

BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the
Wednesday 28th June 2023

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

In attendance - Cllr R Lock District Councillor

Apologies Cllr S Berry and Cllr J Palmer Cllr Elliott Cllr Saywell County Councillor and PCSO Brown

Declaration of Interests – Councillors are invited to declare any disclosable 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 24th May were agreed and signed. The additional cheques agreed were not emphasised in the meeting but agreed.
2. Clerks Report, i. The Parish Council granted £200 towards the coronation festivities and a profit was made on the celebrations so the £200 will be held for the festivities next June to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of D Day landings. Proposed by Cllr Underhill seconded by Cllr Steer all in agreement.
3. Chairman's Report i. The Village Green, the play equipment and Green are looking in good order, the benches are to be oiled in due course, the bins have been emptied.
ii. Flashing speed sign, Cllr Huxtable has undertaken the list of requirements to erect the sign, thank you Cllr Huxtable for undertaking this. This included a plan for mounting and frequency of movement, the radar power unit etc, a risk assessment has been undertaken on pole 14. Chapter 8 training will be undertaken by those involved in this, a copy will be sent to Mark James, Highway Superintendent. The application for the 20mph speed restriction in the village will use the data from the radar speed sign as a bona fide data source.
4. Highway Issues. i. Footpaths, there has been no complaints recently regarding the footpaths. Regarding the footpath under Harepath, the application is being completed, the amount of evidence is to be ascertained before submission, which will then be discussed and raised again at that stage, for all councillors to agree to the submission. Cllr Underhill and Cllr Steer are not in favour of submission at this stage. Cllr Huxtable was asked to take photos of the original footpath which ran along by the river, as it has nearly disappeared into the river.
The DCC website is devon.cc/report-it PLEASE REPORT
ii. Parking on the yellow lines, it was raised that some cars are not adhering to the parking restrictions, but a parking ticket has been issued to a car, that particular car has not revisited the site, it was enquired if a further visit could be requested.
5. County and District Councillors items Cllr Lock reported on the Towell Meadow application, there is still no update; the delay is with the applicant. Cllr Lock has organised with Helen Smith of TDC Planning for a Planning response meeting to be held on Wednesday the 26th July, 7.00pm in Dolton Village Hall. As this clashes with the Parish Council meeting it was decided to move the Parish Council meeting back a month to the 23rd August.
6. Tennis Court, Cllr Huxtable has contacted Mr Hartford regarding the land transfer.

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

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568	R Pearce plants etc.	£60.58
569	R Heard	£67.20
570	Beaford Tennis Club	£750.00

ii Agreed and signed the Annual Governance Statement

iii. Agreed and signed the Accounting Statement

iv. Signed the Exemption form, all three were proposed by Cllr Underhill seconded by Cllr Steer to accept all in favour.

v. The Fixed Asset Register was agreed.

vi. Considering a grant for the DAAT landing site grass cutting, councillors were definitely in favour of financial assistance but would like to know more details of the exact costs before a grant can be agreed. The walls on the field have deteriorated, the hall committee are looking at reducing the walls to possibly use for seats the covenant will have to be looked at before work can be undertaken. The grass did get very long but it has now been cut, it was noted there was a lot of ticks in the grass.

A grant towards the tennis club was discussed, as grants are given to other Beaford organisations, it was proposed by Cllr Underhill, seconded by Cllr Pearce to grant the tennis club £750 all in favour.

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	
1/0529/2019/CPE	Certificate of existing lawful use of holiday units 2 and 4, known at Beech and Oak at Beaford House, as two independent dwellinghouses (including amenity and parking areas) Holiday Units 2 And 4 'Beech And Oak', Beaford, Winkleigh	Refused
1/0354/2023/FUL	Proposed addition of solar panels to roof of garage, and retrospective application for the change of use of land to garden area and siting of shepherd's hut for ancillary use. Abbots Hill, Beaford.	No objections

i. It was raised again regarding the slurry pit at Down Farm and also Reed Farm planning appeal, Cllr Lock is to further investigate.

9. Police Report, following the recent email, no report has been received. Speed watch will resume shortly.

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.

i. Cllr Elliot enquired regarding the interaction with PCSO Brown and the Parish Council, prior to the new system the interaction was very good with regular attendance at meetings but with the new system the PCSO has not visited and the interaction has not been as productive.

10. Ways to improve the Village and Parish Environment. On going.

11. Caretakers Report & Hall report, Cllr Pearce reported all seems in order, pleased with the new bin and the grass cutting contractor. It was highlighted regarding installing another defibrillator at the hall, further investigation regarding cost is to be undertaken before a decision is to be made, this will be discussed at the next meeting.

12. Correspondence

i. The DALC newsletters have been circulated.

ii. The weekly crime reports have been circulated.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 23rd August Council Parish Meeting 2023 in the Parish Hall 7.30pm

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 27th September 2023 Parish Council meeting.