

Beckford Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
20th November 2023 in Beckford Village Hall

Present

Nettie Mantle (Chairman), Diane Colvin, David Nicholds (Vice Chairman), Mike Wing, Alison Cort and Anne Worrall.

In Attendance

David Roscoe (Parish Clerk, Councillor B Hardman) and 7 members of the public.

A presentation by Mosaique was given before the meeting commenced in order to convey the results of the Village survey which will form part of our future Social Media and Communications Policy.

1792 Apologies for absence.

1792.1 No apologies were received.

1793 Declaration of interest.

1793.1 None declared.

1794 Requests for Dispensation.

1794.1 None submitted.

1795 Minutes.

1795.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th September 2023 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

1796 County Councillor's Report

1796.1 No report.

1797 District Councillor's Report

1797.1 Councillor Beverley Hardman gave her report. No decisions were required of the Parish Council.

1797.2 She reported that Chris Day had been appointed as Wychavon's new leader.

1798 Clerk's Report

1798.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

1799 Finance

1799.1 The Bank Reconciliation & Receipts & payments information had been circulated by David Roscoe (RFO) and were accepted. Proposed: Cllr Colvin, seconded: Cllr Cort. Unanimous

1799.2 **It was resolved that** the following payments be approved. Proposed: Cllr Colvin seconded Cllr Cort Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
19/09/2023	Mosaique	OB369	1080.00	180.00	PR Consultancy
22/09/2023	M P Wing	OB370	30.00	0.00	Playground Maintenance
23/09/2023	Wicksteeds	OB371	158.40	26.40	Playground Inspection
28/09/2023	M P Wing	OB372	104.99	0.00	Maintenance
28/09/2023	S Brown (July/Aug)	OB373	120.00	0.00	Speed Sign
01/10/2023	Westcotec	OB374	4734.00	789.00	Speed Sign
12/10/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	517.66	0.00	Clerks Salary
02/10/2023	Tewkesbury Printing	OB375	137.00	0.00	Printing
12/10/2023	Npower	OB376	37.03	1.76	Electricity
12/11/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	517.66	0.00	Clerks Salary
28/10/2023	CPRE	OB377	36.00	0.00	Subs

01/11/2023	BCVH	OB378	35.00	0.00	Hall Hire
30/11/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	286.00	0.00	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary) Backpay
21/11/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB379	139.20	0.00	Clerks Expenses
13/11/2023	BCVH	OB380	28.00	0.00	Hall Hire

1799.3 The Clerks Expenses were reviewed and approved. Proposed Councillor Mantle, seconded Councillor Worrall. Unanimous.

1799.4 The Bank Reconciliation was reviewed and signed.

1799.5 The budget for 2023/24 was reviewed and accepted.

1799.6 The budget for 2024/25 was reviewed and adopted.

1799.7 The precept for 2024/25 was agreed at £16,000. Proposed Councillor Worrall, seconded Councillor Wing. Unanimous.

1799.8 **It was resolved that** Ian Selkirk the Internal Auditor for the 2023/24 audit at a cost of £120. Proposed Councillor Colvin, seconded Councillor Mantle. Unanimous.

1800 Planning

1800.1 The following applications were considered.

Appl. Number	Application	Details	Result
W/23/01539/FUL	Rushymeade Farm Grafton Beckford Tewkesbury GL20 7AT	Erection of agricultural barn	Approved
W/23/02038/FUL	Home Farm Back Lane Beckford Tewkesbury GL20 7AF	Replacement dwelling	No objections

1801 To review the Risk Register including Little Beckford Playground

1801.1 No issues were reported other than the fencing will need to be renewed.

1802 To review RoSPA Report.

1802.1 Councillor Wing reviewed the report and confirmed that medium reported risk already resolved together with some of the low risks. Other low risks including state of fencing to be carried out.

1803 To discuss Little Beckford Flood Alleviation.

1803.1 Cllr Nicholds reported that he is investigating whether we can divert surface water away from the Alstone Brook by installing a drainage pipe off the end of Blacksmiths Lane and, ultimately discharging into the Carrant Brook upstream of the sewage works. He will report on the investigation's progress at the next meeting. Otherwise, the Cllr Nicholds September update regarding the NFM works on the Alstone Brook upstream of Little Beckford remains the same, viz: as at September, FWAG had carried out two leaky dam installation sessions and were planning to carry out another couple in October.

1804 To discuss National Highways' proposal to upgrade the A46 to dual carriageway.

1804.1 Cllr Nicholds recited the latest update from the TAAG website, ie an announcement from Laurence Robertson MP (Tewkesbury) on 1st November 2023 which states: 'Pleased to receive notification from the Roads Minister and the County Council that possible proposals to reduce J9 to a two-way junction are being dropped, and that the Minister is asking that options are to be considered to increase the capacity of the A46. Along with Cllr Vernon Smith, this is what I've been campaigning on for over a year and I held a debate in Parliament (9th May) on the issue. Already the A46 is congested and traffic will get worse as more development takes place.'

1805 To discuss a request from WCC Green Team to see if Beckford Parish would extend some of the grass cutting the verge along the front of Perrets View and Windfall Cottage.

1805.1 **It was resolved that** the Parish Council would agree to the request from WCC Green Team to cut the verge as detailed.

1806 Station Road verge encroachment

1806.1 **Action:** Councillor Wing will contact Barry Barnes, Highways to discuss further.

1807 To agree speed signage maintenance and monthly costs.

1807.1 Councillor Wing agreed to take responsibility for speed sign maintenance and invoice for work every two months.

1808 To discuss the creation of definitive map of parish detailing open land ownership and confirm ownership of the land to the rear of the playground.

1808.1 It was confirmed that the land at the rear of the playground was owned by Worcestershire County Council and leased to the Parish Council.

1808.2 It was agreed that thought should be given as to the future use of this land for the benefit of parishioners. Councillor B Hardman to investigate long term use of land.

1809 To agree a Social Media and Communications Policy.

1809.1 The future strategy of the Social Media and Communications Policy will be determined after the survey undertaken by Mosaique has been considered.

1810 To agree items for the next Newsletter.

1810.1 Items for inclusion in the next newsletter should be sent to Councillor Mantle.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

The date of the next meeting 15th January 2024 at 7:00 PM.