding the training on offer with a view to advertising this to parishioners.

1659 To update progress regarding the Jubilee Orchard.

- 1659.1 This project is still ongoing. Nothing further to report.

1660 To discuss receive suggestions for the funding of future Community Projects.

- 1641.1 It was suggested that First Aid training sessions be given free of charge. This will be added to the next agenda

1661 To agree new start time for Parish Council Meetings

- 1661.1 It was agreed that future Parish Council Meetings should start at 7 pm.

1662 To agree items for the next Newsletter.

- 1662.1 An article regarding the First Aid and Training would be included in the next newsletter.
- 1662.2 It is anticipated the next newsletter will be issued in January 2023.

1663 items for the next agenda.

- 1663.1 To discuss First Aid and Training funded by the Parish Council.
- 1663.2 To discuss Councillor recruitment.
- 1663.3 To agree paying for plants.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

The date of the next meeting 16th January 2023 at 7:00 PM.

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Report by District Councillor Adrian Darby to Beckford Parish Council

As always, I have been most involved in planning and there has been a great deal of activity since I last reported to you.

SWDP Review. The final version of the plan is now out for public consultation for six weeks. I have been watching its evolution over the past few years through my membership of the Joint Advisory Panel (JAP) and now you can all look at it. I won't attempt to explain everything to you in this report but there will be briefings you can attend, although the one in Bredon Village Hall focussing on Mitton has already taken place on 11 November. I think you all know the general tenor of the plan which was set out when there was the consultation on the preferred options three years ago. There have been a number of changes on individual sites since then, but the main ideas of strategic settlements at Worcester Parkway, Throckmorton Airfield and Mitton in Wychavon and Rushwick in Malvern Hills remain unchanged.

What are the implications for Beckford

I don't think there are any changes from the preferred options consultation, although I can't remember whether the proposal to remove the two strategic gaps was in the original. I don't know whether you feel that they gave you any extra protection, although it was the view of officers that they did not.

Apart from attending the usual number of JAP meetings and the council meeting which approved the draft plan for consultation, I have been involved in the appeal public inquiry into the first phase of the Mitton proposal for five hundred houses which was refused by Wychavon in April. I was concerned about the threat which this development might pose for nesting curlews in the lower Avon valley. This had been one of the refusal reasons given by Wychavon, but unfortunately after Natural England raise no objection, the council felt obliged to drop this reason. I therefore spoke last Tuesday as a private individual explaining why I thought that Natural England was wrong.

There are four undecided Beckford planning applications currently, Two at Manor Farm Grafton, one at Mulberry Cottage and the PIP at Station Road. The Parish Council has not responded yet to the last of these and I will be interested in what you say. You have not objected to the other three, and I have agreed for them to remain delegated.

Sadly I will not be attending this meeting.

AMGD

13 November 2022