

Minutes of the Virtual Council Meeting held on the Thursday 10th September 2020

Present Cllr G Underhill (took the chair), Cllr C Steer Cllr R Huxtable Cllr R Pearce Cllr B Millward Cllr S Berry Cllr D Rogers and Mrs A Snell clerk

In attendance Cllr A Saywell – County Councillor, Cllr R Lock - District Councillors

Apologies Cllr M Clarke

Declaration of Interests – Councillors are invited to declare any discloseable pecuniary interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting, including protocol for audio/visual recordings a meeting. They are also reminded to consider whether in the light of recent activities any items within their Register of Interests should be updated.

Public Participation.

1.i. The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th July were agreed and signed.

2. Clerks Report, i. Web site, Cllr Millward has still been working on this, the website is being built, a domain name has been agreed it is beafordvillagedevon.org.uk, an email address will be put on the website as a contact: parishcouncil@beafordvillagedevon.org.uk It will give every parish organisation space to contribute to the website. It is hoped the website will be up and running by the end of September.

ii. Wicksteed report, following the inspection report all equipment is satisfactory with no action required on any equipment.

3. Chairman's Report.

i. Play equipment, Cllr Pearce is still spraying the equipment twice a week, the litter problem has been sorted and the rubbish bins are being emptied every week, Cllr Pearce was thanked for all his efforts. Cllr Rodgers sprayer is being used so the Parish Council have offered to purchase the sprayer, two extra pots of vircon have been purchased for the spraying.

ii. Helicopter flying, further letters have been forwarded to the planning department.

4. Highway Issues, there is to be a further road closure on 17th September for poles to be erected by Openreach, this closure will be from Green Warren House to Abbots Hill.

Mr Darryl Jagger is to send a list of highways works that are earmarked for work throughout the year for each parish, a virtual meeting can be set up to discuss the proposals this will be undertaken.

The DCC website is [devon.cc/report-it](https://www.devon.cc/report-it)

5. County and District Councillors items, Cllr Saywell **Coronavirus Cases**. In the DCC area there has been 1415 cases, up 49 on last week. In the TDC area there has been 3 new cases in the last week up to a total of 60, in North Devon up by 7 in the last week bringing the total to 139. The 49 new cases are out of a total of 6400 tests carried out this is less than 1%, the increase is being driven by Devon residents going abroad, there was a spike in the Exeter area due to a group going to Croatia and another in Plymouth from a group going to Zante. The new test and trace is working well. The covid requirements were reiterated, wear a face covering, keep a safe distance, wash your hands, frequently, cover your face if you sneeze or cough and don't touch your nose or face. Lots of work has been undertaken on reopening of schools and colleges, transportation to get the pupils to school has been worked on with 70 extra buses having been provided to ensure safe distancing is adhered to, further information can be found on the DCC website.

Cllr Lock reported on the outcome of the planning meeting on the 3rd September when the Marshalls Mead 40 houses were passed, the comment raised was that there was no feed back or reasons for passing the application at the meeting , Cllr Lock said the application was discussed for an hour and a half at the actual meeting this can be viewed on TDC via u tube, density, highways all aspects were discussed. The road calming near the entrance was a final aspect agreed with highways

It was highlighted that Parish Councils and Parish Councillors are not at all responsible for District Council planning decisions, these are decided on material planning matters with every application decided on its own merits, the job of the Parish Council is to put forward as many comments and points to make planners aware of the concerns and views of parishioners. Regarding this application residents were given every opportunity to comment and highlight their views and concerns which were forwarded to the planning department.

Cllr Lock said she has received an email from an engineer regarding developing the field from the village hall towards the main road, this is not in the Local Plan, this will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Both Cllr Saywell and Cllr Lock were thanked for attending.

6. Tennis Court, Cllr Millward has been looking into the aspect of Trustees for a sports club, owned by members this is not as straight forward as hoped, advice is being sought. An official letter is to be sent to Katie Farr asking her to be the new secretary of the Tennis Club. A meeting needs to be called with the Tennis club to move control and take ownership. It is hoped the Parish Council can be a single Trustee with an elected representative, with further Trustees nominated.

7. Finance, i Approve and sign the following cheque: -

481	Zoom Mr. B Millward	£88.65
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- i. A full year's subscription has been purchased from zoom.
- ii. The Corvid grant, costs for the zoom meetings and the spray for the equipment have been applied for.

8.i. Planning

P C recommendations

TDC

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1/0407/2019/F ULM	Residential Development for 40 Dwellings including demolition of one dwelling for creation of new access (affecting public right of way) Location: Land Adjacent to Marshalls Mead, Beaford, amended plans.	Passed
1/0279/2020/O UT	Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of up to 14 dwellings (affecting a public right of way) Land at Towell Lane	
1/0687/2020/F UL	Proposed alterations and extension and addition of solar panels on roof (affecting a public right of way) Location: Myrtle Cottage	No objections

i. A meeting was held at Canns Down Press site to discuss their proposed planning application, 4 councillors were in attendance and were very encouraged by the suggestions made.

9. Police Report, During the past month Beaford has had 1 crime report of Public order and 6 logs reported 5 Anti-social behaviour incidents- neighbours playing loud music and shouting, 1 Public safety – and a report of dangerous driving.

10. Ways to improve the Village and Parish Environment, Cllr Millward is to attend an environmental meeting, it was agreed to form a working group within the Parish Council to look at way to improve the environment we live in and ways to improve the wider environment. The suggestion was to comment on planning applications on landscape aspects, solar panels etc. a report will be given at the next meeting.

9. Caretakers Report & Hall report, the DAAT agreement has been signed. The spraying of the play equipment is being undertaken twice a week; the field is looking good. Cllr Huxtable and Cllr Rodgers are looking at the area where the football is played, the grass has been cut short, and the area scurrified on half the pitch. the area is going to be levelled and over seeded. When this is regrown, the other half will be done. It was reported the gate isn't latching very well, Cllr Rodgers kindly agreed to look at this and to put something behind the fence post as children are climbing through.

A socially distanced two-and-a-half-hour Village hall meeting was held in the hall, Cllr Berry attended. The conclusion was that the hall is not reopening at present but the time will be used to make improvements to the heating system etc. The Hall committee would like to work closely with the Parish Council.

10. Correspondence i. DALC Newsletters, including asking if anyone would like to go on the County Board of Directors.
The Police newsletters have been circulated.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 28th October 2020** Parish Council virtual meeting
7.30pm

.....Chairman.....Date

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 25th November 2020 Parish Council virtual meeting.