

BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the  
Wednesday 23rd August 2023

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

In attendance - Cllr R Lock District Councillor

Apologies Cllr G Underhill 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 28<sup>th</sup> June were agreed and signed.

ii. The Minutes of the planning meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July were agreed and signed

2. Clerks Report, i. A planning meeting was held at Dolton on the 26<sup>th</sup> July with Ms Helen Smith TDC planning officer and Cllr Lock, to inform councillors of a more in depth look at the way planning applications are viewed and decided, the material and non-material consideration that are taken into account and the plans going forward.

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, help to Cllr Huxtable has been offered from Cllr Millward and Cllr Pearce, the bins have been emptied. Cllr Huxtable has carried out some extra grass cutting around equipment on the Green and in due course is to clean off some of the safety surfaces.

At the top of the bird's nest some of the stop ends have split Mr T Warrington of TK Play is to be asked to get some replacements.

It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that the dog waste bins are having other rubbish put in them, please can only dog waste be placed in these bins.

ii. Flashing speed sign, permission to use the lamp post has yet to be approved, when approval has been agreed the sign will be erected.

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.

The broken manhole cover outside Honeysuckle cottage was discussed it has been reported again.

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

ii. Parking on the yellow lines, it was raised that it is quite good at present, Sundays seem to be the most problematic day.

iii. Sadly Mr Jim Jury has had to give up the voluntary post of Road Warden, a thank you letter will be sent and notice put in the Bugle asking for another volunteer.

iv. Mark James has been contacted regarding the purchase of the grit bin to be located by the school.

5. County and District Councillors items Cllr Lock reported on planning 1/01650/2023/FUL the lodge at Towell Lane, it was agreed at the planning meeting 24<sup>th</sup> July that Cllr Lock would call the application in if the delegated officer was a mind to approve the application, the officer was going to refuse, but the applicant's agent has asked the Leader of the Council Mr Ken James ( in the constitution this is allowed) to call the application in on what is felt to be very weak reasons. On first thought the application was going to committee in September but it is now October. The Parish

Council are allowed the three minutes to put a statement forward against the application, two members of the public are also able to speak against the application, a statement will be drafted and agreed by the Parish Council. Cllr Lock has a forthcoming meeting with Helen Smith of TDC planning 373

to discuss the situation. Cllr Palmer declared a prejudicial interest. Cllr Lock also reported on the Reeds Farm appeal which was allowed for a timber building and polytunnels, as it has been raised that the building is being lived in, clause 19 of the appeal reads “However, the standard time limit condition is not necessary because the development has already begun and the timber building has been constructed. Given the building would not be suitable for residential occupancy and such a use has not been applied for, it is not necessary to include a condition in relation to this matter. The Council (TDC) have also not suggested such a restriction.

6. Tennis Court, Cllr Huxtable has contacted Mr Hartford regarding the land transfer. This is still ongoing further enquires are to be made.

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

571	Beaford Village Hall	£12.00
572	DALC training	£18.00

ii. Cheque 561 was cancelled due to the wrong name on the cheque, 571 was reissued with the correct name for an amount of £45.55.

iii. Consider 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. A request was made to Mr Buswell with a reply “, currently Mr Heard is contracted to cut all the grass at Doorstep Green and he invoices separately for each area therefore I can advise we currently pay £800.00 p.a . We ask that the Parish Council take on this future commitment.” Which the Parish Council is willing to do but a quote from the grass cutting contractor who cuts the Village Green and Tennis Court for the Parish Council is to be obtained as the Parish Council money is public money. Proposed by Cllr Steer seconded by Cllr Huxtable all in favour.

The night landing site light is no longer needed to land the helicopter so can be used for recreational use by the community. The walls on the field are being repaired.

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	
1/0354/2023/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
1/0590/2023/LBC 1/0589/2023/FUL	Internal and external repairs and alterations, to include replacement porch to provide link between main dwelling and Post House - Belle Vue Beaford	Passed
1/0650/2023/FUL	Part retrospective application for siting of a lodge as a local needs dwelling (resubmission of application 1/1215/2022/FUL) - Towell Farm Towell Lane Beaford	
1/0710/2023/LBC 1/0709/2023/FUL	Demolition of existing courtyard wall and provision of new wall, gates and concrete yard adjustments to levels. Brealeys, Beaford.	
1/0675/2023/FUL	Extension of the main farmhouse by rebuilding and extending an existing adjacent barn to be used as guest accommodation. Great Warham Farm, Beaford, Winkleigh	
1/0733/2023/FUL	Erection of a first-floor extension to existing single storey with balcony. West Lane End Cottage, Beaford,	No objection
1/0786/2023/LBC 1/0785/2023/FUL	Replace existing windows & doors, add two roof lights, internal and external alterations. The Stables, Beaford	No objections

- 9. Police Report, during the past month 01/07/23 to 31/07/23 there has been 1 crime of an arrest attempt and 1 call where an incident has been created of Highway disruption.
  - 10. Ways to improve the Village and Parish Environment. On going.
  - 11. Caretakers Report & Hall report, Cllr Pearce reported the committee is growing, there are now 9 who are all working hard. There has been 5 weeks of successful social evening on Tuesdays, the money raised is going towards the repair of the walls, there has been between 30-50 in attendance. The hall committee is to be congratulated on the programme of forthcoming events
  - 12. Correspondence
    - i. The DALC newsletters have been circulated.
    - ii. The weekly crime reports have been circulated.
- It was highlighted the criticism that is being levelled at the Parsih Council within the community.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September Council Parish Meeting 2023** in the Parish Hall **7.30pm**

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Parish Council meeting.