

BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the Wednesday 16th January 2019

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

In attendance Cllr R Lock -District Councillor.

Apologies Cllr A Saywell-County Councillor Cllr R Huxtable 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 November were agreed and signed.

2 i. Clerks Report

i. Beaford Centre Field next to Village Hall, the 50 meters by 50 meters square for the helicopter landing site has been cut by Mr Baker.

ii. The Notice Board is now in place and being used also with the slabs having been laid by Cllr Rintoul, a thank you letter will be sent to Mr Horner for his excellent job in making the Notice Board.

3. Chairman's Report.

i. Play equipment, the second application to Viridor has been submitted by Cllr Underhill with the help of Mr Underhill, they were thanked for all their hard work, this application is for a piece of equipment for young children, TK Play submitted the best quote at £19230, the Parish Council would be expected to pay 10%.

4. Highway Issues, Upcott Lane has been reported numerous times for pot holes and now for the drain at the entrance to the lane which is too high is causing extensive erosion to the lane towards the properties, Cllr Underhill is to report the full details so they can be forwarded to Cllr Saywell and Mr Darryl Jagger the Highway Superintendent.

5. County and District Councillors items Cllr Saywell reported on:

Beaford to Merton road closures. There are three closures planned for this road. The first, which started this week, is for repairs to the parapet wall down by the bridge. The closure is due to end on Friday. The second closure is planned for 18th – 22nd February, between 8am – 4pm, for resurfacing works (although I am still waiting for confirmation as to which bits of the road will be resurfaced!). The final closure will be between 11th – 22nd March, between 9.30am – 3.30pm, for BT to replace overhead telephone lines.

Bus Stop Drain & A3124. Driving through the village today I could see this had flooded again! As mentioned at previous meetings there is a scheme under consideration for the next financial year. At the beginning of February, I will be meeting the Head of Highways Asset Management, Joe Deasy, to have a drive through down the A3124 to discuss the numerous issues that have come up on this road, but I will also use the opportunity to lobby as well for the drainage scheme in the village.

Highways Funding. As reported at the last Parish Council DCC has received an additional £18.75m of capital funding for Highways. It does not, unfortunately, appear to cover drainage however DCC is looking to prioritise funding for our bridges (Devon has more bridges than any other County in England), A roads, and minor rural roads. Am still waiting for confirmation as to whether I will get a pot of money for my own County Council division or whether it will be a county wide fund.

Nonetheless I'll continue to lobby hard for improvements to our rural roads within Torrington Rural.

DCC Budget. The overall council overspend is forecast to fall to £4.8m, having previously been £8m+. £14m was put into our reserves last year and there is an additional £15/16m the council

received from being in the Business Rates Retention Pilot. Annual turnover of DCC is £1.2 billion so we can contain this overspend and we remain in a strong financial position compared to other Counties. Budget proposals are only just being published and I will report back when I have more details.

Cllr Lock reported that there is a full council meeting at TDC at the end of the month when the budget will be finalised.

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

430	Beaford Parish Hall	£12.00
431	Mr. M Baker (grass cutting)	£45.00

i. Grass cutting quote, the further quote to cut the DAAT night landing site four times a year, is £100 which was agreed by all to accept.

ii. Precept, after discussion it was proposed by Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Underhill to request £6500, all in favour

Cllr Pearce thanked the Parish Council for the annual grant to Beaford PCC.

7.i. Planning

P C recommendations

TDC

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1/1048/2018/F UL	Change of use of land to site a lodge for ancillary accommodation Little Hall Farm, Beaford	Withdrawn	
1/1251/2018/F UL	Extension and internal alterations (resubmission of 1/0148/2018/FUL with amended plans) 15 Shepherds Meadow, Beaford.		
1/1330/2018/FUL	Extension and alterations to existing dwelling together with conversion of barn to form one unit of holiday accommodation - Down Farm Roborough	No objections	
1/1250/2018/LBC	Single-storey side extension and internal alterations, Southdown, Beaford	No objections	
1/1329/2018/AG R	Creation of agricultural access track - Coombe Farm Beaford	Passed	

It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that there is a building on the ground at Cocksworthy, land between the sewage works and the pub, it was felt this should be brought to the attention of TDC.

8. Police Report

In the last 30 days there has been 1 crime reported, this was one crime of a report of violence without injury During the same period the police have received 4 calls where logs have been created the breakdown is as follows: two related to public safety and two related to transport.

The Community Speedwatch is to start up again, PCSO Brown is to undertake training for some parishioners.

9. Caretakers Report & Hall report, i. the meeting in early January was very short due to illness.

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

iii. The Royal Garden Party nominations have to be submitted.

Cllr Lock has received complaints regarding the mess left by Western Power when they undertook the work last year, she is to pass the letters to Cllr Saywell.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 27th February 2019 Parish Council meeting 7.30pm

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 27th March 2019