

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BECKBURY PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL, BECKBURY, ON
WEDNESDAY, 10TH MAY, 2017, AT 7.00 P.M.**

16. PRESENT: Councillors P.C. Gibbins (Chairman), C. Steventon, D. Cummings, M.S. Breeze, D. Tooth, J.S. Paice.

17. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:
The Chairman welcomed Councillor Paice to the Parish Council.

18. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:
Members duly completed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office. Members confirmed that Councillor D. De Courcy, who was absent through sickness, would sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the next meeting of the Council.

19. IN ATTENDANCE:
The Clerk.

20. APOLOGIES:
Councillor D. De Courcy and Shropshire Councillor M.L. Wood.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
No Declarations of Interest were received.

22. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:
Nominations were received for the appointment of Chairman for the he ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor C. Steventon be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

Member thanked the outgoing Chairman, Councillor P. Gibbins, for his Chairmanship over the last 3 years.

23. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN:
Nominations were received for the appointment of Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor P. Gibbins be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

24. MINUTES:
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th April, 2017, copies of which had been circulated to Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

25. ACCOUNTS 2016/2017:

The Clerk presented the accounts for 2016/2017 for approval. In presenting the Accounts the Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had examined the Accounts and internal controls and was satisfied that the Accounts fairly represented the financial activities of the Parish Council and he had duly completed Section 4 – Annual Internal Audit report on the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March, 2017.

RESOLVED that the Accounts for 2016/2017 be approved. The Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer duly signed the Accounts.

26. ANNUAL RETURN 2016/2017:

Section 1 Annual Governance Statement was completed and signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

Section 2 of the Statement of Accounts for 2016/2017 was signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

27. BECKBURY PARISH PLAN:

Councillor Gibbins reported that an article had been placed in the Parish newsletter regarding dog fouling. Members reported that unfortunately dog fouling was still in existence.

Members referred to a dog that is continually running loose in the Big Wood Farm area. Councillor Gibbins stated that he knew who owned the dog and would speak to the owners.

ACTION PCG

Councillor Gibbins reported that some 60 residents had taken out shares for the Community Shop and the total revenue to far was just short of £5000. Dr. Heather Thomas was making various applications for funding for the shop and they were now waiting on 2 applications.

Members agreed that the Beckbury Parish Plan item can now be excluded from the agenda as there were now no outstanding issues. The Parish Plan would be revised commencing in November.

28. STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RISK ASSESSMENT: Members confirmed the above.

29. POLICE MATTERS:

Nothing to report on this item.

30. BECKBURY PLAYING FIELDS:

The Chairman presented the accounts for 2016/2017 which showed a credit balance of £1280.31. Various local football teams were now using the playing field facilities.

31. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES:

Members considered the following appointments.

Beckbury Village Hall 2 appointments – Councillors D. de Courcy and J.S. Paice,

Beckbury Playing Fields 2 appointments – The Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Local Joint Committee 1 appointment – Leave to the June meeting,

32. ALLOTMENTS:

Councillor Cummings reported that the Chairman of Beckbury Allotment Association had contacted him regarding an amendment to the rules and regulations in respect of keeping chickens on the allotments.

Councillor Cummings reported that he had informed the Chairman that the Parish Council had approved the rules and regulations and that no further amendments would be allowed.

33. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE:

Councillor Cummings reported that at last he had received communications from Shropshire Council regarding heavy goods weight limits within the village. He had been informed that enforcement was a problem but Shropshire Council were able to place signs in strategic locations in the village. Shropshire Council required a plan to be submitted and it was agreed that he and Councillor Gibbins prepare a plan for submission to Shropshire Council.

ACTION DC AND PCG.

Members again referred to the problems of pot holes and the fact that officers of Shropshire Council did not seem to be taking any action on their complaints. It was agreed that Councillor Gibbins speak to Shropshire Councillor M.L. Wood and express the concerns of the Parish Council.

ACTION PCG

34. GRINDLE HOUSE FARM APPEAL:

Members considered the request from Ryton and Grindle Parish Council to share in the cost of engaging highways consultants for the forthcoming appeal.

RESOLVED that no contribution would be made.

35. DENTON POOL:

Members noted the Email from the Planning and Enforcement Officer in which he stated that he had visited the site on a few occasions since the temporary stop notice was served to check if any further works had been undertaken. One or two large trees have fallen onto the land from the neighbouring land since the notice was served and the trees were still on 'fallen' situ on his last visit in March.

He was satisfied that no further works requiring any planning permission have been undertaken on the land since the notice was served.

It was noted that a static caravan and motorhome are located on the land.

He was satisfied from his inspections that these are not in use for any residential purposes.

Taking these matters into account they do not propose any further action at the site at the current time, however, a further visit to the site will be made to undertake further monitoring exercise in the near future. If the Parish Council notes activity at the site in the future and it is considered that planning permission may be required for the works then contact should be made with the Planning Authority then officers will arrange to undertake further inspections and take necessary action where required.

Members agreed that they would observe the site over a period of time.

36. FINANCE:

The Clerk presented the following accounts for approval and payment.

	Npower	£221.80 (Paid)
	AON UK Ltd.	£311.84
	Shropshire Council	£ 60.00
	Salary	£180.32
Petty Cash		£ 30.00
	N.H. Whyles	£ 60.00

RESOLVED accordingly.

Chairman
7th June, 2017.