

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL, BECKBURY, ON
WEDNESDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 2017, AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

114. APOLOGIES: Shropshire Councillor M.L. Wood.

115. IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk and one member of the public.

116. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. D. Markworth of Lawton Close, Beckbury, informed Members that he would like to take this opportunity to redress the letter and actions of the Allotment Association members to his personally by way of evidence to the Parish Council. He asked that when the Council review the information provided that you would be determined in the application of the rules against the lawless individuals who really should lose the privilege of an allotment which is after all a recreational activity.

The final point is the harassment and bullying that goes on in the village, this point was going to be raised by another person who was going to join him today but has decided to keep quiet, which he quite understood, to Mr. Markworth's knowledge there are five families who have to endure being harassed and bullied by two key families in the village on a daily basis and feel let down by the Authorities.

Members pointed out to Mr. Markworth that the Allotment Association now had a Chairman, Ms. Georgina Somerville, and any complaints that he had regarding the Allotments should be referred to the Chairman. With regard to the keeping of poultry on the allotments, an officer of Shropshire Council had confirmed, after a site visit, that there was no problem from the keeping of poultry on the allotment. Members considered that overall there was no problems with the state of the Allotments.

With regard to harassment and bullying this should be reported to the Police.

117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No Declarations of Interest were received.

118. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st November, 2017, copies of which had been circulated to members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

119. BECKBURY COMMUNITY SHOP:

Councillor Gibbins reported that the shop had been delivered and put in place on 1st December, 2017. A very successful open evening had been held on 6th December, 2017, and volunteers were now being contacted to ascertain what they are prepared to do to ensure the smooth running of the facility. The shop would be fitted out in January and the building works completed in February with the grant opening of the shop on the 24th March, 2018.

120. BECKBURY VILLAGE HALL:

No reports.

121. POLICE MATTERS:

No reports from the Police.

Members reported that there had been car break in's on Lawton Close.

122. BECKBURY PLAYING FIELDS:

No reports.

123. ALLOTMENTS:

No reports.

124. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE:

Members reported that the pothole near to Belmont on Ryton Road, Beckbury was still in urgent need of attention, also the manhole cover by The Church was deteriorating.

125. ALBRIGHTON PLACE PLAN:

Members noted the Albrighton Place Plan.

126. PLANNING APPLICATION:

Members considered the following planning application.

17/05369/FUL Alterations to existing dwelling to include opening up an existing windows to original opening sizes and internal improvement works at Brook House Farm, Madeley Road, Beckbury.

NO OBJECTIONS

127. PRECEPT 2018/2019:

Members considered their Precept requirements for 2018/2019.

RESOLVED that the Precept remain unchanged at £7300.

128. FINANCE:

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for approval and payment.

Salary	£ 360.64
Petty Cash	£ 20.00
Smartwater	£1555.20 (Paid)
E.ON Highway Lighting	£ 89.34
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RESOLVED accordingly.

129. THE LATE JOHN CHARLES EVANS:

Members expressed their condolences and deepest sympathy at the passing away of John Charles Evens who was a most respected Parish Councillor for several years.