

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL, BECKBURY, ON  
WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2017, AT 7.30 P.M.**

68. **PRESENT:** Councillors C. Steventon (Chairman), M.S. Breeze, J.S. Paice, D. de Courcy, D. Tooth.
69. **APOLOGIES:** Councillors P.C. Gibbins and D.M. Cummings.
70. **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, Ms. Georgina Somerville (Chairwoman of Beckbury Allotment Association). P.C. Matt Picken and W.P.C. Jessica Hindley.
71. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**  
No Declarations of Interest received.
72. **MINUTES:**  
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, copies of which had been circulated to Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
73. **POLICE MATTERS:**  
The Chairman welcomed P.C. Picken and W.P.C. Jessica Hindley to the meeting. P.C. Picken informed Members that W.P.C. Hindley would now be the contact for Beckbury.  
Members stated that the reason for asking for a police presence was the fact that there had been two or three burglaries within the village recently. P.C. Picken indicated that no one had been caught with regard to these incidents.  
W.P.C. Hindley reported that farm machinery had been targeted and it was important that members of the public reported any suspicious vehicles to the Police.  
W.P.C. Hindley informed members that many parishes had taken up a scheme for smart water, whereby items of value can be marked with just a spot of smart water. She advised the Chairman to speak with Mick Simpson at Bridgnorth Police Station who would advise on the cost of supplying each household within the parish a smart water kit.  
The Chairman thanked them both for attending.
74. **ALLOTMENTS:**  
The Chairman welcomed Ms. Georgina Somerville the Chairwoman of Beckbury Allotment Association. Ms. Somerville stated that she had been elected Chairwoman at the recent meeting of the Association and wished to introduce herself to the members of the Parish Council.  
Ms. Somerville informed members that she had met with Councillor Cummings regarding the rules and regulations and would be meeting with him again on his

return from holiday.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Somerville for attending and looked forward to working together for the benefit of the Association.

**75. BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP:**

In the absence of Councillor Gibbins, the Clerk submitted an update from him on the Community Shop.

The committee are still awaiting the grant money to appear in their bank account – they were promised the first stage in August. As soon as it is received they will be ordering the building and hope for this to be delivered by end of October. Then they have been promised help from Retail Furniture in Halesfield to do the internal fittings.

They are holding an Annual Members Meeting on Wednesday next for their 81 shareholders to update them on the situation and they will then follow this up with a Volunteers Meeting (they have over 60 people volunteered to help) when the building is on site.

**76. BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL:**

Members of the Village Hall Committee reported that at their last meeting the Business was mainly centred around the Community Shop. The windows in the toilets would need to be blocked off and a door would need to be fitted into the shop and power and a water supply would be from the Village Hall.

The shed at the rear of the building needed to be replaced and there had been discussion on the refurbishment of the village hall.

**77. BECKBURY PLAYING FIELDS:**

The chairman had nothing to report under this heading.

**78. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE;**

The Clerk reported that Mr. Graham Downes had visited the footway on Ryton Road. This footway is not adopted as part of the highway maintenance at public expense, it is in fact maintained by STAR Housing and he had informed them of the complaint.

The latest news is that Mr. Downes has met with officers from STAR Housing on site and has provided them an estimate for the resurfacing of the footway which they are considering.

With regard to potholes, repaired in Madeley, Ryton and Caynton Road, in July and August.

The footpath adjacent to the Church has been swept to remove moss.

Members reported that dog fouling was still a problem and parking on footpaths still persisted.

**79. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2016/2017:**

The Clerk reported that the external auditor had completed his audit of accounts for 2016/2017 and there were no matters he wished to bring before the Council.

**80. FINANCE:**

The Clerk presented the following accounts for approval and payment.

Salary	£180.32
Petty Cash	£ 20.00

**RESOLVED accordingly.**

**Chairman  
4<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.**