

BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the
Wednesday 19th January 2022

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

In attendance One member of the public

Apologies Cllr Saywell County Councillor, Cllr Clarke, 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.

The member of the public raised the subject of the skittle alley, the second hand one which was wanted has been sold, the hall committee are supporting the project, as are the Parish Council who agreed to extend the grant offer to when an alley is either purchased or made.

Co-option of a Parish Councillor

Three candidates have put their names forward, Cllr Huxtable and Cllr Millward declared a prejudicial interest so withdrew from voting. The other 4 councillors voted resulting in an equality of votes, so the Chairman exercised a casting vote, Mr John Palmer was duly elected onto the Parish Council.

1.i. The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th November were agreed and signed.

Web site, www.beafordvillage.org

2. Clerks Report, i. The skittle alley has been covered under public participation

3. Chairman's Report Play equipment, TDC have been contacted regarding the S106 they are looking into it, TDC did confirm that, as of today's date, an invoice has not been raised to the developer to request the funds as per the Section 106 agreement, monies are due to be paid to the Local Authority prior to the Occupation of 4 (four) Dwellings. TDC are to enquire further.

The Rye Park seat application has been approved so can now be sited. A concrete plinth needs to be laid, Mr Heard is to get some assistance for that one, and the other seats, quotes are to be obtained for the work.

The Youth Shelter was discussed again, but no conclusion, it will be raised again at the next meeting.

4. Highway Issues. i. Public footpaths, poo bags are being thrown in hedges which is not desirable at all, walkers are straying from the designated footpaths.

iii. Road/snow warden two members of the community are willing to undergo the training so the application has been obtained the agreement was signed and the form needs to be completed. Cllr Steer said the buckets that the salt is in are not ideal bags would be better.

The DCC website is devon.cc/report-it

5. County and District Councillors items. Cllr Saywell reported on the covid figures with rates falling in all age groups apart from the very young, 226 people are in hospital in the whole of Devon with 16 in NDH, 85% of people have had their booster with 93% over 12's having had one dose. Cllr Saywell reported that the budget is being set with the figures going to the Scrutiny Committee, there is to be an uplift in Children's and Adults Social Care, with a small increase in highways, funding is quite tight. Adult Social Care has had a bonus payment from Government but more carers are needed

The figures should be approved in February. The New Work Club is open in Torrington, this should be helpful as the pandemic has altered work patterns. DCC have doubled the value of children's food vouchers from £15 to £30 per week. From the £9.3 million Community Renewal Fund the Biosphere will receive £1.3m, Petroc are also to receive grant funding.

Cllr Lock reported there are grants available for Hospitality and Leisure, and Business and Community, these range from £2.5k to £25k, links are on TDC website. The planning for Towell Meadow has not progressed but the Water Regulator has removed its objection with the application waiting on Natural England and the Conservation authority. Regarding the Laburnum cottage application there is now no balcony. The Marshalls Mead phase two has been agreed with the S106 signed, the S106 will be going to Affordable housing of which there is 4 planned. Discussion took place in relation to the Parish Council or a Housing Association either acquiring the land or the housing for local occupancy, Cllr Lock is to enquire about the S106.

Cllr Clarke reported that two Afghan families are being housed in the district, Cllr Clarke is on the Councils Housing provision committee.

6. Tennis Court, no report.

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

515	Beaford Village Hall	£12.00
516	Jubilee meeting	£60.56
517	Beaford PCC	£500.00

ii. It was proposed by Cllr Steer seconded by Cllr Millward to grant the PCC £500 towards the maintenance of the Churchyard, all in favour.

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
1/1174/2021/ FUL	Erection of single storey rear extension, Laburnum Cottage Beaford	The application plans have been amended, after looking at the revised plans councillors have no objections.	
1/0049/2022/ FUL	Proposed new access track off existing access and associated works barn at Mount Pleasant	Councillors have no objections to this proposed application.	

9. Police Report, four crimes have been recorded, one violence without injury, 2 theft offences and a criminal damage in the same period there have been 5 calls logged, 2 crimes, 2 public safety and one transport related. PCSO Brown was in attendance Speedwatch was highlighted, further training can be undertaken online, data collection is being carried out in the village with the results showing vehicles are not traveling unduly fast, drugs in the area were discussed and County lines highlighted.

10. Ways to improve the Village and Parish Environment. Cllr Millward is organising an Environmental Public Open Workshop here in Beaford Hall, in conjunction with 361 and TDC in April.

11. Caretakers Report & Hall report. The bins are being emptied, the trees are looking good, a request is to be made to the grass contractor to carry out a cut now. The Torrington Players (part of the Plough) are performing in the hall on the 18th February. The Caterpillars who take up a quarter of the store are to be asked for an update with the equipment to be rearranged in the store for ease of use.

12. Correspondence

- i. The DALC newsletters have been circulated.
- ii. The weekly crime reports have been circulated.

There was a Queen's Jubilee meeting held on Monday which was well attended with cheese and wine served, Mr Buswell has been elected as the Chairman, two grants from Cllr Clarke and Lock are to be applied for. There are approx. 11 committee members. The celebrations start on Thursday the 2nd June with the lighting of the Beacon, with further events over the weekend. It was proposed that the Parish Council purchase commemorative 50 pieces at a cost of £4.50 per coin, it was agreed by all to purchase the coins. It was proposed by Cllr Steer seconded by Cllr Pearce to purchase a commemorative Copper Beech tree with a tree guard, all in favour, the tree will need to be gardened the suggestion was a jute sheet to go around to keep the weeds down.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 23rd February 2022** Parish Council meeting **7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 23rd/ 30th March 2022 in the Parish Hall to be agreed.