

## BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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

In attendance Cllr A Saywell-County Councillor and two members of the public

Apologies Cllr R Lock -District 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

It was raised from the floor that the drain outside Chapland's Cottage is blocked and has been for the last 12 months this has been reported but to no avail, it will be reported again. Mr Horner confirmed the completion of the Notice Board and the cost at £360.00.

Ms Janet Williams the Head of Environmental Health came to speak on dog fouling at TDC, new dog control provisions are being introduced at TDC, part one relates to dog fouling, dogs on leads and dog exclusion areas for designated play parks. New areas can be added if requested. The fixed penalty has been raised from £75 to £100. The current provisions are on TDC website.

Part two is regarding Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers who cover dog fouling enforcement but also cover, noise complaints, stray dog collection, fly tipping etc. The new provisions will set out to include Parish Councils and how they can help with dog fouling and control issues.

TDC have put together i. a campaign to encourage dog control, one initiative in Torrington has been to paint the offending dog poo orange, others have put flags in them then taken photographs to highlight the problem.

ii. To work with Parish Councils on intelligence, as to where the offence took place, time etc. to take formal action a formal witness has to be obtained and often people are too reluctant to submit one. In this case a formal warning letter can be sent. But TDC are of the opinion that it would be more effective coming from the Parish Council. The dog wardens have cameras but would not advise members of the public to take photos of offenders. In villages it is likely the offending owners would be known. TDC are putting together a guide and publicising it on social media.

TDC are asking for volunteers to do enforcement on their behalf, this can be a Parish Councillor or a parishioner, TDC will provide training, supply equipment etc, they want these people to be the eyes and ears and to be able to serve fixed penalty notices, the best dog wardens seem to be women. When the dog wardens have been trained they will be able to take witness statements, talk to dog owners and give out dog bags, also they will be informed of the legal position.

TDC are trying to trial this in a parish then put in agreements etc. Video evidence and positive ID can be used by anyone then the offender will be visited and served a fixed penalty notice, people are more likely to pick up if they think they are being watched. The idea is to see what works best in local parishes. If a member of the parish was to become a dog warden half the fixed penalty notice fines would go to the parish.

Ms Williams was thanked for attending.

- 1.i. The Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July were agreed and signed.  
 The Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July were agreed and signed.  
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2 i. Clerks Report

i. Beaford Centre Field next to Village Hall, Cllr Huxtable attend the Parish Hall Committee meeting and reported the solicitor working for Natural England and The Big Lottery Fund has left so the information will have to be resubmitted by the replacement solicitor. All the information regarding the DAAT night landing site has been received for the use of the field and light by the community, this has been passed to the hall Committee. The landing area of 50m by 50m is still to be marked out and Michael Baker asked to do a cut before winter sets in. The Beacon erection is still awaited. Parish Hall funds stand at £7379.87. ii. Parish Council Notice Board, erection has been completed a very good job has been undertaken by Mr Horner.

3. Chairman's Report.

i. Grant applications for the play equipment, the paperwork has been submitted to Viridor for payment to TK Play for the £20,000 grant. A further grant of £10,000 has been received from TDC community Grant as minuted before the Cantilever swing has been ordered. Congratulations to all councillors on securing a further grant of £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund for play equipment, quotes are to be acquired for equipment for very young children these will be considered at the next meeting. It was agreed that a sign should be placed on the Birds Nest saying "children under 6 must have adult supervision to use this equipment". The insurance company have been contacted but further assurance of the number of pieces of equipment covered under the policy is to be obtained. Daniel Rogers is to be thanked for all his help with the play equipment especially the pipe. Steven Squires is to be contacted to organise to cut the Green hedge.

4. Highway Issues,

5. County and District Councillors items Cllr Saywell reported that the work on the main road is making good progress an update will be sent when traffic light are to be put into operation. Cllr Saywell also reported that DCC have a task group looking at Skanska the highway contractors to access their efficiency during their time with the contract. Last year drain and gully clearing could have been better, there are 200,000 gullies, 150,000 should be cleared every year to date this year 81,000 which is 54% have been cleared so they are ahead of schedule and hope to complete the job in December. New plant has been purchased with 8 gully cleaners now instead of 6. The drain by the bus shelter was raised again especially as the road is closed at present. The North Devon Link road upgrade has had the planning application submitted, the decision is anticipated by the end of February 2019, and work to commence in 2020.

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

416	Beaford Parish Hall	£12.00
417	Mr R Heard	£199.10
418	Mr R Horner	£360.00

7.i. Planning

P C recommendations

TDC

1/0146/2018/FUL	Demolition of existing storage buildings, erection of replacement dwelling and retention of existing dwelling for use as ancillary domestic storage. Europa, Beaford, Winkleigh,	Passed
1/0463/2018/FUL	Two storey extension over existing kitchen and single storey front elevation, 2 Park View Beaford	
1/0916/2018/A GR	Installing a hardcore track - Coombe Farm Beaford	No objections
1/0896/2018/A GR	Roof over the existing slurry store - Coombe Farm Beaford	No objections
1/0969/2018/CPE	Certificate of Existing Lawful Use for the existing use of holiday let as C3-dwellinghouse, Pearsons Valley View,	

	Beaford,	236
1/0775/2018/F UL	Change of use of annexe and games room to residential dwelling - Myrtle Cottage Barn Beaford	It was agreed by all to comment that there is no parking for this proposal, and the building is on a bridle path.

8. Police Report, In the last 30 days there have been 1 Crime report of criminal damage. During the same period the police have received 12 calls where logs have been created the breakdown is as follows: 1 Call reporting suspicious circumstances. 3 Calls reporting concern for welfare. 1 Call reporting other crime aggressive male. 3 Calls reporting personal ASB. 2 Calls reporting domestic incidents. 1 Call reporting highway disruption. And 1 Call reporting a road traffic collision.

9. Caretakers Report & Hall report, i. Hall report has been minuted

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

A letter has been received from Western Power updating the Wayleave for the new polls etc, this was signed and will be returned.

A Devon Remembers leaflet has been received regarding the commemorations on the 11<sup>th</sup> November.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018** Parish Council meeting **7.30pm**

.....Chairman

.....Date

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.