

**I hereby give notice that you are required to attend the
MEETING OF BECKLEY PARISH COUNCIL on 14 NOVEMBER 2023 at 7.30pm
in the Village Centre to resolve the matters shown in the agenda below**

Dated this day 9 November 2023

M. E. Philo Clerk and RFO.

AGENDA

- 1) **Public Questions** – 10 minutes. Allow questions (**maximum 2 minutes per person**) from members of the public following which they may leave the meeting if they wish, but must remain silent if they stay. A further period of public question time is allowed at the end of the meeting. Names of those speaking may be recorded and reported in the minutes.
- 2) **Apologies for absence.**
To agree the absence of Councillor Erith.
- 3) **Declarations of interest** whether personal or personal/pecuniary in accordance with the current Code of Conduct regarding matters on the agenda.
- 4) **Adjournment of meeting for reports from County and District Councillors**
(Parish Councillors to report under the specific item)
- 5) **Reconvening the meeting.**
- 6) **To consider and approve the signing by the Chairman of the minutes of the meeting of 10 October 2023.**
- 7) **Planning**
 - I. **Applications to consider**
 - I. **[RR/2023/2023/P](#) King's Bank Oast, Kings Bank Lane: Proposed two storey extension.**
 - II. **Planning Permissions Granted**
 - I. RR/2023/1641/P Beckley Gallery, Peasmarsh Road: Erection of North and South single storey extensions with pitched tiled roof and minor changes to fenestrations.
Approved.
 - III. **Planning Applications Refused - None**
 - IV. **Enforcements**
ENF/201/23/BEC Field/Land at Escheatlands Farm, Furnace Lane: Mobile home delivered, sewage tanks and other works.
 - V. **For notification only (no comment to be made) – None**
- 8) **Finances**
 - i. Financial Report
 - ii. Monthly balance and sign off
 - iii. Budget for 2023-2024
First Draft
- 9) **Jubilee Fields, Frog Field, Play Area and MUGA Repairs and Improvements**
 - i. Report on regular checks of Jubilee Fields.
 - ii. Jubilee Field – gap in hedge.

- iii. Ditch Clearance to resolve flooding of neighbouring property
 Various efforts have been made to obtain quotes from contractors. Only one has been deemed capable. **To agree to contract Nigel Gibbs & Son to clear undergrowth and raise ditch tree canopy to allow the ditch to be cleared and clear the ditch, £2,800 plus vat.**
 Note all planted trees will be kept
- iv. Frog Field tidy
 On the schedule of works for the parish council, there is an item in October for the tidy of Frog Field. The clerk met a conservation expert on site and was advised that some possible small areas of clearance for butterflies might be advisable and clearance around the pond would be due in a few years. Request for information on previous works.
- v. Frog field Information Board
 The printer required a higher specification to print the information sheet for the board. A designer had to be used. **To agree the information board text and design and pay the cost £50.**
- vi. Shelter Repair
 Delivery of the Perspex had to be postponed due to the roadworks on Mainstreet.
- vii. Any other issues or comments to report.

10) **Land at Budden Green**

- i. To form an advisory committee to complete discovery on the various options for the field to be developed for affordable housing and then report to the full council. The committee will compose of two or three councillors, the clerk and any appropriately skilled non councillors if and when required. It will meet to speak with advisors and draw up the report. The committee will have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the council. First meeting will be with AIRS.
- ii. Any issues or comments to report

11) **Bus shelters and Defibrillators**

- i. Hobbs Lane End of Main Street Bus Shelter
 Refurbishment of the noticeboard has been completed and is due to be installed. It has been noted that some of the shelter ship lap has slipped and is broken.
- ii. Bus Shelter opposite the pub crack in wall. Update.
- iii. The Village hall will consider the request for permission for a AED signs on the car park entrance walls at their next meeting in January.
- iv. Any other issues or comments to reports.

12) **Resilience Planning**

To discuss forming a plan and providing appropriate training in first aid and the use of defibrillators.

13) **Clerk's Probation**

To agree two councillors discuss with the clerk before the December meeting.

14) **Fingerpost Maintenance – Opposite King's Bank Lane and Top Lane**

Opposite Kings Bank Lane

Having sought quotes from a respected local capable contractor and ascertained a similar price, to assist with keeping the fingerpost drier, the clerk contracted Finger Posts Limited. A 50% deposit was paid. The post was due to be collected and will be back in a couple of weeks.

15) **Accounts** for approval (*VAT, if applicable, shown for items exceeding £100*).

Recipient	VAT	Total £	Recipient	VAT £	Total £
Clerk Salary including PAYE (PAYE £ 68.20)		£738.84	Refund Natasha Vadorin Frog Field Information Board Design	N/A	£50.00
John O’Conner groundwork September invoice 102099	35.66	213.95	Village Hall Room Hire October Lost cheque replacement £31.50 replacement with	N/A	£12.60 £12.60
Steve Bunn – Refund materials for noticeboard Northiam DIY 25.10.2023	£	£9.49	Finger Post Signs Limited		£698
M Philo October Office allowance		£26	PKF Littlejohn LLP – External Audit	£42	£252
Finger Post Signs Ltd		£698	RALC subscription		£80

16) **Information for Councillors (other information not covered in the items above)**

- i. Police focus groups – online – 28th November 2pm-4pm. Councillor Mitchell will attend.
- ii. There have been a spate of thefts from front gardens in the village.
- iii. Residential Development in Rother Event – Thursday 2nd November was deferred due to Storm Ciaran.
- iv. Rother Annual Parish Meeting 5th December 2pm to 4pm Brede Village Hall. Two representatives.
- v. Kings Bank Lane night road closure 20/21 November for patching works.
- vi. Civility and Respect Survey.
- vii. Clerk’s email cannot be removed from the website alone as it is attached to org.uk. All emails would have to be moved to 365.

17) **Matters for consideration as an agenda item for the next meeting.**

18) **Public questions** - not to exceed 10 minutes.

Date of next meeting – 12 December 2023 commencing 7.30pm.
