

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the Wednesday 18th September 2019

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

In attendance Cllr R Lock -District Councillor

Apologies Cllr S Berry Cllr R Pearce Cllr A Saywell – County Councillor Cllr M Clarke 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 31st July were agreed and signed.

2. Clerks Report, Mr D Buswell has resigned from the Parish Council, Torrridge District Council will be informed for the process to start of co-opting another councillor.

3. Chairman's Report.

i. Play equipment, Cllr Underhill has spoken to Viridor and is waiting for the entrance to be completed, the area in the corner was suggested to be seeded with flower meadow seeds.

ii. It was discussed regarding purchasing another dog bin, it was proposed by Cllr Huxtable and seconded by Cllr Rogers, all in favour, one will be purchased from Glasdon in red, for £86.52 plus VAT and the cost of pole. When it has been fitted TDC will be informed to include it on the collection.

4. Highway Issues, A letter has been received and circulated a full road closure for highway repairs will commence on the 21st October for 2 weeks for footway, drainage and sewer repairs for DCC and SWW. Night time closure will take place during 18.00 to 7.30 from the 7th November for 1 week for resurfacing. Throughout these works access for residents will be maintained and coordinated by the contractor. A diversion route will be signed.

Mr Darryl Jagger from Highway is carrying out a pilot scheme to meet with councillors to highlight problem roads in the parish, Cllr Underhill and Cllr Huxtable are to meet with Mr Jagger in Gas Lane. Cllr Underhill is to attend the Highways conference in Merton Parish Hall on the 15th October.

There is also a review of Hospital Services and Developing Care in the Community at Cedars on the 2nd October.

5. County and District Councillors items, Cllr Saywell reported **Devon Education Funding** Devon could see an extra £20 million for Education over the next two years following the Government's Spending Review. Initial calculations are that DCC could receive an extra £11.7million next year and £9.5 million the following year. In addition, there could be an extra £8.6 million to help support children with special needs next year. It is early days though and we will need to see the details behind this, however the extra funding is welcome. **Highways Trial and Meeting with Highways**

As part of the trial that Highways are undertaking, they have asked to meet with every single Parish in Torrington Rural to discuss what are the most important and strategic highways assets within their Parish. Highways can either meet you locally or at the Depots in Torrington or Okehampton.

Foster Carers Earlier in the year DCC implemented a new scheme of allowances for Foster Carers/Parents. Initial signs are good – a record number of new families have signed up – 40 households, equating to 67 individual foster carers who will be able to take up to 60 new placements.

Changes to the Fire Service Cllr Saywell is a Member of the Fire Authority and as there is an ongoing consultation, he is keeping an open mind and not predetermining the outcome. However, there is an issue across the Service with the lack of availability for on-call fire fighters. Torrington is an

exception to this – they have a full complement of crew and excellent availability. Nonetheless during the working day many of the stations, particularly the coastal ones, suffer from a lack of crew. If any station cannot keep 4 fire fighters available then the station goes ‘off the run’, meaning that if there is a fire next to that station the local engine won’t be able to respond to it. Appledore, Woolacombe and Porlock stations – to give three examples of stations facing closure – are frequently off the run during the working day.

The idea behind these proposals are to reform the service, to use the savings from closing low activity stations and crew changes to re-invest into the ‘on call’ model so we can increase availability in other stations as well as carrying out more prevention work – fire safety visits etc.

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

449	Beaford Parish Hall	£12.00
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7.i. Planning

P C recommendations TDC

1/0407/2019/F ULM	Residential Development for 41 Dwellings including demolition of one dwelling for creation of new access (affecting public right of way) Location: Land Adjacent To Marshalls Mead, Beaford,	To be discussed at the Parish meeting next Wednesday the 25 th September.
1/0529/2019/C PE	Certificate of existing lawful use of holiday units 2 and 4, known as 'Beech' and 'Oak', at Beaford House, as two independent dwelling houses (including amenity and parking areas) - Holiday Units 2 And 4 'Beech And Oak' Beaford	
1/0433/2019/F U	Application for the retention of timber building including erection of poly tunnel. Land at Reeds Farm, Beaford,	Refused
1/0737/2019/FUL	Change of use of redundant barn to dwelling land at Reeds Farm	
1/0636/2019/F UL	Change of use of annexe to full residential. Myrtle Cottage Barn, Beaford	Extension of time.

i.S106 on the 9 dwellings at Marshalls Mead, it has been confirmed that the S106 money from this development has to go to outdoor recreational facilities. ii. Fencing around Beaford Moor was for information only.

8. Police Report, in the last 30 days there has been one crime of criminal damage. In the same period there has been six calls, five of public safety and one transport related where logs were dreated.

9. Caretakers Report & Hall report, Toby Russell has sent a draft agreement between the Parish Council and hall committee regarding the night landing site, this has now been completed so will be forwarded to the Village Hall committee for approval.

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

The trees overhanging the Green were discussed regarding granting some money to the church who will require a tree surgeon for the work, this will be on the next agenda.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 30th October 2019 Parish Council meeting 7.30pm

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

PARISH MEETING 25TH September to discuss the 41 dwellings planning

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 27th November 2019 Parish Council meeting.