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| Beckbury parish council Meeting minutes | | |
| Location: | Beckbury Village Hall | |
| Date: | 8 May 2024 | |
| Time: | 19:30 | |
| Chair: | David Cummings (DC) | |
| Present: | David de Courcy (DdeC)  Peter Gibbins (PG)  Peter Hopkins (PH)  James Paice (JP)  David Tooth (DT)  Matt Wild (MW)  Georgina Porter (Clerk)ter de Courcy  David de Courcy |  |
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1. **Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies**None – all councilors present
2. **Declarations of Interest**

No interests declared.

1. **Appointment of Chairman**DC was unanimously elected as Chairman for the next year.
2. **Appointment of Vice Chairman**PG was also elected as Vice Chair.
3. **Minutes**The minutes of the meeting on 6th March 2024 were approved by the PC.
4. **Accounts**

PG presented the accounts for 2023/24.The AGAR Annual Internal Audit Report was signed by Phil Taylor on 4 April 2024. The accounts were exempt from a full audit this year as the turnover was under £25,000. The accounts and AGAR forms will be published on the Parish Council web site and village notice boards.  
PG reported that:

1. the Playing Field account was now closed with all activity now flowing though the main Parish Council account.
2. the precept had increased from £9,000 to £10,000
3. the bank balance stood at £15,551.43 on 31 March, a slight improvement on the previous financial year.

The accounts were unanimously agreed. The Certificate of Exemption and Annual Governance Statement were signed by DC as Chair. These documents are held by PG and are available for public viewing.

1. **Beckbury Playing Field**
   1. **Oak tree pruning.** PG reported that a quote had been received for £400 from Reid Breeze. This was **accepted** and PG will take forward. ACTION PG
   2. **Fence repair.** PG received a quote for £750 for repair and replacement of the damaged stretch of post and rail fencing. DC and PG considered this excessive and propose this work should be carried out by Parish Council members at a likely cost of £100. **Agreed.** ACTION DC/PG
   3. **Football.** PG reported that Beckbury Badgers would finish their season at the end of May allowing the use of the field to be made available for the Albrighton FC again for the summer months at a rate of £10ph. **Agreed.** ACTION PG
   4. **Signage.** PG had received a quote for £50 +VAT to supply a Playing Field and Car Park compliance sign for the entrance. **Agreed** . ACTION PG
   5. **Events** PG reported two events to be held on the playing field:
      1. Village picnic July 14th
      2. School picnic July 19th
2. **Allotments**

PG reported that the outstanding rent due for 2021/21 and 2022/3 had now been paid. Rent for 2023/24 is owing.

1. **Planning Applications**None received.
2. **Village Maintenance**

It was noted that the Badger Rd potholes have been repaired.

1. **Beckbury Shop**A new card machine is to be installed and promised for this week.
2. **Beckbury Village Hall**   
   Complaints have been received about hirers parking their cars in the road alongside and opposite the village hall entrance. PG uses the bollards when he is aware of a booking. **Agreed** to notify the Village Hall Committee of the complaints and to request that they stress that hirers are to use the car park. ACTION PG
3. **Police Matters**   
   Nothing to report from the Police. It was agreed to remove this as a standing item and report when there is a discussion point
4. **Beckbury School House**PH reported that substantial renovations had been carried out and the new tenants had moved in. There was general discussion about the trusteeship of the School House and its future, to ensure the purpose of Trust was honored and continued to be for the benefit and education of Beckbury residents.

1. **Other Business**There was no other business.
2. **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 3 July 2024 at 19:30 in Beckbury Village Hall