

BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021

323

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

In attendance, Cllr R Lock - District Councillor

Apologies Cllr G Underhill Cllr Clarke

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 22<sup>nd</sup> September were agreed and signed.

Web site, [www.beafordvillage.org](http://www.beafordvillage.org)

2. Clerks Report, i. Mr Dan Rodgers has resigned from the Parish Council, he will be thanked for his hard work and dedication during his time in office, TDC will be informed so the process of finding a replacement can start.

3. Chairman's Report Play equipment, no further movement can be made on the play equipment until the S106 money is received, £12873. The new picnic bench has been put in place and is looking good, it was suggested why not purchase more of these they are made from totally recyclable material with no maintenance and easy to clean, this was a suggestion instead of the shelter. The school are to be asked if they would use the shelter and if it would be beneficial for environmental education but other comments were that children and adults can hold parties and gatherings in the shelter. The school will be contacted and the conclusion discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr Lock said she has agreed to grant £500 towards the shelter but this would not be transferable to the picnic benches.

Mr C Snell is to be asked to cut the Village Green hedge. The Rye Park seat application will be submitted again as it seems to have been mislaid.

4. Highway Issues. i. Public footpaths, the path by the river under North Harepath has had trees washed away and the river is eating into the logging track, Cllr Huxtable will send photographic evidence to be forwarded to Martin Caddy.

ii. Meeting with highways representatives was very constructive with many points covered:

Present Cllr Underhill, Cllr Steer, Cllr Berry Cllr Millward and Cllr Pearce from Beaford PC

Mr James Anstee, Road Safety manager, Mr Michael Newcombe from DCC and Cllr Saywell.

Mr Anstee reported on the safety record of the road through Beaford.

There has been only one incident in last ten years.

The average speed through the village is less than 30mph.

In the future lorries will not get any smaller or lighter and enforcement is more likely to be with cameras.

Modern vehicles are likely to improve safety with new speed controls and new technology.

Discussions covered.

Approach to the village and visibility, including Moor Park Corner which was highlighted but this is not a Parish Council issue but it was given due consideration. Bollards were suggested at that section Mr Russell Hookway is to be contacted.

On street parking, parking areas and passing areas on the main road were discussed. Zebra crossings for safety....current slowing zones and all areas than could improve village flow and safety.

The meeting was very thorough, and all opportunities debated.

Cllr Saywell will forward proposals for yellow line areas that may be beneficial for next year.

The committee will have discussions with the village about suggested proposals in the coming months. Cllr Underhill thanked Mr Anstee, Mr Newcombe and Cllr Saywell for their time and patience and all the committee felt it was a very worthwhile meeting.

The DCC Highways Conference is to be held via zoom on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November, an agenda will be circulated to councillors

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

5. County and District Councillors items. Cllr Saywell reported that DCC has bid for £34m towards rural bus services which will link up with the train services. The North Devon Enterprise has now opened at Roundswell. The Road Warden scheme was highlighted so Chapter 8 training can be undertaken so work can be carried out by a trained individual, this will be looked into.

Cllr Lock reported on the planning application at Towell Lane the situation has not changed, the central grass area to this development was highlighted is appears the owners wishes the Parish Council to assume responsibility, this will not be undertaken.

Cllr Lock has been contacted regarding building activity at Laburnum Cottage, Cllr Lock reported an application has been submitted but not validated, this application is awaited.

Cllr Underhill and Cllr Millward are to attend a workshop looking at a Low Carbon Future on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

6. Tennis Court, no report.

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

508	Mr. M Baker Village Green	£920.00
508	Mr. M Baker Tennis court	£80.00
509	TDC clerks salary	£1084.20
510	Mr. B Millward zoom subscription	£143.88
511	Beaford Village Hall	£36.00
512	Royal British Legion	£350.00

ii. Grass cutting tender, one has been received from Mr Baker subsequent years an advert will be put in the Bugle.

### 8.i. Planning

P C recommendations

TDC

1/0279/2020/OUT	Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of up to 18 dwellings (affecting a public right of way) Land at Towell Lane	
1/0181/2021/LBC	Part retrospective application for conversion of additional barn into ancillary accommodation, retention of patio, erection of wooden fence, alterations to front wall and roof lights, demolition of lean to agricultural building and implementation of new boundary wall. The Old Corn Barn, Beaford,	Being considered
1/0624/2021/A GMB	Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling house and associated building operations under Class Q (affecting a public right of way) – Building At Mount Pleasant Beaford Devon	Passed

9. Police Report, no report has been received.

10. Ways to improve the Village and Parish Environment. Cllr Millward is going to a 361 Energy conference.

### 11. Caretakers Report & Hall report.

All the bins have been emptied. The one outside the school needs to be assessed. The Village Green is looking good, some of the trees need pruning

The Hall AGM took place on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> October, there is no change in the officers, the meeting covered numerous aspects, some good points were raised, the trees opposite Warren House were discussed but these have all been inspected and assured as safe the correct procedure has been undertaken. Electric car charging points were suggested along with solar panels with batteries for storage of electricity

The trees in the Churchyard have been numbered for ease of identity.

The road by Rosemoor is to be closed for 5 days due to Ash die back and the clearing of trees.

Quotes are to be obtained to tarmac the hall car park.

### 12. Correspondence

i. The DALC newsletters have been circulated.

ii. The weekly crime reports have been circulated.

The Queen's Jubilee was discussed, Councillors are to discuss with the Hall committee and the Autumn show committee with an idea of setting up a specific Jubilee committee, Cllrs Lock and Clarke kindly said they would grant some money not more that £200 towards the event.

A letter has been received from the Royal British Legion regarding purchasing the Unknown Tommy, after discussion it was agreed to order a pair, all in favour.

An email form from the Barnstaple Records Office has been received asking for a donation, further information is to be obtained.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021** Parish Council meeting **7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in the Parish Hall to be agreed.