

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL, BECKBURY, ON
WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL, 2017, AT 7.30 P.M.**

- 1. PRESENT: Councillors P.C. Gibbins (Chairman), M.S. Breeze, D.M. Cummings, D. Tooth, D. De Courcy, Dr. H. Thomas.**
- 2. APOLOGIES: Councillor C. Steventon and Shropshire Councillor M.L. Wood.**
- 3. IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk.**
- 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
No Declarations of Interest received.**
- 5. MINUTES:
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st March, 2017, copies of which had been circulated to Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.**
- 6. BECKBURY PARISH PLAN:
No items to bring forward.
Members reported that rubbish had been dumped on the verge of Badger Road. Members reported that they had received complaints of dog mess in the Parish, and in one particular area, it was agreed that the Chairman draft an item for the Parish Newsletter. **ACTION PCG****
- 7. BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP:
The Chairman reported that they now had 35 share holders and to date £1650 had been raised via the Community Share Scheme. Councillor Dr. Thomas was preparing grant applications to several organisations.
The next meeting of the Committee would be on 13th April, 2017.**
- 8. BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL:
No matters to report.**
- 9. POLICE MATTERS:
No matters to report.**
- 10. BECKBURY PLAYING FIELDS:
The Chairman reported that the playing fields were looking in good condition with the grass looking good. In future Mr. P. Glaze would be cutting the grass in future and his fee was £170 per month. The weekly football on a Tuesday evening is starting on 11th April, 2017.**
- 11. ALLOTMENTS:
Members reported that they had concerns that the recently revised rules and regulations were not being complied with, particularly with regard to the**

number of chickens etc. that are allowed on each allotment. The Chairman had also received a letter of complaint from the Environmental Health Department, which had been passed onto Mr. Mark Spickernell. After discussion it was agreed that the Chairman write to Mr. Mark Spickernell expressing the concern of the Parish Council

ACTION PCG

12. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE:

The Chairman reported that he had Emailed Mr. Graham Downes at Shropshire Council with regard to potholes in the village and also enquiring of the future Highways programme for the Parish. To date had not received a reply.

Members suggested that the Chairman speak to Shropshire Councillor Wood on this matter.

Members reported that the sign on the public footpath off Snowdow Lane regarding trespassers had not been changed, since making contact with MR. Solari.

Members discussed the possibility of extending the Conservation Area of the Parish and after a lengthy discussion it was resolved to shelve the matter.

Councillor Cummings reported on Denton Pool as follows:

Shropshire Council's Planning Department have approved the Application under Part 3, Class Q, of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 for the change of use if an agricultural building to a residential dwelling. In doing so it appears that they have been badly misled by their legal team and have wholly failed to understand that they have an absolute duty to ensure that the applicant qualifies under the terms of the Act, which requires that there must have been an Agricultural business (not just Agricultural use). The Planners were supplied with various pieces of spurious evidence of agricultural use but nothing to confirm business use, eg. Accounts or Tax Documents. It is understood that Shropshire Councillor Michael Wood is very unhappy and intends to take the matter further. Whilst we cannot appeal the decision a complaint could be made to the Local Government Ombudsman. Members resolved to consider this after the result of Shropshire Councillor Woods actions.

13. WEB SITE:

The Chairman reported that information of the Community Shop and the forthcoming elections had been included on the Web site.

14. ELECTIONS 2017:

The Clerk reported that there was seven candidates for the seven seats on the Parish Council with one new member being Mr. James Stewart Paice. Councillors Dr. H. Thomas was not seeking re-election. The Chairman, Members and Clerk paid tribute to Councillor Dr. Thomas and thanked her for all the work she had done, particularly with the Parish Plan and her dedicated commitment in serving the Parish.

The Clerk reported that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday, 10th May, 2017, commencing at 7.00 p.m. The Annual

Parish Meeting would follow at 8.00 p.m.

15. FINANCE:

The Clerk presented the following accounts for approval and payment.

Salary	£180.32
Petty Cash	£ 20.00
Beckbury Playing Fields	£500.00
E.ON Energy Ltd.	£333.96
SALC	£178.16
Smith of Derby Ltd	£402.00

RESOLVED accordingly.

Chairman
10th May, 2017.