

BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the
Wednesday 28th September 2022

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

In attendance - Cllr Saywell County Councillor and one member of the public

Apologies, Cllr G Underhill Cllr R Lock Cllr Clarke District Councillors 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.

It was raised from the floor regarding the parking situation on the Village Green, the Parish Councils response is:

Does the Village Green belong to the Beaford Parish Council? - Beaford Village Green was registered by the land registry to the Parish Council on the 24th April 1972. This historical piece of land in the centre of the village is registered as a village Green and always has been a Village Green. Any Village Green is documented differently from normal common land and is governed by specific regulations.

Tricks Terrace and Green Cottage historically were granted by past parish Councils a deed of easement for access to these properties, it is important to note these properties have no other road access to their properties. Six tricks terrace has deeded access along the hedge from its garage to the road, this has been in the deeds since the 1980s. This was confirmed by a solicitor at Torridge District Council in 2021. Parking on this area of the green could interfere with rightful access to the above said properties. The Village Green is NOT a public car park.

To conclude, The Village Green is a Village Green NOT a public carpark. Beaford Parish Council are therefore NOT libel for ANY vehicle on this piece of land.

A sign will be erected in the near future as the problem has now become acute, so provisions are being taken to construct appropriate signage to be placed at the entrance of this section to the Village Green.

Further discussion took place highlighting that everyone is aware of the parking problems in the village of Beaford.

1.i. The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th July were agreed and signed.

Web site, 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. ii. Defibrillator, this was discussed it was felt a sign needs to be erected so everyone is aware of its location, if anyone has concerns about using it when it is required and opened the machine talks you through the process, every step, on completion of use feedback is available. It was discussed regarding compiling a list of contacts for the Village organisations.

3. Chairman's Report i. Village Green covered. ii. Plaque, it was proposed by Cllr Berry seconded by Cllr Millward to go ahead and order the brass plaque at a cost of £85.00 all in favour.

iii. 5B Bus service, Cllr Saywell has been contacted and responded "Many of you will have seen an announcement by Stagecoach regarding the 5B Bus Service. Please see my statement below and

also my Facebook post that I would be grateful if you could share on community groups as I hope it will help ease the worry of local residents who use this service.”

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0kYqJpFWMKWwVMrJ9KiskLUtpBdiaCiLdXqUQK em6MiY7bnddxbd4L2Z1yFjPjEjl&id=100063661226297

The service is going out to tender and it is hoped to have more information by the end of this week, if the service is compromised by frequency and daily access, the Parish Council will work with the other most effected Parish councils Dolton and Winkleigh to endeavour to get the service as near to the original service as possible, thank you to Cllr Saywell for his information and work he is putting into trying to resolve this problem.

4. Highway Issues. i. There are no major problems with footpaths, the stile next to the locked gate by the footpath at Beaford House is usable but not easy with a large dog, there is a tree across the footpath at Harepath it is the responsibility of the landowner to remove the tree. The hedges along the Village Green and Tennis Court will be organised to be cut by Mr C Snell.

The DCC website is devon.cc/report-it

5. County and District Councillors items. It was reported by Cllr Saywell the main updates since the summer, Jan Shadbolt, former County Solicitor is now the interim Chief Executive of DCC following the retirement of Dr Phil Norrey. Jan will be in place until the end of February to oversee the stabilisation of this year's budget and setting a budget for the next financial year.

Recruitment of a permanent Chief Executive has now started with advertisements agreed and longlisting due to take place at the end of October, shortlisting early November and a final appointment towards the end of November, with a start date in March/April.

Budget situation – good progress has been made so far on stabilising the budget. The current overspend has been reduced from £40 million to £18 million. More work to be done but at the latest Budget Monitoring meeting this month it was reported for the first time that Children's Services had started to reduce their overspend and had achieved a £3.5 million saving on Children in Care placements. This and further savings coming through will reduce the £18m down further...

The Councils Digital Transformation and Organisational Change Team are going to be embedded alongside Children's Services and Adult's Services to look at how we can deliver their services more efficiently and effectively by eliminating unnecessary processes, bureaucracy etc.

6. Tennis Court, Cllr Huxtable reported the first meeting has been held, Mr Nic Hinge is the new Chairman with 6 other trustees, it has been organised at a very good rate to clean the court and it is now looking very good, the court is being used more, a mixed doubles tournament was held at the beginning of September, 12-14 people attend the regular training night, the facility is to be promoted on the website, a huge thank you to Nic Hinge and Katie Berry for the excellent progress made and enthusiasm that has been generated. The Jubilee committee granted £200 towards the Tennis club. Cllr Huxtable is the treasurer

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

538	Beaford Village Hall	£12.00
539	Vaporpuffin brass plaque	£85.00
541	Albion Plants	£70.20
542	Mr R Pearce wreath and stickers	£44.09
543	Community First	£321.71

A mandate is to be sent to Lloyds Bank for the clerk to be a non-signatory on the bank account to be able to access information.

The Commemorative tree is to be sited on the Village Green.

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	
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1/0599/2022/F UL	Extension and alterations to dwelling, Beaford Mill	Passed
1/0474/2022/F UL	Conversion of existing barn into one dwelling, Old Parsonage Beaford.	Passed
1/0794/2022/F UL	Part retrospective application for the erection of implement shed and agricultural storage building land at grid reference 254814 115022, Beaford	350

9. Police Report, one crime has been reported in the last 30 days a public order offence with one call logged, being transport related. Advice is to be sought from the PCSO regarding actions taken in the village. Speedwatch was discussed it is being very successful with letters going to offenders, the original site is by the school a further site authorisation by the Garage is to be sought, about 100 vehicles on average are passing in the allotted session time.

10. Ways to improve the Village and Parish Environment.

11. Caretakers Report & Hall report. The Village Hall has now got working broadband, and are getting a contactless payment devise. The first market and café worked very well likewise the car wash. The Chairman of the Hall committee Mr Mike Hurley and his wife are leaving thank you to both for all their hard work and dedication to the hall and Kim for being editor of the Bugle. There are still 6 committee members with a potential new chairman, it would be ideal if every organisation in the Parish had a representative on the Hall committee.

Everyone who worked, attended events or contributed in any way to the Jubilee to make it such a successful event led by Mr Dennis Buswell Chair of the organising committee is to be thanked for their contributions, thank you.

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 again.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 26th October 2022 A week early
in the Parish Hall **7.30pm**

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 30th November 2022 Parish Council meeting.