

Beckford Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
21st July 2025 in Beckford Village Hall

Present

Alison Cort (Chair), Anne Worrall (Vice Chair), Jo Bell, Pam Bailey, Diane Colvin and Dieter Cotterell.

In Attendance

David Roscoe (Parish Clerk) and Cllrs A Hardman and B Hardman.

2048 Apologies for absence.

2048.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Robert McCarthy.

2049 Declarations of interest.

2049.1 None Declared.

2050 Requests for Dispensation.

2050.1 None submitted.

2051 Minutes.

2051.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th May 2025 and the Planning Meeting 7th July 2025 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

2052 County Councillor's Report

2052.1 Councillor A Hardman informed the Parish Council that work on the path in Back Lane had been cancelled and no further decision will be made until the next financial year.

2052.2 He also confirmed that nothing could be done regard to the "Quiet Lane" sign for Court Farm Lane but he will ask Barry Barnes to come out and see what could be done.

2053 District Councillor's Report

2053.1 Councillor B Hardman gave her report (see minute note 2068 below).

2053.2 No decisions were required of the Parish Council.

2054 Clerk's Report

2054.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

2055 Finance

2055.1 The Financial Statement had been circulated by the Clerk and was approved. Proposed Councillor Cotterell, seconded Councillor Worrall. Unanimous.

2055.2 The Bank Reconciliation & Receipts & payments information had been circulated by David Roscoe (RFO) and were accepted.

2055.3 **It was resolved that** the following payments be approved. Proposed Councillor Cotterell, seconded Councillor Worrall. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
20/05/2025	BCVH (2025-031)	OB505	28.00	0.00	Hall Hire
12/06/2025	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	575.57	0.00	Clerks Salary
30/05/2025	Signs of Cheshire Ltd	OB506	15.00	0.00	Noticeboard Keys
04/06/2025	MW Property & Garden Maintenance	OB507	274.00	0.00	Grass cutting
04/06/2025	MW Property & Garden Maintenance	OB508	64.00	0.00	Lengthsman
04/06/2025	Goodmusic Publishing	OB509	9.00	0.00	Printing
17/06/2025	WDC (Dog Bin Emptying)	OB510	116.84	19.47	Dog Bin Maintenance
19/05/2025	BCVH (2025-031)	OB511	7.00	0.00	Village Hall Rental

12/07/2025	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	575.57	0.00	Clerks Salary
02/07/2025	MW Property & Garden Maintenance 050-2025	OB512	64.00	0.00	Lengthsman
02/07/2025	MW Property & Garden Maintenance 047-2025	OB513	85.00	0.00	Lengthsman
02/07/2025	MW Property & Garden Maintenance 046-2025	OB514	48.00	0.00	Playing field maintenance
02/07/2025	MW Property & Garden Maintenance 048-2025	OB515	168.00	0.00	Grass cutting
22/07/2025	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB516	132.36	0.00	Clerks Expenses

2055.4 The Clerks Expenses were reviewed and approved. Proposed Councillor Cotterell, seconded Councillor Bell. Unanimous.

2055.5 The budget for 2025/26 was reviewed and approved.

2056 Planning

2056.1 The following applications were considered.

Appl. Number	Application	Details	Result
25/00490/OUT	Land North Of Ashchurch Tewkesbury	Outline planning permission for demolition of existing buildings; up to 2,800 residential dwellings (use class C3) etc	Objection comments submitted
W/25/01067/HP	Oak View Back Lane Beckford Tewkesbury GL20 7AF	Erection of a single story timber garage to the front of the property.	Permit

2057 To discuss resumption of the Neighbourhood Plan

2057.1 Councillor Cort reported that WDC could agree the resurrection of the old Neighbourhood Plan, but no action will be taken until Councillor Cort was available post-surgery:

2057.2 However Councillor B Hardman raised the point that the Government will be stopping funding for Neighbourhood Plans in 18 months to 2 years' time.

2058 To review the Risk Register including Little Beckford Playground

2058.1 No issues reported.

2059 Receive update regarding the RoSPA Inspection

2059.1 Following the Inspection, the Playground was inspected, and attention will be given to the points raised in the report.

2059.2 **It was agreed** to obtain a quote from Wicksteeds to address the items raised but other quotes could be obtained for the fencing.

2059.3 Councillors Bell and Bailey agreed to remove the barbed wire.

2060 To discuss how the Flood Management Budget should be spent. It was agreed that a budget of £1000 to provide equipment, grit and sandbags be approved subject to location and access.

2060.1 Councillor Cort raised the possibility of using the strip of land next to the bus stop to house containers for sand and grit bags. However, it will be necessary to identify who owns the land-Highways or Wychavon. Councillor B Hardman offered to help determine with Wychavon and Councillor A Hardman would check with Highways..

2061 To update the position regarding the A46.

2061.1 No update however it was suggested that Sedgeberrow Parish Council be contacted to see if they have noticed any improvements since implementing the 40 mph speed limit.

2062 To discuss progress with supporting the SafeAvon initiative.

2062.1 Councillor Worrall confirmed that she was still carrying out testing every week but there had been no improvements.

- 2063 To discuss an update to the Community Speedwatch project.**
2063.1 No progress to report.
- 2064 To consider update to the “Quiet Lane” proposal for Court Farm Lane. 2008.1 A Hardman confirmed that the use of “Quiet Lane” was not official County policy and could therefore not be used. He did confirm that they would be reinforcing signage along Court Farm Lane.**
2064.1 Councillor A Hardman confirmed that Quiet Lane signage is not available for Court Farm Lane under WCC policy but he will ask Barry Barnes to come out and see what could be done.
- 2065 To discuss issues raised regarding the recent repairs to the pavement on Cheltenham Road in LB.**
2065.1 Councillor A Hardman confirmed that Barry Barnes had met with the residents. Barry Barnes had raised a 28 day notice to improve the footpath.
- 2066 To discuss the erection of a deer sign on the Ashton Rd.**
2066.1 Councillor A Hardman discussed the locations where the deer/wildlife cross the highway and would undertake an inspection.
- 2067 To discuss replacement of the damaged wooden post on the junction of Main Street and Back Lane.**
2067.1 Repairs have been undertaken therefore no further action is necessary.
- 2068 Discuss taking part in the survey on local government reorganisation in Worcestershire.**
2068.1 Councillor B Hardman commented that that she doubted that all the councils will change to become unity. Councillor A Hardman was of the opinion that the government will impose its will regardless of the survey.
2068.2 A meeting would take place in September to discuss the results.
2068.3 There was concern over the impact upon Parish Councils
- 2069 To provide update regarding the defibrillators catastrophic bleed kit.**
2069.1 Councillor Cort confirmed that she had sent an expression of interest for Rural Funding.
2069.2 It was agreed that if funding became available, investigations would begin to see if a Defibrillator and Bleed you Kit could be installed at the Beckford Inn.
- 2070 To discuss the Newsletter.**
2070.1 Councillor Cort requested that any entries for the newsletter be forwarded to her.
2070.2 It was noted that only a few “hits” had been made to the Newsletter page of the website and there was also a poor uptake of hardcopies from the three communities libraries.
- 2071 To discuss Councillor vacancy.**
2071.1 The vacancy would continue be advertised on the noticeboards, the website and included in the newsletter.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm
The date of the next meeting 15th September 2025 at 7:30 PM.