

Minutes of the Virtual Council Meeting held on the Wednesday 27th May 2020

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

In attendance Cllr A Saywell – County Councillor, Cllr R Lock, Cllr M Clarke - District Councillors and two members of the public.

Apologies Cllr D Rogers

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 members of the public the further proposed 14 dwellings that are in for outline planning consultation along with the 41 that are already applied for; this is a huge number to impact on the village. The lack of infrastructure was highlighted along with the residents will have to travel to work therefore creating emissions. The road was also highlighted as being not up to standard for this extra capacity of use, the Green Lane junction is particularly problematic. It was felt development of the infrastructure was required to support this number of builds, especially the road, also a Post office and shop but it was pointed out there is a shop.

1.i. The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February were agreed and signed.

2. Clerks Report, i. A response letter has been received from NDC saying no planning breach has occurred at Eaglescott Airfield with the flying of the helicopters, a further letter will be sent.

ii. Cllr Millward reported on a virtual meeting he attended regarding Environmental schemes. The projects sizes are quite large at present, but the interest would be to put in an environmentally friendly scheme on the village hall, in the form of further solar panels with batteries to store the energy and a car charging point.

3. Chairman's Report.

i. Play equipment, a big thank you goes to Cllr Huxtable and Cllr Rodgers for all the work they have put in on the Village Green.

iii. The flag has been purchased.

4. Highway Issues, there is to be a further road closure on 5th June from 7am to 7pm, this is to be paid for but the contractor. The road was closed last week this was felt to be by a utility company, water leak.

The DCC website is [devon.cc/report-it](https://www.devon.gov.uk/report-it)

5. County and District Councillors items, Cllr Saywell has reported all the way through this epidemic on the issues of importance which have been replayed to the councillors, the latest on the DCC policy for test and trace. In the DCC area there has been to date 810 deaths, with 36 in the TDC area. DCC are one of the 11 beacon counties to role out test and trace, further details are to follow. If an outbreak were to occur DCC would manage the tracing at a local level. Cllr Saywell attended a webinar clinical meeting which anticipated if there was a second wave it could occur in September or October. A nightingale hospital has been built this will cover the whole region. There is a £500 Covid grant from DCC.

Cllr Lock ensured that the Village Hall had claimed the £10,000 grant available to them. The North Devon link road improvement works are due to start in 2021. The Queens Theatre is not due to reopen until the 28th November. But the Plough are looking at doing outside events.

Cllr Clarke wanted to ensure all his 9 parishes are accessing the disability grant if required. A recipient lives in Beaford and is pleased with the new facilities offered, a clinical assessment is undertaken, up to a certain figure the provision is free after that the individual is means tested.

6. Tennis Court, Mr Hartford has offered the land on which the tennis court stands to be transferred to the Parish Council via Land Registry, the remaining land is being retained but for use by club members. It was proposed by Cllr Berry seconded by Cllr Pearce to accept this offer, all in favour. Volunteers are being sought to run the club which holds one meeting a year. There is in the region of £600 in funds. The Trustees of which there are three at present sadly one has died want to give up, so a new set of Trustees need to be appointed, the question was asked could the Parish Council be a trustee, so advice is to be sought. The Parish council will not be involved with the running of the club. The Ball machine is at present in the Village Hall.

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

469	DALC affiliation fee	£99.41
471	Mr. J Spilstead	£50.00
472	Mr. R Huxtable (weed killer)	£9.99
473	Mr.R Pearce	£63.45
474	Community First	£269.47
475	Mr. R Huxtable (seeds)	£20.99

- i. Agree and sign the Annual Governance Statement, proposed by Cllr Berry seconded by Cllr Steer all in favour.
- ii. Agree and sign the Account Statement, proposed by Cllr Pearce seconded by Cllr Huxtable all in favour.
- iii. Fixed Asset register, this has been circulated and at present stands at £66,652.00.
- iv. A £400 Covid grant from TDC has been received, expenses and invoices need to be provided to show how the money has been spent.

8.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, amended plans.	The parking for the school has been altered, some of the bungalows have changed site and there are now 4 flats instead of three. It seems highways are still waiting for more information. All reports have to be in by the 16 th June for the application to go to the July planning meeting. The District valuer reported regarding the Affordable housing element in view of the covid 19 this will be kept under frequent review. It was felt that the views of the Parish Council and public had not been taken on board with these amended plans. It was commented from District and County Councillor present that Beaford Parish Council had responded well trying to emphasis the concerns of the public, all these responses will be put forward at the planning committee meeting.	
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		
1/0279/2020/O UT	Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of up to 14 dwellings (affecting a public right of way) Land at Towell Lane	The concern with this proposal is the access onto the A3124, so a request for late representation is to be made so that the highways report can be seen before a submission is made.	

i. TDC Enforcement 1/0433/2019/FUL appeal on land at Reeds Farm.

8. Police Report, no report.

9. Caretakers Report & Hall report, the bins have been emptied thank you to Cllr Pearce, Cllr Huxtable has killed the weeds and carried out maintenance on the swings. Thank you.

As yet the Parish Council have not received a copy of the signed DAAT agreement with the Village Hall.

10. Correspondence i. DALC Newsletters. ii. Torridge District Crime Reports and newsletters. Cllr Underhill Chairman’s report has been posted on the Notice Board along with a copy of the Financial report, as no Annual Parish meeting was held. The report will now be posted on the website.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 24th June 2020 Parish Council virtual meeting 7.30pm

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 29th July 2020 Parish Council virtual meeting.