

BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the
Wednesday 26th October 2022

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

In attendance - Cllr R Lock Cllr Saywell County Councillor but delayed

Apologies, Cllr J Palmer 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.

1.i. The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th September were agreed and signed. With the amendment that Cllr Huxtable is not the treasurer of the Tennis Club that is Mrs K Berry.

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. Wicksteed report on the play equipment , councillors will receive a copy of the report , it was reported a sign should be erected give emergency contact numbers etc, the end of the grass by the new seat has not married well with the concrete plinth this will be looked at, other grass areas need attention, the baby swings some timber needs replacing, some of the safety surfacing needs spraying for weeds and the joint on the cantilever swings needs to be referred to manufacturer to establish if the joint is tested and provide a secondary safety device as necessary. lii. Defibrillator, a sign needs to be erected so everyone is aware of its location,

3. Chairman's Report i. Village Green the wooden elements will be teak oiled to preserve them.

ii. Plaque, the plaque has been received and will erected in due course, the tree is to have a post for support at present, the church trees against the wall are due to be cut back.

iii. Bus service, the bus service is similar to the previous timetable but if carrying a journey please check the new timetable.

4. Highway Issues. i. There are no major problems with footpaths, but a footpath gate is locked near Beaford house and there is the broken gate behind Mount Pleasant these will be reported.

ii. The installation of flashing radar speed signs at both ends of the village were discussed a quote has been received from Elan city at a cost of £2250 plus Vat with solar panels, no planning permission is required but DCC have to give permission for the siting so a meeting is to be called with Mark James the Highway Superintendent and Cllr Saywell with some councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Huxtable seconded by Cllr Steer to go ahead with the plan for the installation of signs, all in favour.

It was the possibility of having a lollipop person at school times was discussed. The introduction of double yellow lines on the main road are to prohibit parking between 8am to 6pm at the site. Three way give way at Green Lane junction is to be reviewed.

The DCC website is devon.cc/report-it

5. County and District Councillors items Cllr Saywell reported on the **Radar/vehicle activated speed sign** I had discussed this in advance of the meeting with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer, Mark James, and will aim to get a meeting set up with him and reps from the Parish Council to discuss further...

DCC Budget This financial year's projected overspend has been reduced from circa £40m down to now just £8m, but this does involve making significant in year savings such as stopping or pausing projects etc. More work still needs to be done to reduce down the current overspends within Adult's and Children's Services. However, overall the budget for this year is on course to be stabilised. The challenge now is to set the budget for the next financial year and work has started on this though too early at this stage to make any specific commitments.

Chief Executive Recruitment We have had 30 applicants for the position from a variety of public and private sector organisations. Longlisting is due to take place tomorrow (27th October), with shortlisting and final interviews in November.

Cllr Lock was asked to send on good wishes to Cllr Clarke and a speedy recovery. Cllr Lock reported there are links on TDC website with information to help with the cost of living crisis, there are lots of avenues. Cllr Lock raised was Beaford offering a warm space for anyone in need, the reply being there is an opportunity for anyone to attend the Village Hall on a Friday morning for a meeting group and a coffee, also there are the regular coffee mornings.

Cllr Lock reported she has spoken with Helen Smith from planning regarding the Towell Lane development it is hoped for a decision on the S106 by the end of the month, the tarmacing of the Hall car park is to be included. The Enforcement officer is to visit Towell Farm again as no planning permission has been submitted, PCSO Brown has also visited the site.

6. Tennis Court, Cllr Huxtable reported

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

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	
1/0794/2022/FUL	Part retrospective application for the erection of implement shed and agricultural storage building land at grid reference 254814 115022, Beaford	No objections
1/0939/2022/FUL	Proposed new access track off existing access and associated works (re-submission of application 1/0049/2022/FUL) Mount Pleasant Cottage, Beaford,	No objections
1/0782/2022/LBC	Replacement window, Yatton Court, Beaford.	
Project Reference: NF027-WP0442-4	Proposed installation consisting of one new telegraph pole for the provision of FTTP Located at: Holm Croft, Beaford, (Airband)	

9. Police Report, two crimes have been reported in the last 30 days a public order offence and one vehicle offence with four calls logged, being 3 public safety and one crime recorded. Speedwatch is going well with 6 trained volunteers at present. PCSO Brown is to be asked to attend the next meeting as there is an issue at present in the village of young people knocking on residents' doors which is causing stress.

10. Ways to improve the Village and Parish Environment.

11. Caretakers Report & Hall report. The Village Hall and the Church are to liaise, Mrs E Pearce is to go on the hall committee as a representative of the Church, both are moving forward by co-operating.

The Hall AGM is next week the 2nd November, there is to be a forthcoming maintenance day, the projector was discussed the original one is fine for the kitchen but does not work so well in the main hall purchasing of a larger one is to be investigated.

12. Correspondence

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

The Who's who that was discussed at the last meeting is to be moved forward but asking those to be included their permission for inclusion

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 30th November 2022** in the Parish Hall **7.30pm**

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 18th/25th January 2023 Parish Council meeting. To be agreed.