

BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the Monday 30th April 2018

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Present Cllr C Steer (took the chair), Cllr R Huxtable Cllr R Pearce Cllr J Brend Cllr B Steer Cllr L Rintoul Cllr G Underhill and Mrs A Snell clerk

In attendance Cllr R Lock -District Councillor

Apologies Cllr A Saywell-County Councillor and PCSO Brown.

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 28th March were agreed and signed,

2 i. Clerks Report i.Beaford Centre Field next to Village Hall, no report.

ii. Parish Council Notice Board, the board has been made, it was agreed by all for Cllr Huxtable to go ahead and order metal for the back so magnetics can be used, and a new Beaford sign to put on it, the price can be no more than £100 in total.

3. Chairman's Report. i. DAAT landing site, the Hall committee have asked regarding the actual site to be illuminated by the light, Toby Russell is to be contacted to confirm and markers put out so the grass cutter knows exactly which area to maintain.

ii. Grant applications for the play equipment, Councillors are applying for grants. Well done to Cllr Underhill, Cllr Huxtable and Cllr Pearce for their efforts so far applications have been submitted. The New Homes Bonus from Torridge District Council can be applied for again, Cllr Lock is to forward the correct paperwork for the application, a plan of the proposed play equipment is required.

iii. Dog bin, at Shephard's Meadow needs a new post is required Cllr Steer said he would put one in.

iv. Mr G Coombes is to be asked to audit the Parish Council accounts again this year.

v. Data Protection, new legislation is being implemented in May, a consent form "General Data Protection (service) Consent to hold information" letter is to be circulated to all relevant persons who the Parish Council hold data on, "the list of documents for retention or disposal" is to be put in place and monitored, "the information and data protection policy" has been circulated to councillors for adoption at this meeting, which was duly agreed by all and signed. The Parish Council have been advised that the Parish Council are not required to have a Data Protection Officer; this will be all monitored and updated as required.

4. Highway Issues, i. Drains, Cllr Huxtable meet with Cllr Saywell to discuss the drains and other defects related to Highways in the village. Cllr Saywell reported as ever, highways issues continue to dominate the agenda for this month. In the aftermath of the 'Beast from the East' the Government have announced that they are awarding DCC an extra £4.5m to help fix potholes and go towards repairs from the recent winter storm damage. As a result of this I am hopeful that the £6.5m increase that was announced as part of DCC's budget will not end up having to be spent on repairing storm damage. Nonetheless, as a result of the weather there are more potholes being reported than usual. Normally DCC has between 200-250 potholes reported everyday County Wide. If you think that is high, right now it is between 600-700 a day! Skanska, the Highways Contractor, have put out extra gangs but the backlog is huge and at the moment they are prioritising the A and B road network, followed by large C roads. Unfortunately this does mean that potholes on the more minor, rural roads, will take longer to be repaired whilst Skanska catch up on the backlog. I will also be involved with two new Scrutiny Task Groups at County Hall looking at Highways. The first is a 'Winter Service Review' looking at how Highways performed when we had the snow. The second Task Group, will look at how Skanska, as the new Highways Contractor, is performing. Certainly the feedback I am currently

getting is mixed, with some very positive feedback on road repairs and resurfacing in many of my Parishes – while in other cases there have been issues with the gully cleaning programme where the contractor has fallen well behind in its programme. Councillors have been asked if signs can be put up “Beware of Children Playing” at Marshalls Mead a quote will be obtained from Blueorange signs

5. County/District Councillors’ items i. Cllr Lock reported she has granted £750 to the Bell Fund.

6. Finance, i Approve and sign the following cheques:-

394	Beaford Parish Hall	£10.00
395	TDC payroll	£72.00
396	DALC affiliation fee	£99.01
397	Computer	£450.00
398	Beaford PCC Bells	£150.00

A request had been received for the Parish Council to support the Bell fund, it was proposed by Cllr Brend and seconded by Cllr Lintoul to grant £150.00 all in favour. The Parish Council received funds through a Transparency Code grant to purchase a computer, with the Data Protection Legislation being implement this is to be done.

i. Donation towards planting, it was discussed and agreed for Cllr Pearce to undertake the planting on behalf of the Parish Council, all in agreement.

ii. The Fixed Asset Register was circulated and agreed with the DAAT mast added.

iii. The quote has come for the Insurance company the DAAT mast will be added.

7.i. Planning

P C recommendations

TDC

1/0146/2018/F UL	Demolition of existing storage buildings, erection of replacement dwelling and retention of existing dwelling for use as ancillary domestic storage. Europa, Beaford, Winkleigh,	
1/0148/2018/F UL	Extension and internal alterations 15 Shepherds Meadow, Beaford, Winkleigh,	
1/0288/2018/L BC	Works to listed building including removal of existing kitchen, creation of doorway, removal of pews from chapel, works to mezzanine floor, reconfiguration of ground floor bathroom, Removal of existing storage heaters in the cottage and replacement with traditional radiators installation of a wood burner, addition of a flue and erection of a stud wall Chapel Cottage, Beaford, Winkleigh,	Withdrawn
1/0290/2018/F UL	Extension and re-roofing of village garage The Beaford Garage, Beaford,	Recommend approval, agreed by all.
1/0335/2018/F UL	Erection of Implement Shed (Affecting a public right of way) Location: Down Farm, Roborough, Winkleigh, Devon	No Objections

Cllr Underhill declared a prejudicial interest in 1/0290/2018/FUL and left the room.

8. Police Report, no report was received but PCSO Brown has been in contact with Cllr Brend for names of people interested in taking part in the Speedwatch training, these will be forwarded.

9. Caretakers Report & Hall report, i. Trustees of the Parish Hall, advice is to be sought from the Charity Commission regarding the responsibilities of holding Trustees and the responsibilities of the Parish Council.

10. Correspondence .i. DALC Newsletters. ii. Torridge District Crime Reports and newsletters.

It has been brought to Councillors attention that the wall by the pond on the Beaford Arts field is falling down and causing a danger, Beaford arts will be in-formed.

A leaflet has gone out with the Bugle advising people of the new Waste and Recycling operations for TDC.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting: MONDAY 30TH MAY 2018 Parish Council meeting 7.300pm

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Plus the Annual Parish Council meeting

.....Chairman

.....Date