

BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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

In attendance - Cllr Saywell County Councillor Cllr R Lock Cllr Clarke District Councillors  
Apologies, Cllr G Underhill 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.

An apology to Mr Wheller for spelling his name incorrectly on previous minutes and for the fact his name was put forward on the Road Warden scheme, Mr Wheller said he was willing to help with the salt buckets for which he was thanked.

1.i. The Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May were agreed and signed.

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

2. Clerks Report, i. Queens Jubilee celebrations, very successful events were held, with around 60-80 people in attendance at every event, the weather on the first two days was great but not so good on the last two but still the events were well attended and enjoyed. Thank you to everyone for their attendance and help in any capacity. The small deficit of money has to be discussed and agreed but the Autumn Show paid for extra benches, which they would like to put a plaque on one to commemorate the event. The Thursday night was a BBQ and Beacon lighting, the Friday a Cricket match and cream tea in memory of the late Mr Graham Coombes. The Saturday a music event in the hall when the cions were given to the parish children, a few extra had to be purchased. A church service and bring and share tea finished the celebrations on the Sunday which included a puppet show, due to the excellent money raised prior all events were free. Thank you to the Village Hall for the use when the weather was inclement.

ii. Grant applications were discussed; councillors were encouraged to apply.

3. Chairman's Report, the youth shelter is now in place looking very good, some more gravel is required and a plaque will be put up when the wording has been decided. The extra bench that the Parish Council have, it was proposed by Cllr Pearce seconded by Cllr Millward to put it next to the Tennis court, all in favour.

4. Highway Issues. i. Dimmers have been put on the bright lights on the main road. The footpath at Beaford Mill was highlighted but at Beaford Mill it is the responsibility of the land owner.

iii. Road Warden, after discussion it was agreed to accept the Chapter 8 training for Mr Jury, it was felt there was a cost in the region of £350. Cllr Underhill will discuss the training with Mr Jury.

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

5. County and District Councillors items. Cllr Saywell congratulated the parish on the excellent Jubilee celebrations, all over the area people came together to celebrate. The DCC Chief Executive Mr Phil Norry is retiring at the end of August he has been in post 2006, there has been some big issues dealt with during his time in office, senior management has been reorganised and many have not been in post very long, so DCC are going to hire an interim Chief Executive before a replacement has been

appointed. Cllr Saywell is busy with cabinet work and the financial outturn as DCC have over spent by £3million at the end of the last financial year mainly on adult and children's social care, out of a budget £650 million. This is not a problem at present but this has to be addressed, organisational change is being looked at in adult social care with pilot projects to try and deliver an economic service, Cllr Saywell is confident that change will help. Customer experience with the Highways service is being rolled out to give a better service to the public.

Cllr Lock reported that the £150 rebate for Band A-D properties is being rolled out those on Direct debit will be refunded automatically, those who pay in other ways must apply for the rebate. The Household support fund is available for those on council tax support, OAP's will get a £90 voucher which can be redeemed for cash at the Post Office. Cllr Lock was pleased the S106 money has finally been received and the shelter erected which looks very good, Cllr Lock was thanked for all her help. The Towell Lane planning, the S016 is being worked on, the applicants want the money to go towards the tarmac of the Village Hall carpark. TDC enforcement are aware of the mobile home at Towell Lane as yet no retrospective application has been received. Cllr Clarke was thanked for attending the jubilee cricket and cream tea.

6. Tennis Court, Cllr Huxtable is a trustee, a meeting is to be called where it is felt Mr Hartford will resign, then more trustees are required. Mr Hinge has volunteered to be chairman, he is an LTA coach and well qualified he has carried out a survey of the court and it seems it needs cleaning; quotes have been obtained the cost is between £800-£900 this can be covered out of funds, but then money raising will have to be undertaken, more volunteers have come forward, at the last coaching session 9 people were in attendance, membership is encouraged.

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

534	Beaford Village Hall	£12.00
535	Flowers ( R Pearce)	£26.35

#### 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		
1/0049/2022/FUL	Proposed new access track off existing access and associated works barn at Mount Pleasant		Withdrawn
1/0400/2022/FUL	Conversion of existing building into dwelling, change of use of land and parking area. Building At Grid Reference 258210 115450, Roborough,		Passed
1/0599/2022/FUL	Extension and alterations to dwelling, Beaford Mill	No objections, the comment to be put forward, is the tree officer aware of ongoing work.	
1/0474/2022/FUL	Conversion of existing barn into one dwelling, Old Parsonage Beaford.		No objections.

9. Police Report, no police report was received, an update was given on Speedwatch, 4 sessions have been held with 550 vehicles passing through, 4% are registering as speeding, various times are being used, 5 people have now passed the test to be volunteers but more volunteers would be liked.

10. Ways to improve the Village and Parish Environment. Ongoing.

11. Caretakers Report & Hall report. Cllr Pearce is happy to carry on as Caretaker, he reported all the bins have been emptied, the empty alcoholic cans and bottles problem at Shepherds Meadow has been solved. Flowers have been purchased for the containers on the main road, the play equipment is to be monitored by both Cllr Pearce and Cllr Huxtable. Since the cricket club has closed there is an element of young people dinking in the pavilion. The church has had an intruder Cllr Pearce was confronted with the man; it took one hour to persuade him to leave the police were called but no response was received so PCSO Brown was informed. Cllr Berry would like to look into electric charging point in the village.

12. Correspondence

i. The DALC newsletters have been circulated.

ii. The weekly crime reports have been circulated.

The North Devon and Torridge Settlement Sustainability Survey was completed.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022** The Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Hall **7.30pm**

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 Parish Council meeting. To be agreed.