

Beckford Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
16th January 2023 in Beckford Village Hall

Present

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

In Attendance

David Roscoe (Parish Clerk) and County Councillor Hardman.

1664 Apologies for absence.

1664.1 Apologies were received from Martin Spice (Chairman). In the absence of Mr Spice, Mrs Mantle assumed the chair.

1665 Declaration of interest.

1665.1 None declared.

1666 Requests for Dispensation.

1666.1 None submitted

1667 Minutes.

1667.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st November 2022 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

1668 County Councillors Report

1668.1 Councillor Hardman gave his report which included:

- confirmation of a proposed 4.90% increase in council tax.
- Councillor Hardman would contribute some budget towards improving the bus stop but noted that there is a bus stop budget next Financial Year.

1668.2 No other decisions were required of the Parish Council.

1669 District Councillors Report

1669.1 No report.

1670 Clerk's Report

1670.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

1671 Finance

1671.1 The Bank Reconciliation & Receipts & payments information had been circulated by David Roscoe (RFO) and were accepted. Proposed: Cllr Worrall, seconded: Cllr Colvin. Unanimous

1671.2 **It was resolved that** the following payments be approved. Proposed: Cllr Worrall, seconded Cllr Colvin Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
12/12/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	517.66	0.00	Clerks Salary
28/11/2022	CPRE	OB320	36.00	0.00	Subs
28/11/2022	M Wing	OB321	15.00	0.00	Repairs
30/11/2022	WDC	OB322	24.00	0.00	Land Rental
06/12/2022	BCVH	OB323	6.00	0.00	Hall Hire
12/01/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	517.66	0.00	Clerks Salary
07/01/2023	Npower	OB324	23.02	1.10	Electricity
07/01/2023	M Wing	OB325	30.00	0.00	Playground Maintenance
17/01/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB326	141.94	0.00	Clerks Expenses

23/12/2023	ICO	OB327	35.00	0.00	Information Commissioner
28/11/2022	CPRE	OB320	36.00	0.00	Subs

- 1671.3 The Clerks Expenses were reviewed and approved. Proposed Councillor Colvin, seconded Councillor Mantle. Unanimous.
- 1671.4 The Bank Reconciliation was reviewed and signed
- 1671.5 The budget for 2022/23 was reviewed and accepted.

1672 Planning

- 1672.1 There following applications were considered.

Appl. Number	Application	Details	Result
W/22/01690/LB	Rose Villa Main Street Beckford TewkesburyGL20 7AD	Minor internal alterations to the ground floor, to form a larger kitchen, removal of C20th fireplace and hearth	Approved
W/22/02256/PIP	Land At (Os 9795 3584), Station Road, Beckfor	Permission in Principle for the construction of one detached house	No objections

1673 To review the Risk Register including Little Beckford Playground

- 1673.1 No issues reported.

1674 To discuss position regarding the A46.

- 1674.1 Cllr Nicholds reported that there is nothing of moment to report at the moment and interested residents are referred to the Teddington and Alstone A46 Advisory Group website for more information on the status of the proposed upgrade to the Glos section of the road (<https://taagroup.co.uk>).

1675 To discuss Little Beckford Flood Alleviation.

- 1675.1 Cllr Nicholds did not have further progress to report regarding natural flood management works on the Alstone Brook upstream of Little Beckford. He had though today received details of the woodland training scheme which seeks to recruit and train volunteers to work on local NFM schemes. The programme is full at the moment (within the limits of its current funding), but Cllr Nicholds proposes to investigate further and report back at the next meeting.

1676 To discuss the Village Hall Bus Stop.

- 1676.1 Cllr Nicholds reported that Worcs CC's officer had visited the bus stop and cleared a section of the overgrown verge to reveal the tarmac beneath. The Council discussed the scope for completing this work and it was agreed Cllr Colvin will liaise in the first instance with Worcs CC regarding carrying out the work and related safety measures for the workers given the proximity to the road.

1677 To discuss Rooftop derelict properties.

- 1677.1 Cllr Nicholds reported that he had spoken to Amy Clements from Rooftop on 11 January following her conversation with the Clerk. Cllr Nicholds had explained that the Council was looking for Rooftop to clarify its intentions regarding the derelict properties and to do that either at the Council meeting or via email to the Clerk before the meeting. No response was received to that request. It was agreed to continue to press Rooftop to clarify its intentions.

1678 To discuss First Aid and Training funded by the Parish Council.

- 1678.1 Councillor Mantle confirmed progress had been made due to her recent illness.

1679 To agree paying for plants.

- 1679.1 The payment of £20 for a replacement tub was approved.

1680 To discuss New Councillor Recruitment.

1680.1 **It was agreed that** the Parish residents need to be made aware of what would happen if there was no Parish Council. It was noted that all decisions will be made by the District and County council in that event.

1680.2 **It was agreed that** an article should be posted in the Parish Magazine and on Parish Noticeboards

1680.3 Councillor Nicholds recommended that we should employ a community engagement consultant to develop a recruitment strategy.

1680.4 **It was agreed that** in the first instance we should contact Wychavon DC Community Engagement Officer.

1681 To agree items for the next Newsletter.

1681.1 To inform regarding Councillor Recruitment in time for the May elections.

1681.2 To inform regarding Community Grants

1681.3 To update residents regarding the Rooftop issues.

1681.4 To inform residents regarding the A46 and Flood Alleviation.

1681.5 To advertised First Aid Training and funding.

1682 items for the next agenda.

1682.1 To discuss Councillor recruitment.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

The date of the next meeting 20th March 2023 at 7:00 PM.