

BECKBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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14th May, 2021.

To: The Chairman and Members of Beckbury Parish Council

You are requested to attend the Annual Meeting of Beckbury Parish Council to be held at Beckbury Village Hall, Beckbury on Wednesday, 19th May, 2021 at 7.30 p.m. The Annual Parish Meeting will follow the conclusion of this meeting,

Yours faithfully



L.E. Oakley
Clerk of the Council.

A G E N D A

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
Members of the Public will have the opportunity to raise parish matters between 7.30 p.m. and 7.40 p.m.

Meeting was attended by Pc Cooper and PCSO Newbrook. PC Cooper gave an update in relation to nearby incidents of note. The Parish Council were told that there had been a nearby Distraction Burglary in Caynton.

2. **APOLOGIES:**
To receive any apologies for absence.

All in attendance

3. **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:**
To complete the Declaration of Office.

All signed

4. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:**
To appoint a Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr D. Cummings was elected as the new Chair.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN:**
To appoint a Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr P. Gibbins was elected as the new Vice-Chair.

6. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
To receive any Declarations of Interest, personal or prejudicial.

None

7. **ACCOUNTS 2020/2021:**
To approve the accounts for 2020/2021.

All accounts were approved. Councillor Paice asked about the increase in Public Lighting and how that figure is broken down. The Parish Council were informed that we had just changed providore to a cheaper supplier.

It was also discussed that may be the Parish Council need to set up a strategy for Staff Gratuity and may be money should be set aside on a regular basis. It was agreed that this be deferred.

8. **CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION:**
To confirm the Certificate of Exemption for smaller authorities were the gross income and expenditure do not exceed £25000.

Signed and posted.

9. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020/2021:**
To sign that above statement.

Signed

10. **ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2020/2021:**
To approve the accounting statements for 2020/2021.

Signed

11. **BECKBURY PARISH PLAN**
To receive an update on the Parish Plan. Councillor Gibbins updated the following:

- a) Investigate the feasibility and cost of a children's play area on the playing field. The preferred quote from the two received was Playdale at £30000. Two grants for £10000 each had been submitted to the Lottery Fund and Severn Trent.
- b) Road maintenance – keep pressure on Shropshire Council to improve the condition of the local roads – Roads within the village had recently received a top dressing and were in a better condition.
- c) Investigate options to improve parking in the 3 areas identified as a problem by Parishioners – The issues raised in relation to parking along Ryton Rd. Councillor Cummings will speak with Richard Solari to establish if a site can be identified to assist with the issue.
- d) Investigate the possibility of extending the bus service to Albrighton – Councillor De Courcey stated he had tried to make contact and had been passed around Shropshire Council. He is still awaiting an update.
- e) Housing policy – Parish Council to maintain current policy of limited development only and not encroaching on the green belt.
- f) Press Shropshire Council to improve the maintenance of footpaths and bridleways. Also consider a local volunteer group to help where possible – It was noted that some paths had been cleared at the bottom of Higford Lane but elsewhere several remained overground. It is not known who had cleared some of the paths.
- g) Maintain support for the village hall renovation project – Project was near to completion.
- h) Repeat the annual litter pick exercise – this is a carry-over from the 2013 plan – A date had been set for Sunday 6th June.

12. **BECKBURY PLAYING FIELDS:**

To receive a report on the Playing Fields.

The members were informed that the Playing Fields were now being used again by the local Under 12's football team. The playing fields had been maintained on a regular basis through the pandemic and lockdown and were looking exceptionally good.

13. **BECKBURY SHOP:**

To receive a report.

Shop was in a good position and doing well. The opening hours will remain the same. Weekdays until 3.30pm and weekends 9am – 12pm. The café in the shop remains closed indoors at this time, but people can still use the outside space.

14. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

The Chairman to report.

It was agreed that the Chair of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council be invited to the next meeting to discuss the proposal. Councillor Gibbins had been in touch with Ian Kilby at Shropshire Council. This matter had been forwarded to the appropriate officer Edward West. Councillor Gibbins said that he would follow up to try and get a response. Matter deferred to next meeting.

15. **FINANCE:**

The following cheques have been issued.

07.04.21	Salary	180.32
	Petty Cash	20.00
12.05.21	Beckbury Playing Fields	500.00
	Shropshire Council	50.00
	SALC (awaiting invoice)	
	N.R. Whyles (Auditor)	60.00
	B.H.I.B. (Insurance)	285,59
	E.ON Energy (Awaiting Invoice)	
	Salary (May)	180.32
	Petty Cash	20.00

16. **AOB**

The members discussed the planning application for a Fishery at Snowdon Lane. The Chairman stated he lodged an objection on behalf of the Parish Council.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
WEDNESDAY 19TH MAY, 2021.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Report.

Report read out to the members.

2. BECKBURY PLAYING FIELDS (Chairman to report)

Report read out to the members.

