

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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

In attendance Cllr A Saywell – County Councillor Cllr M Clarke PCSO Brown and two members of the public

Apologies Cllr R Lock - District Councillors

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 on the TDC planning portal regarding planning 1/0407/2019/FULM, there is a Conservation officers report, but there seems to be no heading, signature or date, the resident was questioning its authenticity. Cllr Underhill is to ask the new planning officer dealing with the case Mr Chris Evely, to investigate. Regarding the planning, the applicant's agent is still in negotiations with highways.

1.i. The Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November were agreed and signed.

2. Clerks Report, i.co-option of a Parish Councillor. Two candidates put there names forward, Mr Bruce Millward was elected.

ii. Two residents said they had received a letter regarding the current planning. Letters that are sent from the Parish Council are always headed with the name of the PC the name and addresses of the Chairman and clerk, and always signed.

3. Chairman's Report.

i. Play equipment, it was noted that the entrance opposite Rye Park needs to be completed. Quotes have not been able to be obtained, so Cllr Rodgers has kindly agreed to erect the rails and stone the path, this is an ongoing project and it is hoped when the weather is better to concrete the path, Cllr Rodgers was thanked for his help. TDC have been contacted regarding the S106, as yet it has not been triggered, so cannot be claimed the amount is £12,873 with may be some uplift, so a quote has been obtained from TK Play for a bike exercise unit for 3 older members of the community and a blazer including installation this is £15,500 excluding VAT, it was proposed by Cllr Steer seconded by Cllr Huxtable to go for this when the money is able to be claimed.

ii. The new dog bin has been received and installed. The Rubbish bin has been received and Cllr Pearson has kindly installed it on the Village Green.

iii. It was agreed the flag is in a poor state Cllr Pearce reported that as the weather is so windy at present, he has put up an old one waiting for the wind to calm down before purchasing.

It was suggested when the Village Green project has been completed to publish the grants received and the amount spent on the project.

4. Highway Issues, an email has been received from Mr Darryl Jagger of Highways regarding putting up a speed assessment box to assess the speed of vehicles through the village, it was suggested the box Torrington end of the village be put on the lamp post at Belle Vue instead of the suggested site. It was also suggested to ask for the assessment to be carried out during the week and not weekends. A light is not working near the school, if there are any highway issues, broken lights, over hanging trees, drains etc report it to:

### The DCC website is [devon.cc/report-it](http://devon.cc/report-it)

Cllr Huxtable has been doing an excellent job of assessing the footpaths and reporting to John Baker the DCC Public Rights of Way Officer.

5. County and District Councillors items, Cllr Saywell reported that he had spoken to a parishioner regarding the 41-house planning, but did inform the resident that the decision is up to TDC. DCC are preparing the budget for 2020/21 it is anticipated highways will get an increase of 4%, child care up 8% and adult social care by 10%. DCC have agreed to give permits to health care workers to be able to park on yellow lines when on the call of duty for up to one hour, providing they are not causing an obstruction. The Fire Service meeting is to be held on Friday, 2 stations are to be closed the Topsham engines will be relocated to Clyst St Mary and Middlemoor and the Budleigh Salterton one to Exmouth, a new payment scheme is to be put in place for on call firemen, changes are to be made to the shift system this is all subject to agreement. Men will be released under this plan for roving crews to undertake prevention work etc.

With regard to the Doing What Matters reference highway issues, Cllr Saywell has met with Darryl Jagger and it seems the priorities are A, B and C class roads and is broadly going with the priority lists of parishes.

Cllr Clarke wrote the TDC homeless reduction policy, at present the Salvation Army in Barnstaple offer people somewhere to sleep at night. The disability budget for 2020/2021 has been increased, up to £60,000 which would be means tested but smaller amounts are available to all, Cllr Clarke wants to ensure as many people as possible are aware of the scheme

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

460	DALC	£36.00
461	Beaford PCC	£500.00
462	PKF Littlejohns audit	240.00
463	Beaford Village Hall	£12.00

i. Set the precept, after discussion it was proposed by Cllr Huxtable seconded by Cllr Pearce to precept again for £6500 all in favour.

#### 7.i. Planning

P C recommendations

TDC

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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,	
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	
1/0737/2019/FUL	Change of use of redundant barn to dwelling land at Reeds Farm	Passed
1/0636/2019/F UL	Change of use of annexe to full residential. Myrtle Cottage Barn, Beaford	Passed
1/0889/FUL	Erection of a general-purpose agricultural building. Land Adjacent Cuppers Piece.	Passed

i. There is a mobile home that has been sited at Down Farm, after discussion it was agreed to ask TDC Enforcement to look into this.

8. Police Report, PCSO Brown reported that there has been one call where a log was created, this was transport related. Speedwatch volunteers are required, but it seems this is up to speed, Cllr Huxtable will email the names, the process has been changed to make it a lot easier.

9. Caretakers Report & Hall report, Cllr Berry reported that the hall are getting plans drawn up for the alterations to the car park, in anticipation for 38 cars, for when the planning permission is sought for

two houses on the top half of the car park. New lights are being put on the outside of the hall, a generous grant of £400 has been given from the Autumn Show committee. A new sound system and light for the kitchen are being looked into. The tree planting will be undertaken in the future, with if any spare going to the community. One of the stone wall areas is to be made into a sensory garden, the suggestion was to add benches. A RDPE grant was discussed the hall are possibly looking at putting in an expression of interest which the Parish Council would support. It was reported the Church gates needs attention and also that the gate from the hall car park onto the field is still kept locked. As the hall is rearranging it was asked would it be possible to put two filing cabinets in the hall for storage.

10. Correspondence i. DALC Newsletters. ii. Torridge District Crime Reports and newsletters. It is sad news to report that Lesley Smith MBE has died, a message of condolence is to be sent. The nominations for the Royal Garden Party have to be submitted, Cllr Pearson’s name is to be put forward.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020** Parish Council meeting **7.30pm**

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Parish Council meeting.