

Beckford Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
15th January 2024 in Beckford Village Hall

Present

Nettie Mantle (Chairman), Diane Colvin, David Nicholds (Vice Chairman) and Mike Wing.

In Attendance

David Roscoe (Parish Clerk, via Teams) Councillor B Hardman, Councillor A Hardman and 8 members of the public.

1811 Apologies for absence.

1811.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Alison Cort and Anne Worrall.

1812 Declaration of interest.

1812.1 None declared.

1813 Requests for Dispensation.

1813.1 None submitted.

1814 Minutes.

1814.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th November 2023 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

1815 County Councillor's Report

1815.1 Councillor A Hardman gave his report. No decisions were required of the Parish Council.

1815.2 He agreed to chase Highways regarding the installation of a 'No Lorries' or Pedestrians in Road sign in Back Lane.

1816 District Councillor's Report

1816.1 Councillor Beverley Hardman gave her report. No decisions were required of the Parish Council.

1817 Clerk's Report

1817.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

1818 Finance

1818.1 The Bank Reconciliation & Receipts & payments information had been circulated by David Roscoe (RFO) and were accepted. Proposed: Cllr Wing, seconded: Cllr Mantle. Unanimous

1818.2 **It was resolved that** the following payments be approved. Proposed: Cllr Wing seconded Cllr Mantle. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
23/11/2023	RBL Poppy	OB381	23.00	0.00	RBL Poppy
23/11/2023	Mosaique	OB382	1440.00	240.00	PR
23/11/2023	S Brown (Sep)	OB383	60.00	0.00	Speed Sign Maintenance
23/11/2023	CHT	OB384	729.00	121.50	Defibrillator
12/12/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	553.41	0.00	Clerks Salary
26/11/2023	M P Wing	OB385	62.00	0.00	Playground Maintenance
26/11/2023	M P Wing	OB386	1880.00	0.00	Mowing
30/11/2023	WDC Lease	OB387	24.00	0.00	Land Rental
07/12/2023	CPRE	OB388	36.00	0.00	Subs
04/12/2023	BCVH	OB389	14.00	0.00	Hall Hire
09/01/2024	BCVH	OB391	7.00	0.00	Hall Hire
17/01/2024	BCVH	OB392	28.00	0.00	Hall Hire
02/01/2024	Mosaique	OB393	720.00	120.00	Consultancy
08/01/2024	Npower	OB394	53.85	2.56	Electricity

08/01/2024	M P Wing	OB395	135.00	0.00	Maintenance
08/01/2024	M P Wing	OB396	60.00	0.00	Lengthsman
16/01/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB397	138.70	0.00	Clerks Expenses

1818.3 The Clerks Expenses were reviewed and approved. Proposed Councillor Colvin, seconded Councillor Wing. Unanimous.

1818.4 The Bank Reconciliation was reviewed and signed.

1818.5 The budget for 2023/24 was reviewed and accepted.

1819 Planning

1800.1 The following applications were considered.

Appl. Number	Application	Details	Result
W/23/02375/CU	Large Storage Building At Beckford Poultry Farm Ashton Road Beckford	Full planning application for the change of use of former poultry shed to use class falling within Class B8 (storage and distribution).	No objections
W/23/02580/HP	Station House Station Road Beckford Tewkesbury GL20 7AN	Creation of porch, garage conversion and internal alterations	No objections
W/23/02453/HP	Greford House Grafton Beckford Tewkesbury GL20 7AT	Part demolition of existing two-storey extension and erection of proposed two-storey extension	No objections

1820 To review the Risk Register including Little Beckford Playground

1820.1 No issues were reported.

1821 To discuss the village classified as C2 when it should be C3

1821.1 **Action:** The Clerk will email Harvington Parish Council to see if they could advise what process they took to obtain their reclassification.

1822 To discuss the need to replace the swing seats in the Little Beckford

1822.1 **It was resolved that** the costs of replacing the swing seat at Little Beckford Play Area be approved at a cost of £619.20. Proposed Councillor Colvin, seconded Councillor Mantle. Unanimous.:

1823 To discuss Little Beckford Flood Alleviation.

1823.1 Cllr Nicholds had no further update since that given by FWAG in September 2023 (and considered at the last meeting). At that point, FWAG confirmed they had been working on installing leaky dams on Oxenton Hill and were expecting to have another couple of sessions in the following weeks. A second initiative though is to investigate the installation of a new pipe from Blacksmith's Lane, under the A46, across Overbury's land and into the Carrant Brook. Cllr Nicholds is to share his research with the Council separately with a view to agreeing the approach to take.

1824 To update the position regarding the A46.

1824.1 Cllr Nicholds referred to the sterling ongoing work being undertaken by the Teddington & Alstone Advisory Group. Information can be found online by Googling "TAA A46". He summarised an item from the Group's December newsletter in which they confirmed they had attended a Glos CC meeting and been told that the earliest an upgrade from J9 to Teddington Hands might now be considered by National Highways is now 2030 - 2035, but that is conditional on Glos CC first submitting an acceptable business case. So, in short, nothing's going to happen soon.

1825 To discuss the OPCC Safer Roads Fund Application.

1825.1 In view of the restrictive timescales to submit a funding application, it was agreed that no further action would be taken but would consider any future funding opportunities.

1826 To discuss blocked/broken/collapsed land drain in Grafton.

1826.1 Councillor A Hardman agreed to chase Highways and would carry out a site visit to assess the situation.

- 1827 To discuss standing water near Roadside Cottages in Ashton Road.**
1827.1 Councillor A Hardman agreed to chase Highways and would carry out a site visit to assess the situation.
- 1828 To update regarding the footpath running along the one side of Station Road, Beckford restricted due to the encroachment of vegetation.**
1828.1 The work has been completed and no further action required.
- 1829 To discuss the state of the footpath in Back Lane from Main Street.**
1829.1 Councillor A Hardman agreed to inspect the footpath and take appropriate action.
- 1830 To discuss purchasing a spare speed sign battery.**
1830.1 It was resolved that the purchase of a spare battery at approximately £100 plus VAT be approved. Proposed Councillor Colvin, seconded Councillor Mantle. Unanimous.
1830.2 It was also agreed that Councillor Wing should obtain quotations for upgrading the solar powered speed signs with digital counters.
- 1831 To discuss Community engagement survey results and propose next steps.in Community Engagement.**
1831.1 Cllr Nicholds reminded the meeting that we had agreed an outline strategy for engagement and had today received comments from Mosaïque on that together with its estimate for providing further assistance. Cllr Nicholds is to share this information and the Council will then agree how best to proceed.
- 1832 To discuss invitation from the Malvern Hills Community Safety team for an offer to receive our upcoming Property and Home Security Roadshow.**
1832.1 It was agreed that we should register our interest. The Clerk will distribute available dates.
- 1833 To discuss potential councillor vacancy.**
1833.1 Action: the Clerk will issue an email alert noting that there is a councillor vacancy and attach information on viewing the Good Councillor Guide. Counsellors will be added to the email alert system in order that they may see each email alert as it is issued.
- 1834 To agree items for the next Newsletter.**
1834.1 The next newsletter is expected to be issued shortly.

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm

The date of the next meeting 18th March 2024 at 7:00 PM.