

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF BECKBURY PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL, BECKBURY, ON WEDNESDAY,
10TH MAY, 2017, AT 8.00 P.M.**

- 1. PRESENT: Councillors C. Steventon (Chairman), P.C. Gibbins, M.S. Breeze, D. Cummnings, D. Tooth, J.S. Paice.**
- 2. APOLOGIES: Councillor D. de Courcy and Shropshire Councillor M.L. Wood.**
- 3. IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk.**
- 4. CHAIRMANS REPORT:**

Community Shop

This last year has seen progress made with our Community Shop project. The Committee have been meeting regularly every month and have worked well together. The planning application was finally approved in February 2017 and we have a design and quote for the supply of the building from a local company in Wem. We also have a promise of internal fitments to be supplied by a company on Halesfield and building works by DWT Construction, at minimal cost. We have raised nearly £5000 by kind donations from our new “shareholders” and now wait for a response to our major grant applications.

Allotments

The allotments have been a frequent topic at PC meetings which has culminated in David Cummings preparing a new set of rules and regulations and we look forward to Mark Spickernell their new Chairman resolving the current issues, in particular the keeping of chickens on the site.

Playing Fields

I am pleased to report that the playing field is looking in good condition, having been mown regularly over the last 12 months. During the year we had help from Solari Farms to replace the gate post and fencing at the entrance.

Web site

Our new web site was launched in October 2016, www.beckburyparish.co.uk, and Carl Steventon is doing a good job keeping it up to date. We now also have the benefit of fibre broadband in the village

Parish Plan

Heather Thomas has ensured that we keep on top of the actions arising from our 2013 Parish Plan, which we agreed we would re-visit in 2018. I am disappointed that Heather decided not to stand for re-election in last week’s election so many thanks to her for her contribution over the last 5 years but welcome to James Paice who has joined the team.

Finally this has been my 3rd year as Chairman and I would like to thank all the team for their help and support.