



**I hereby give notice that you are required to attend the  
MEETING OF BECKLEY PARISH COUNCIL on 12 MARCH 2024 at 7.30pm  
in the Village Centre to resolve the matters shown in the agenda below**

Dated this day 6 March 2024

*M. E. P. P. P.*

Clerk and RFO.

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## **AGENDA**

**Beckley Parish Council has two vacancies for residents to become parish councillors  
working on behalf of their community.**

**Please speak to a councillor or the Clerk if you are interested.**

**1) Public Questions**

A ten-minute session to 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**

**3) Declarations of interest**

Whether personal or personal/pecuniary in accordance with the current Code of Conduct regarding matters on the agenda.

**4) Co-option for councillor vacancy**

To agree to co-opt Jo Morphy by paper ballot.

**5) Adjournment of meeting for reports from County and District Councillors**

(Parish Councillors to report under the specific item)

**6) Reconvening the meeting.**

**7) To consider and approve the signing by the Chairman of the minutes of the meeting of 13 February 2024.**

**8) Planning**

**i. Applications to consider**

- a. RR/2024/195/L and RR/2024/248/P Ludley Farm, Ludley Hill: Repair and conversion of curtilage listed agricultural building to form a 3-bedroom dwelling
- b. RR/2024/177/L and RR/2024/177/P The Vines, Main Street: Replace outbuilding on same footprint, replace and increase width of gates and widen vehicle crossover.
- c. RR/2024/241/P and RR/2024/242/L Chestnuts Main Street: Proposed alterations to C20th utility extension, alterations to C20th kitchen extension including new rooflights, alterations to fenestration and fireplace (Amendment to scheme approved under RR/2022/2122/L and RR/2022/2121/P)

**ii. Planning Permissions Approved**

- a. RR/2023/2332/P Ilex Cottage, Main Street: Alternative to previously approved scheme RR/2023/778/P for the proposed erection of a self-contained log cabin annexe.

**iii. Planning Applications Refused**

- a. RR/2023/2317/P The Vineyard, Whitebread Lane: Erection of two detached houses served by new vehicular access and relocation of field gate.

**iv. Enforcements**

ENF/163/23/BEC Land at Main Street (RR/2021/2253/FN) Land being used for private horses: Although the animals are personal use as opposed to agricultural, no harm is being caused, as such no formal action required. Therefore, no further action will be taken.

**v. For notification only (no comment to be made) – None**

**9) Finances**

**i. Monthly balance and sign off**

a. NatWest

	Current Account		Reserve Account
Running Balance 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	£ 33,983.59		£ 613.10
Receipts	£ 5.18	Interest	£ 0.71
Payments	<u>£ 1,816.64</u>		<u>£ 0.00</u>
Running Balance 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	£ 32,172.13		£ 613.81
Bank statement 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	£ 32,870.13		
Less unrepresented cheques	<u>£ 698.00</u>		
Balance	£ 32,172.13		

b. Lloyds Bank which currently holds no funds

**10) Highways**

**11) Jubilee Fields, Frog Field, Play Area, MUGA and School Field Repairs and Improvements**

**i. Report on regular inspections.**

**ii. Frog field Information Board**

Clerk has chased for a delivery date.

**iii. Flooding of entrance area to field used by the school.**

Report by Councillor Penny

**To agree to contract Gibbs & Son to reform bank to drain inlet on School Field. Est. £310 plus vat.**

**iv. Other Flooding**

Report by Councillor Penny

**v. Jubilee Field Drainage**

Report by Councillor Bunn

**vi. Any other issues or comments to report.**

**12) Land at Budden Green**

i. The recent heavy rains means the contractor found the ground to be too wet to get heavy machinery on the land. Raining weather has continued since then.

ii. Housing Needs Survey. A grant application has been submitted. Councillors need to confirm that they are happy with the survey questions and agree the cover letter and communications plan. Surveys will go out around the 2<sup>nd</sup> May, if councillors are happy with this. To agree to delegate to

the clerk should any decisions needed between meetings in consultation with councillors.

**13) Bus Shelters and Defibrillators**

Wall mounted directional signs have been ordered to highlight a defibrillator can be found at the village hall.

**14) Fingerpost Maintenance – Opposite King’s Bank Lane:** fingerpost has been returned

**15) D-Day Commemoration**

**To agree to acquire a commemorative flag to be flown on June 6<sup>th</sup>.** £22.80 3ft x 2ft or £28.80 5 ft x 3ft including vat and postage.

**16) Finances**

**i. Allocation of Reserve Funds**

**To agree to allocate the reserve funds:**

**Reserve £ 10,000. Any remaining funds to be reserved initially towards drainage issues.**

**ii. Accounts for Approval.**

£ 782.17	Clerk’s Salary – no paye due to previous overpayment
£ 18.00	Beckley Village Hall Trust – February Meeting Room Hire
£ 3,297.43	Sussex Rural Community Council (vat £549.57)
£ 420.00	Netwise website host (vat £70)
£ 37.70	M Philo: Office cost, key and stamps
£ 1,183.92	Playdale Playgrounds: Play area outstanding bill for net and accessories (vat £197.32)
£ 46.77	Refund M Philo: Defibrillator signs for the village centre (vat £7.80)
£ 145.00	M W Slegg: additional work to fingerpost
£ 51.00	Refund N Chillingworth: Green paint for hall donation (vat £8.50)
£ 252.81	Refund M Philo: Paint and accessories for village hall donation

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

- i. The village hall has thanked the parish council for the donation of paint and accessories
- ii. Councillor Penny completed a visual inspection of the clerk’s office
- iii. Rother Voluntary Action have requested to come to talk to residents
- iv. Parish Online changes
- v. Neighbourhood Watch stickers have been delivered

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

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

**20) Date of next meeting – 16 April 2024 commencing 7.30pm.**

**21) Pursuant to section 102 of the public bodies (admission to meeting) Act 1960, to agree, because of the confidential nature of business transacted, the Public and Press leave the meeting during the Clerk’s salary from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 and the parish council requirement for pension.**