

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL, BECKBURY, ON  
WEDNESDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2017, AT 7.30 P.M.**

- 81. PRESENT:** Councillors C. Steventon (Chairman), P. Gibbins, D. Tooth, D.M. Cummings, M.S. Breeze, D. De Courcy, J.S. Paice.
- 82. IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, W.P.C. J. Hindley and Mark Simpson (Crime Prevention Officer).
- 83. APOLOGIES:**  
Shropshire Councillor M.L. Wood.
- 84. SMART WATER KITS:**  
Members agreed to bring this item forward.  
The Chairman welcomed W.P.C. Hindley and Mark Simpson Crime Prevention Officer to the meeting.  
The Crime Prevention Officer explained how things have changed from marking personal property with a fluorescent marker pen with a post code to the smart water kits. The smart water kits consists of a small tube of smart water and a small drop is applied to personal property, if this property is stolen then it can eventually be identified. Stolen items are placed on a data base.  
Many Parish Councils have taken the opportunity together with the Police to arrange for every property within a parish to be supplied with a smart water kit. No 2 bottles of smart water are the same, with each kit comes a Registration Form which is completed by the property owner and handed in to the Police and this is then forwarded to the smart water company to be retained to identify owners when stolen property is recovered.  
The cost of each smart water kit is £8.90 plus V.A.T.  
The Chairman and Members thanked the Crime Prevention Officer and W.P.C. Hindley for explaining the advantages of smart water.  
The Chairman sought the views of Members and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should participate in a scheme that gave every property owner a smart water kit. It was estimated that this would cost approximately £1500 and this could be taken from the Parish Council reserves.
- 84. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**  
No Declarations of Interest were received.

- 85. MINUTES:**  
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, copies of which had been circulated to Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- 86. BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP:**  
Councillor Gibbins reported that the grant of £24574 the first instalment of which had been received and the second instalment was due in November and £6000 had now been raised by various donations. The building had now been ordered and the cost was £17500 including V.A.T. it would be delivered as a complete building and lifted into place by a crane. The foundations for the building were due to start on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 and the committee were looking towards an opening of the shop In February, 2018.
- 87. BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL:**  
No matters to report.
- 88. POLICE MATTERS:**  
Nothing further to report.
- 89. BECKBURY PLAYING FIELDS:**  
No matters to report.
- 90. ALLOTMENTS:**  
Councillor Cummings reported that he had met with Ms. Georgina Sommerville the new Chairman of the Beckbury Allotment Association.
- 91. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE:**  
Members reported that they were still receiving complaints regarding vehicles parking their four wheels on the footpath at the corner of Ryton Road, and asked if the Police could have a word with the offenders. The Clerk undertook to Email W.P.C. Hindley and ask for her assistance.  
Councillor De Courcy reported that with winter not too far away he had inspected the salt bins in the village and they just needed topping up although the present contents had crusted over.
- 92. SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW:**  
Members noted that the first round of it's Preferred Options consultation will go before the Cabinet meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

**93. FINANCE:**

The Clerk presented the following accounts for approval and payment.

Salary	£180.32
Petty Cash	£ 20.00
C. Steventon (Microsoft Licence Renewal	£ 59.99

**RESOLVED** accordingly.

**Chairman**  
**1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017.**