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| Beckbury parish council Meeting minutes | | |
| Location: | Beckbury Village Hall | |
| Date: | 6 March 2024 | |
| Time: | 19:30 | |
| Chair: | David Cummings (DC) | |
| Present: | Peter Hopkins (PH)  Peter Gibbins (PG)  David Tooth (DT)  Matt Wild (MW)  David de Courcy (DdeC)vi Code Courcy  David de Courcy |  |

1. **Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies**James Paice
2. **Declarations of Interest**

No interests declared.

1. **Minutes**The minutes of the meeting on 10th January were approved by the PC.
2. **Beckbury Playing Field**
   1. **Book Tree.** The Chairman reported that the “Book Tree” on the playing field where people could borrow books had been dismantled due to lack of interest.
   2. **Liability notices.** PG reported that the revised liability notice had been posted up on the playing field and playground.
   3. **Football.** PG reported that Beckbury Badgers had recently paid the second installment of £250, and it was agreed that when BB finish playing at the end of their season that we would offer the use of the field to Albrighton FC again.
   4. **Playground**. PG reported that the pump (BMX) track project, designed by Dave Cunningham had been delayed by the very wet weather and hopefully could be started before the summer. The annual inspection by Playdale took place w/c 22.1. and the Inspector was very complimentary on the quality of our installation work.
3. **Planning Applications**None received.
4. **Village Maintenance**
   1. The installation of the extra streetlight outside the village hall is planned for the Autumn.
   2. Potholes were discussed again, in particular the developing hole by the entrance to the Smokey Cow over the top of the recent sewer repair and the large hole on Badger Road caused by water damage off the field. PG agreed to write to Graham Downes. ACTION PG
5. **Beckbury Shop**PG reported that the shop been relatively quiet in Jan/Feb. The shop has had a new volunteer - Helen Camridge, but we still need more volunteers.
6. **Beckbury Village Hall**   
   No new matters to report.
7. **Police Matters**   
   Nothing to report from the Police. The PC noted that a large number of tyres had been dumped recently on Caynton Road. They had since been removed by Matt Williams.
8. **Recruiting a Parish Clerk**DC reported that Georgina Porter has agreed to try the role for 6 months starting after April. An annual salary of £2500 was approved by the PC and a payroll account needs to be set up with HMRC. ACTION PG
9. **Beckbury School House**PH reported that the new tenants – Mr. Jordan Stephens, had taken up residence and a new rent of £500/month had been agreed. Prior to moving in the electrical and plumbing repairs had been completed and the property was now in much better condition.

Keith Hodson still had control of the bank account which is reasonably healthy and change of signature forms were still needed to sort this out.  
The possibility of the PC taking over as trustees was again discussed and DC requested to see the full copy of the deeds. Formal legal advice would be required.

Further investigations and discussions on the above to take place and report back at the next PC ACTION PH/DC

1. **Other Business**None
2. **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 1 May 2024 at 19:30 in Beckbury Village Hall