

Beckford Parish Council – Extraordinary Meeting
Minutes of meeting held on
Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 7.00pm Beckford Village Hall

Present

Councillors: Diane Colvin, Chairman, Alison Cort, Vice Chair, Anne Worrell, Robert McCarthy

No members of the public

1. Apologies:

Councillor Dieter Cottrell

2. Declarations of interest

None submitted

3. To consider written requests from Councillors to grant a dispensation

.None submitted

4. To discuss production of a questionnaire relating to the lease of the land at Little Beckford.

Various aspects relating to the lease of the land were considered. It was decided that the following questions are to be put to the prospective tenants:

1. Are you aware that the licence is for one year?

2. Do you hope to renew the licence after the initial term?

3. Are you aware that it is the tenants' responsibility for the upkeep of, fences, hedges and trees?

(Costs incurred in maintaining these will be borne by the tenant)

4. If your proposed use involves keeping animals, will you need to install structures such as shelters on the land?

(Any structures must be removed at the end of the licence period and may only be temporary in nature.)

5. If your proposal involves keeping animals, can you briefly explain how you will ensure that these will interact safely with the adjacent children's playground?

{E.g. minimise the risk of biting or causing damage to the fencing.)

6. Are you aware that you will need to have public liability insurance in case of accidental damage to property or persons?

(Please refer to item 9 of the lease.)

7. If your proposal involves keeping animals how will you ensure that these do not damage existing trees, hedges and borders to the field so that they remain in good condition?

8. If your proposal involves keeping animals, have you considered how you will manage their waste?

Councillors agreed unanimously on these questions'

It was also agreed; in order to progress the applications as quickly as possible, that if the Council is unable to fairly decide the best fit application based on the written submissions, then there would be a publicly drawing of lots at a Parish Council meeting.

A meeting to be held on Thursday 17th April at 2.00pm to hold the draw if this is required

The questionnaires are to be sent to the applicants by Monday, 7th April. The completed questionnaire is to be returned to the Clerk by Monday 14th April.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm.