



**I hereby give notice that you are required to attend the
MEETING OF BECKLEY PARISH COUNCIL on 13 FEBRUARY 2024 at 7.30pm
in the Village Centre to resolve the matters shown in the agenda below**

Dated this day 7 February 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

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) 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 9 January 2024.

7) Planning

i. Applications to consider

- a) RR/2024/86/P Kingsbank House, Kings Bank Lane: Single storey sitting room extension to single family dwelling house.

ii. Planning Permissions Granted

- a. 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. Approved.

iii. Planning Applications Refused

- 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. Appeal APP/U1430/W/23/3321733 The Cottage in the Wood: Land adjacent to, Hobbs Lane: Agricultural Building - Dismissed

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- iv. **Enforcements – None**
- v. **For notification only (no comment to be made) – None**
- vi. **Community Infrastructure levy Consultation**
To agree the proposed responses.

8) Finances

i. Monthly balance and sign off

a. NatWest

	Current Account		Reserve Account
Running Balance 31 st December 2023	£35,220.56		£ 612.30
Receipts	£ 17.76	Interest	£ 0.80
Payments	<u>£ 1,254.73</u>		<u>£ 0.00</u>
Running Balance 31 st January 2024	£ 33,983.59		£ 613.10
Bank statement 31st January 2024	£ 34,842.04		
Less unrepresented cheques	<u>£ 858.45</u>		
Balance	£ 33,983.59		

b. Lloyds Bank which currently holds no funds

9) Highways

i. Rural Verge Cutting

In response to public requests and trials, Highways are changing the where and when these cuts will be made. **To agree to one of the two options:**

Option 1 - Standard Rural Grass Cutting Service – No change

Two cuts per annum of a 1 metre wide swathe along the verge plus visibility areas cut for visibility at junctions and for safety on the inside of bends where sight lines between road users may be obscured by vegetation.

Option 2 - Environmental Enhancement Service (reduced rural service)

Excluding single track lanes, the first cut at start of season to be only visibility cuts for safety at junctions and on the inside of bends where sight lines between road users may be obscured by vegetation. The second cut later in the season will be visibility plus a 1 metre wide swathe along the verge.

ii. Camera at Four Oaks Roundabout Discussion.

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

- i. **Report on regular inspections.**
- ii. **Jubilee Field – gap in hedge.**
Many thanks to Councillor Penny for planting mixed saplings to fill two gaps in the hedge.
- iii. **Frog Field**
- iv. **Frog field Information Board**
Attachment bands have been ordered by the printer.
- v. **Shelter Repair**
Many thanks to Councillor Bunn and his son for replacing the broken Perspex cover – almost a complete replacement.
- vi. **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.
- vii. **Flooding of entrance area to field used by the school.**
The contractor was delayed visiting the site due to Covid but attended on Tuesday 6th February. Some initial investigation was made and a small trench dug. Rains are awaited to see how this works before determining what works are required.
- viii. **Beckley Preschool**
Discussion of the preschool difficulties and **whether it is possible to agree to allow for a facility for the preschool on the council field and to operate from the field as well as the junior school.**
- ix. **Any other issues or comments to report.**

11) Land at Budden Green

- i. Councillors met with Action in Rural Sussex to learn about the various community led options that the affordable homes site might be progressed.
- ii. The contractor is assessing the field ground conditions to be able to carry out the field clearance.
- iii. **To agree to fund a housing need survey to ascertain whether there is any requirement for housing in the parish.** Estimated cost is £5,495.72 plus vat. A grant of 50% is available from Rother District Council towards the survey. There is a 50% upfront payment.

12) Bus Shelters and Defibrillators

- i. The defib pads for the defibrillator in the prior Phone Kiosk have been replaced. The pads had reached their expiry date.

13) Fingerpost Maintenance – Opposite King’s Bank Lane: awaiting the fingerpost return

14) Parish Council Email Hosting

Councillors and the clerk are experiencing difficulties with the full email inboxes preventing emails being received. **To agree to move all councillors and clerk’s email addresses to be hosted by Microsoft 365 business basics which provides 1TB of storage, teams, share point and basic office software.** A full council cost £470 plus vat.

15) Finances

- i. **Donation to the village hall**
To agree to donate paint and Perspex to the village hall committee. Est £660.

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ii. Accounts for Approval.

- £ 782.17 Clerk's Salary – no paye due to previous overpayment
- £ 16.40 Beckley Village Hall Trust – January Meeting Room Hire
- £ 80.15 Refund M Philo: Share of Clerks subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerk
- £ 180.00 John O'Connor: meadow cut and clear (vat £30)
- £ 213.95 John O'Connor: Missing November bill (vat £35.66)
- £ 150.40 plus vat John O'Connor: Remaining bills including hedge cutting (vat)
- £32.82 Pett PC: Share of Clerk's mobile phone September 23 to March 2024 inclusive
- £26.00 M Philo: Office cost
- £18.00 Village Hall: January Hall booking
- £71.35 Neighbourhood watch Stickers

iii. Lloyd's Bank resolution confirmation

To agree to the resolution, with regard to amending authorised signatories:

- if we add or remove Authorised Signatories in the "Add or Remove Authorised Signatories" section on the "About your request" page of this form, the Bank will update our mandate accordingly for the accounts we specify in this form's "About your business" section
- if we change the Signing Rules in the "Change the Signing Rules on the Mandate" section on the "About your request" page of this form, the Bank will update our mandate accordingly for the accounts we specify in this form's "About your business" section
- and the current mandate will continue as amended.

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

- i. Date for Parish Meeting**
- ii. D Day Commemoration**
- iii. Neighbourhood Watch stickers are in the process of being ordered.**

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

- i. Allocation of funds above the reserve

18) Public questions - not to exceed 10 minutes.

19) Date of next meeting – 12 March 2024 commencing 7.30pm.
