

BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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

In attendance - Cllr R Lock District Councillor Cllr Saywell County Councillor.

Apologies Cllr R Pearce Cllr Clarke 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> March were agreed and signed.
2. No resolutions were brought forward from the Annual Parish Meeting.
3. Clerks Report, i. District Council Elections, Cllr Lock thanked everyone for all there help and support during her time in office, District Council elections are to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> May but there are no Parish Council elections, with 7 seven nomination papers received. ii. Kings Coronation, plans are in place.
4. Chairman’s Report i. The Village Green, the play equipment is in good order. Cllr Huxtable has cut a footpath on the Village Green, raked the gravel around the Youth Shelter, and power washed the bus shelter. Previously it has been highlighted to purchase a litter bin to locate by the Youth Shelter, various options were looked at from Glasdon’s, after discussion it was proposed by Cllr Huxtable seconded by Cllr Millward to purchase the Elipsa litter bin at a cost of £157.60 plus VAT so £189.19 plus delivery of £15, all in favour. The bench’s need to be teak oiled, which will be undertaken. ii. The flashing speed sign, Cllr Huxtable has put in a request to locate the sign on lamp post no. 14, to undertake this various points and queries have to be answered Cllr Huxtable kindly agreed to do this. The Parish Council have a Road Warden in Mr Jury but another parishioner has also kindly agreed to do some volunteer work around the village, which was felt to be very positive. Mr Mark James who visited the village to discuss the grit bins, has placed an order for the Parish with DCC, this will be situated next to the school, for use by everyone, the Parish Council purchases the bin but DCC will ensure it is full. The previous supply is at Cllr Steer’s this is felt to be too remote for use in the village so Cllr Palmer has kindly agreed to have a supply of grit at his property, this information will be put in the Bugle so everyone is aware.
5. Highway Issues. i. Footpath, the footpath under Harepath, an email has been received from Caroline Gatrell PROW Officer “she can confirm she has received the letters you mentioned from a number of local residents. It sounds like the most appropriate course of action would be for a formal application to be made to claim the route in question as a public right of way, which can be easily done – the link to the County Council’s webpage regarding claiming a public right of way through Harepath Wood, Beaford was supplied, at present it is not currently shown on the Definitive Map – The application is to be studied before the next meeting, it was noted the situation of ownership at present, the evidence would be user evidence and who would apply? This will be raised at the next meeting

**The DCC website is [devon.cc/report-it](https://www.devon.gov.uk/report-it) PLEASE REPORT**

5. County and District Councillors items Cllr Saywell reported on the £16,500 pot holes that have been filled since the beginning of the year, which included 7600 reports and repairs highlighted by the Safety Officer on carrying out inspections, the comment from Cllr Saywell was keep reporting the details are above, they are on every minutes, discussion on pot holes took place a question was asked how many insurance claims have been submitted to DCC for damage to peoples cars? Discussion also took place regarding visiting the Deep Moor tip with items and the fact if you have a large item a van permit is required and the fact that trailers are not permitted, the difficulty in depositing large or numerous items will encourage fly tipping, Cllr Saywell is to speak to Meg Booth head of department for Waste and Recycling at DCC

Cllr Lock has tried Helen Smith of the Planning department on numerous occasions but has received no reply regarding the Towell Lane planning application.

6. Tennis Court, Tozers solicitors have been contacted with the reply received “My team will happily deal with the land transfer for the Parish Council. It was estimated to cost approx. £ 600 - £700 + VAT + disbursements for the transfer of the land. The disbursements are likely to be searches of approx. £400 and a Land Registration fee of approx. £40. If the Parish Council are happy with this, please let me have Mr Hartford or his solicitor’s details and I will email him to request the contract / transfer papers. It is estimated Tozers can complete this within 3-4 weeks depending upon the speed of Mr Hartford’s solicitor.

It was proposed by Cllr Steer seconded by Cllr Millward to proceed with the land transfer, all in favour so the required details will be exchanged.

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

559	Beaford Village Hall	£12.00
560	DALC affiliation fee	£133.15
561	Beaford Community Hub	£44.55

ii. The subscription for the website currently paid by Cllr Millward is to be transferred to the PC in April, but it seems the subscription runs with the calendar year, so this will be paid in December.

8.i. Planning

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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	Permitted
1/0266/2023/FUI	Demolition of existing shed and erection of agricultural staff welfare building. Agricultural Building At Grid Reference 253282 114726, Beaford, Devon,	Being considered

i. There has been numerous emails from Airband with proposed road closures, more details when definite dates are known. li. No further information has been received in relation to the queries to enforcement from a previous meeting, even after Cllr Lock requested a response but was told the council are in purdah so information could be given.

9. Police Report, following the recent email, no report has been received.

Email from the police. Reports will no longer be provided but general police reports for your area can be found on the [Home | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk) website – bespoke reports will only be produced where a specific issue or series of crimes affects your community.

10. Ways to improve the Village and Parish Environment. On going. It was highlighted the fact of circulating information to everyone in the Parish, so it was raised again regarding doing an information sheet, so this will be looked into.

- 11. Caretakers Report & Hall report. The report was given at the APM
- 12. Correspondence
  - i. The DALC newsletters have been circulated.
  - ii. The weekly crime reports have been circulated.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May Annual Council Parish Meeting 2023** in the Parish Hall **7.30pm**

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 Parish Council meeting.