

BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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

In attendance - Cllr Saywell County Councillor Cllr Clarke District Councillors  
Apologies, Cllr R Pearce Cllr B Millward Cllr R Lock and 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.

1.i. The Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June were agreed and signed.

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

2. Clerks Report, i. Councillors are encouraged to apply for grants, Cllr Huxtable is applying for a grant for the Tennis Club from Awards for All for a new shed to keep the equipment in on a concrete base.

3. Chairman's Report, Cllr Underhill has had an email from Outdoor Play concerning forms to be completed regarding the warranty of the Youth shelter, one of the screw heads are showing this will be pointed out to them. The plaque to put on the shelter was discussed it was proposed by Cllr Huxtable seconded by Cllr Palmer to put "Beaford Youth Shelter commemorating HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee June 2022", quotes are to be obtained.

Village Green parking was discussed, it was agreed to write to those who are using the Green for parking but are not permitted, the letters will be sent.

4. Highway Issues. i. The large curb outside of Honeysuckle Cottage by the Green Lane junction has crumbled, Cllr Huxtable is to take photos to send to Highways.

An email has been received regarding the footpath at Beaford Mill from Martin Caddy in his words: "Re this e-mail, (Beaford 16) I have been in contact with the owners regarding the diversion, but as the track has been used, (and the L/O has been comfortable with this use) there has been little need to formally divert, so we have let things lie (we think money would be better spent elsewhere). The official line does still exist, but is unfortunately on the new river bed, there is nothing we can do about that, (this is an act of God) the cost to re instate would make doing so unfeasible and it would be environmentally unethical to do so. So; I'm afraid I will put this is one down to climate change. Increased rain fall has changed the dynamic of the river's flow rates, which has led to bank erosion, (a natural process) and unfortunately changed the topography of the riparian landscape, having lowered the location of the path which has now been inundated.

Currently the track is still available, along with some sections of the original line, so what I will do is re survey the footpath and where it has eroded, mark it as failing and that it has become 'unavailable', I will then 'park' it as a failing footpath. We will then concentrate inspections on the track and should this eventually erode into the river, park the whole of the route as a failing path and consider our options when that happens. But there is little we can do until there is no longer any option for walking this section of fp 16. If it's deemed a risk to walk the track due to erosion, I will look into formerly closing fp 16 and ask the land owner if we can formerly restrict public access along the track. However; having reviewed the photos I think there is still enough width to suggest the track is

still available. But I will make a further survey and then make some firm decisions on closure options, once I have a clear idea of the situation”.

The footpath past Beaford House the gate is locked but there is a stile next to it.

iii. Road Warden Mr Jury, has carried out his training, so has got his qualification for his voluntary post of Road Warden, Mr Jury is aware work cannot be undertaken on the main road. It was felt not to do Chapter 8 training at present. Flashing speed signs were discussed, but the current site is outside of the 30mph, landowners of the preferred site have agreed the sign can be put up, so it was agreed to ask the relevant people to see if the 30mph sign could be moved further out of the village.

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

5. County and District Councillors items. It was reported by Cllr Saywell the Chief Executive Mr Phil Norrey is to retire at the end of August he has been in the post since 2006, the interim Chief Executive is to be Ms Jan Shadbolt a former County Solicitor she is in place for the next 6 months to sort out the current budget and set the next one. It is hoped to appoint the next Chief Executive by Christmas and for a start at the commencement of the next financial year. The current budget has a £30.5 million overspend and with inflation running at over 9% and a likely pay rise of between 4-5% when 2% was budgeted for this will increase the overspend, 1% on pay equates to £1.5m. The main reasons for the over spend are Children’s and adults social care, so saving have got to come from these areas, fundamentally these have to be re-organised and changes made.

Cllr Clarke has attended a meeting regarding Ukrainian refugees a number of placements have had a breakdown in relation with host families, second homes and Air B&B were also discussed. Cllr Clarke reported 77 local families to date this year have been evicted and needs housing, between 2019-2022 it cost TDC £240,00 in temporary accommodation, this year to date £300,000 has already been spent. On the 7<sup>th</sup> August there is an event at Victoria Park, Bideford called “Diversity” to include refugee, the gay community etc, Cllr Clarke is speaking.

6. Tennis Court, Cllr Huxtable reported that there has been vandalism to the tennis club shed hence the grant application. Mr Hinge is kindly giving free tuition 14 are in attendance at present. A meeting is to be called.

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	
1/0599/2022/FUL	Extension and alterations to dwelling, Beaford Mill	
1/0474/2022/FUL	Conversion of existing barn into one dwelling, Old Parsonage Beaford.	

9. Police Report, no crimes have been reported in the last 30 days with four calls logged, one crime not recorded, one crime recorded, one public safety and one transport.

10. Ways to improve the Village and Parish Environment. Cllr Berry thinks there are opportunities for grants towards carbon greening, but this may be for private applications. But the point was raised again about the installation of electric car charging points and solar panels for the community.

11. Caretakers Report & Hall report. There is no market in August but there will be a relaunch in September, Cllr Millward would like Parish Councillors to support

12. Correspondence

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

A lot of rubbish has been dumped at the end of Coombe Lane, Mr R Haste of TDC waste and recycling is to be informed.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022** A week early  
in the Parish Hall **7.30pm**

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 Parish Council meeting.