

## BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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

In attendance Cllr R Lock -District Councillor Cllr A Saywell-County Councillor Mr Michael Clark the prospective conservative district councillor candidate for the ward

Apologies Cllr G Underhill .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.

Mr Michael Clark is the prospective conservative district councillor candidate for the ward, at the next election on May 2nd electors will vote for two candidates in the Three Moors and Two Rivers Ward, this is a joining together of the two wards with two candidates to cover the whole area jointly, so the ward will consist of Beaford, Dolton and Dowland, Roborough, High Bickington, St Giles in the Wood and Yarnscombe. The idea of the two councillors is for to liaise and work together over the whole ward area.

Mr Clarke has lived in High Bickington for 35 years having run a sign making business for 27 years and worked for numerous charities. Both Candidates Mr Clarke and Cllr Lock are to distribute leaflets jointly.

1.i. The Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January were agreed and signed.

2 Clerks Report

i. Beaford Centre Field next to Village Hall, covered under the Hall report.

3. Chairman's Report.

i. Play equipment, the tunnel has been strimmed so is ready to use, the Community Grant (TAP fund) has been successful, and will be used for new baby seats for the swings. The warning signs on the Birds Nest have been erected.

4. Highway Issues,

5. County and District Councillors items Cllr Saywell reported the excellent road surface along Green Lane was funded by the Winter Resilience Fund and/or the Pot hole action fund. The next priority road when Cllr Saywell has money to allocate will be Pearson Lane. Cllr Saywell had a tour of the A3124 with Mr Joe Deasey Head of Asset Management (who allocates funds for highway repair) on a rainy Friday when the bus shelter was flooded as a result the budget for this project will be allocated in the next financial year. The A3124 has a number of issues which will include some surface dressing all will be done at the same time to avoid prolonged road closures.

The budget has been set to increase by 2.99% plus the already agreed 1% for adult social care, an extra £12m will be allocated for Children's Social Care and £4.5 m to adult social care, the whole budget will increase from £479 million to £493 million. Highways will get an extra .7% increase but they have already been allocated £18.75 million for capital projects from central government this is for major, minor roads, bridges and patching.

Cllr Lock reported that TDC are to put up Council Tax by 3%, that is £5 a month for a Band D property. TDC collect all the Council tax revenue but only retain 8.7% The New Homes Bonus grant

highest allocation has been reduced to £5,000. Due to Brexit the Torridge Council will received £35k from central government over a two-year period to deal with emergencies that may crop up, EU workers return home, contracts effected with the EU etc.

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

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| 432 | Beaford Parish Hall | £12.00 |
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7.i. Planning

|                     |   | P C recommendations | TDC |
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| 1/1251/2018/F<br>UL | Extension and internal alterations (resubmission of 1/0148/2018/FUL with amended plans) 15 Shepherds Meadow, Beaford.                           | Passed              |     |
| 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 |                     |     |
| 1/1250/2018/LBC     | Single-storey side extension and internal alterations, Southdown, Beaford   |                     |     |
| 1/0111/2019/F<br>UL | Adaptation of porch to form stair turret and rear single storey extension, Canns Down, Beaford  | No objections       |     |

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. As no response has been received this will be reported again.

A planning information meeting was held by the developer Mr Chris Rodgers and his agent Mr Blainey, regarding a development for 40 plus homes behind the main A3124 with access through an existing property at the top of Towel Lane which it would appear would be demolished for access, the area in question is in the new ND and Torridge Local Plan BEA 02.

8. Police Report, no report was received.

9. Caretakers Report & Hall report, i. Cllr Lock praised the hall website for being very informative, but was unable to locate the section for hall meeting agendas and minutes all of which should be in the public domain, Cllr Lock asked if they happen to be published elsewhere could she be advised of the location. The response was that the website is a work in progress, and that this was recently mentioned. Also, the end of year accounts which are in the public domain (as a charity) are published on the charities website and that monthly accounts can be viewed at any of the village hall committee meetings. But unfortunately Cllr Lock was unable to locate the accounts on the Charity Commission website, concerning the minutes and agendas, as in all other village halls that Cllr Lock is involved with the agendas and minutes are published on their respective websites so members of the public know what is going on and when, as in the handling of public money their accounts must be published, preferably on their own website rather than the Charity Commission site.

The new Chairperson of the Village Hall is Ms Julie Yeo, Mr Mike Maynard is the Treasurer, no Trustees are in place as yet but there are holding Trustees. The Hall Committee are about to exchange contracts on the field and to finalise the constitution, the funds held at present are £6568.07.

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

It was reported that the Church is experiencing financial difficulties, but the Bells refurbishment are to go ahead as this is a different fund.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Parish Council meeting 7.30pm**

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019