

Beckford Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
17th July 2023 in Beckford Village Hall

Present

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

The Chairman expressed sadness at the loss of Martin Spice, the previous chairman, and she commented on how much he had put into the community and how his proficient guidance to the Parish Council would be sadly missed.

In Attendance

David Roscoe (Parish Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

1748 Apologies for absence.

1748.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Wing.

1749 New councillor to sign Acceptance of Office and complete Register of Interests

1749.1 New Councillor, Alison Cort, completed the Acceptance of Office and was duly welcomed as a member of the Parish Council.

1750 Declaration of interest.

1750.1 None declared.

1751 Requests for Dispensation.

1751.1 None submitted.

1752 Minutes.

1752.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th May 2023 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

1753 County Councillor's Report

1753.1 Councillor Hardman gave his report.

1753.2 He confirmed that he would investigate "No Lorries" signage along Back Lane similar to those along Crashmore Lane. He would also check with Barry Barnes regarding installing 30 mph roundels and possibly erecting a "Beware of Horses" sign. No other speed restriction signs were allowed unless full street lighting have been installed.

1753.3 Councillor Hardman confirmed that the A46 consultation proposed by Glos CC was delayed again.

1753.4 Councillor Hardman will have a look at the cross culvert at Grafton.

1754 District Councillor's Report

1754.1 Councillor Beverley Hardman gave her first report.

1754.2 Amongst other things:

- She has a particular interest in environmental matters. In this regard she referred to a recent survey within Wychavon which concluded that around 40% of the contents of black bins is food waste and a good deal of that is still in its packaging. To try and stem this waste, Wychavon is looking at an education programme.
- She also confirmed there was a delay within WDC in finalising planning applications and this applied to the planning application in Back Lane.

1755 Clerk's Report

1755.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

1756 Finance

1756.1 The Bank Reconciliation & Receipts & payments information had been circulated by David Roscoe (RFO) and were accepted. Proposed: Cllr Colvin, seconded: Cllr Mantle. Unanimous

1756.2 **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
11/05/2023	M P Wing	OB352	30.00	0.00	Playground Maintenance
17/05/2023	BCVH	OB351	28.00	0.00	Hall Hire
24/05/2023	Beckford Church Committee	OB353	900.00	0.00	Grant
12/05/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	517.66	0.00	Clerks Salary
12/06/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	517.66	0.00	Clerks Salary
31/05/2023	BCVH	OB354	84.00	0.00	Hall Hire
28/05/2023	S Brown (Speedsign Repairs)	OB355	40.00	0.00	Speedsign Repairs
07/06/2023	BCVH	OB356	21.00	0.00	Hall Hire
01/07/2023	W & L Mantle	OB357	135.00	0.00	1st Aid Training
01/07/2023	Wychavon DC	OB358	100.34	16.72	Land Rental
12/07/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	517.66	0.00	Clerks Salary
11/07/2023	M P Wing	OB359	30.00	0.00	Playground Maintenance
10/07/2023	Npower	OB360	32.79	1.56	Electricity

1756.3 The Clerks Expenses were reviewed and approved. Proposed Councillor Worrall, seconded Councillor Colvin. Unanimous.

1756.4 The Bank Reconciliation was reviewed and signed.

1756.5 The budget for 2023/24 was reviewed and accepted.

1757 Planning

1757.1 The following applications were considered.

Appl. Number	Application	Details	Result
W/23/00039/HP	Walnut Tree CottageGraftonBeckfordTewkesburyGL20 7AT	Replacement porch, alterations and improvements to Walnut Tree Cottage	Approved
W/23/00167/CU	Home Farm_Back LaneBeckfordTewkesburyGL20 7AF	Change of use of land to extend domestic garden and construction of ancillary outbuilding to replace existing greenhouse	Approved
W/23/00233/PIP	Beckford Poultry Farm Ashton Road Beckford Tewkesbury GL20 7AU	Permission in Principle for the change of use of the land to residential and the construction of three to five self-build houses.	Refused
W/23/00917/PIP	Land at (OS 9757 3541)Back LaneBeckford	Permission in Principle for up to 3 dwellings	Objections submitted

1758 To review the Risk Register including Little Beckford Playground

1758.1 No issues reported.

1758.2 **Action:** Councillor Worrall will find out who owns the property containing the trees that overhang the bus shelter.

1758.3 Councillor Nicholds confirmed that the Playground Inspection has been arranged for mid August at a cost of £132 plus VAT.

1759 To discuss Little Beckford Flood Alleviation.

1759.1 Cllr Nicholds had nothing to add from the last meeting.

1760 To discuss National Highways' proposal to upgrade the A46 to dual carriageway.

1760.1 There has been no progress since the last meeting and Councillor Nicholds directed interested parishioners to the local advisory group who continue to do excellent work. Their website is <https://taagroup.co.uk/>

- 1761 To discuss the Local Policing Community Charter and to adopt MWs suggested response to the Police Town and Parish Council Survey 2023.**
1761.1 It was resolved that the draft submission by Councillor Wing should be adopted.
- 1762 To agree purchase of new Speed Activated Sign and discuss Simon Browns duties and remuneration going forward.**
1762.1 It was resolved that the Solar Powered Speed Sign be purchased at a total cost of £3945 (excluding VAT). Proposed Councillor Colvin, seconded Councillor Cort. Unanimous. Barry Barnes has agreed to install the sign when received.
- 1763 To discuss mowing and vegetation issues in the Parish.**
1763.1 Diseased tree. Councillor Wing initially contacted Worcestershire County Council, who then advised to make contact with National Highways. Made contact and survey carried out on diseased tree, which also highlighted issues with other trees. Awaiting for free felling etc to be carried out.
1763.2 Other vegetation issues will be discussed with Councillor Wing upon his return.
- 1764 To discuss variation on the use of the redundant Bus Shelter in Little Beckford.**
1764.1 It was agreed that shelving for books would be installed at the bus shelter and the sides of the shelter enclosed apart from entrances at both ends. Councillor Wing would be asked to produce a plan and costs. The Parish Council were agreeable, in principle, up to £500. Proposed Councillor Colvin, seconded Councillor Worrall. Unanimous.
- 1765 To discuss Back Lane hazards for non-car users plus traffic speed and control measures.**
1765.1 This matter was fully discussed with county Councillor Hardman. (See Minute Reference 1753.2 above)
- 1766 To discuss Councillor recruitment and community engagement.**
1766.1 It was resolved that the marketing and communications company, Mosaique, be employed to improve Councillor recruitment and community engagement at a cost of £3000 (excluding VAT). Proposed Councillor Nicholds, seconded Councillor Mantle. Unanimous.
- 1767 To agree items for the next Newsletter.**
1767.1 Items for inclusion in the next newsletter should be sent to Councillor Mantle. She confirmed that the draft for the next newsletter had been written and should be issued imminently.
1767.2 An item on the Email Alert System should be included.
- 1768 Items for the next agenda.**
1768.1 To discuss verge cutting around the bollards on the bank in Back Lane.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

The date of the next meeting 18th September 2023 at 7:00 PM.