



I hereby give notice that you are required to attend the
MEETING OF BECKLEY PARISH COUNCIL on 9 JANUARY 2024 at 7.30pm
in the Village Centre to resolve the matters shown in the agenda below

Dated this day 3 January 2024

M. E. Philo

Clerk and RFO.

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** – 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.**
- 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 12 December 2023.**
- 7) **Planning**
 - i. **Applications to consider**
 - a. [RR/2023/2322/P](#) Gooseley Farm Oast, Main Street: Outline planning application for up to 4 dwellings and associated infrastructure, with all matters reserved except for access.
 - b. [RR/2023/2494/P](#) Taihoa Land adjacent, Kings Bank Lane: Demolition of existing former workshop and replacement building to provide 1 x unit holiday accommodation.
 - ii. **Planning Permissions Granted**
 - a. RR/2023/2389/P Old Teachers House, Main Street: single storey extension to replace existing conservatory, double garage and associated hard standing.
Approved.
 - iii. **Planning Applications Refused - None**
 - iv. **Enforcements – None**
 - v. **For notification only (no comment to be made) – None**
- 7) **Finances**
 - i. **Monthly balance and sign off**
 - a. NatWest
Current Account Reserve account

Bank statement 30 th November 2023	£ 40,387.91		£ 610.87
Unpresented cheques	<u>£ 960.40</u>	Interest	<u>£ 0.73</u>
Running balance	<u>£ 39,427.51</u>		<u>£ 611.60</u>
Bank statement 31 st December 2023	£ 36,186.01		£ 611.60
Unpresented cheques	<u>£ 965.45</u>	Interest	<u>£ 0.70</u>
Running balance	<u>£ 35,220.56</u>		<u>£ 612.30</u>

- b. Lloyds Bank which currently holds no funds
- ii. [Third Quarter Financial Report](#) (already circulated to councillors)
 - iii. **Additional Signatories for bank accounts**
To resolve that two councillors will be authorised as full power signatories for NatWest and Lloyds bank (with online banking for Lloyds Bank)
 - iv. **Budget for 2023-2024**
A final draft circulated to councillors. Estimated running balance at 31st March 2024 is £ 30,709 including a general reserve of £ 12,500 (50% of precept), leaving £ 18,209 approximately. Council should consider what the council will dedicate £ 18,000 to.
To agree to set the precept for the financial year 2024-2025 at £ 25,000 for the year.
The average (Band D) council tax payer would pay £ 44.38 per annum (est.).
- 8) **Highways Issues**
- 9) **Jubilee Fields, Frog Field, Play Area, MUGA and School Field Repairs and Improvements**
- i. Report on regular checks.
 - ii. Wildflower Meadow.
Now nicely cut.
 - iii. Jubilee Field – gap in hedge.
 - iv. Ditch Clearance to resolve flooding
The cleared ditch has worked well during the recent rains.
 - v. Frog Field
Frog field Information Board: the printer ready design has been sent to the board manufacturer.
 - vi. Shelter Repair – awaiting better weather
 - vii. Junior and Toddler Climbing Frame
To agree to resolve the issue with the fireman’s poles by removing it and put a barrier across the opening. Cost £ 3,410.62 without security fencing loos and ground survey.
 - viii. Flooding of entrance area to field used by the school.
 - ix. Any other issues or comments to report.
- 10) **Land at Budden Green**
- i. Councillor Bunn will be attending the RDC Residential Development Seminar on the 11th January.
 - ii. The contractor is assessing the field ground conditions to be able to carry out the field clearance.
- 11) **Bus shelters and Defibrillators**
- i. New pads for the RAC defibrillator are due shortly.

