

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. Plulo

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. <u>RR/2023/2322/P</u> 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	3 £ 40,387.91		£ 610.87
Unpresented cheques	£ 960.40	Interest	£ 0.73
Running balance	£ 39,427.51		£ <u>611.60</u>
Bank statement 31st December 2023	£ 36,186.01		£ 611.60
Unpresented cheques	£ 965.45	Interest	£ 0.70
Running balance	£ 35,220.56		£ 612.30

- 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 31^{st} 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.

12) **Fingerpost Maintenance** – Opposite King's Bank Lane: awaiting the fingerpost return

13) Neighbourhood Watch

To agree to acquire (or donate funds for) various signs for the group, prices are

£ 2.50 50 window stickers x 3

£ 2.50 1 wheelie bin (number to be advised)

£ 6.00 1 Road sign x 4 Therefore total £ 31.50

14) Society for Local Council Clerks

To resolve to fund a share of the clerk's subscription between the three councils (Beckley Pett and Iden). £ 80.15 (total £ 229)

15) **Accounts** for approval.

£ 782.17	Clerk's Salary including paye (£ 76.80)
£ 16.40	Beckley Village Hall Trust – December Meeting Room Hire
£ 36.00	Maiden Accountancy – January to March Payroll (vat £ 6)
£ 53.01	Refund N Vadorin – printing of December Newsletter

Additional December Payments

£ 40.45	Refund C Penny – keys for noticeboards (vat £ 6.74)
£ 3,360	Gibbs & Son – Jubilee Field ditch clearance (vat £ 560)

- 16) Information for Councillors (other information not covered in the items above)
 - i. Rother Annual Parish Meeting 5th December 2pm to 4pm Brede Village Hall. Report
 - ii. Date for Parish Meeting
 - iii. D Day Commemoration
- 17) Matters for consideration as an agenda item for the next meeting.
 - i. 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
- 18) **Public questions -** not to exceed 10 minutes.
- 19) Date of next meeting 13 February 2024 commencing 7.30pm.