

BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the
Wednesday 27th September 2023

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

In attendance - Cllr R Lock District Councillor

Apologies Cllr S Berry 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.

Mr Rodgers attended the meeting to say he has moved the vehicular entrance for the barn conversion at Parsonage, it was permitted development so no planning permission was required. The visibility will now be greatly improved.

1.i. The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd August were agreed and signed.

2. Clerks Report, i. The hedge along the road side of the Village Green and Tennis court will be cut in due course notice will be given.

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.

At the top of the bird's nest some of the stop ends have split Mr T Warrington of TK Play has been asked for a quote for replacements.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Huxtable seconded by Cllr Pearce to request another cut of grass on the Village Green, all in favour.

ii. Flashing speed sign, permission to use the lamp post has been approved, the documentation has been submitted, approval for that is now awaited. Cllr Underhill is to approach the Gilbert family to ensure they are still in agreement to put the sign on their property.

4. Highway Issues. i. Footpaths, the gatepost for the gate onto Biddamoor lane has rotted off and the gate now is wobbly and catches the slammer post, it is a physical lift to close it properly, not possible for most people, and it will eventually collapse, this has been reported.

The broken manhole cover outside Honeysuckle cottage was discussed it has been reported again as it has not been repaired. Also; a report will be submitted that the road has sunk outside of Birdsong.

The DCC website is devon.cc/report-it PLEASE REPORT

ii. Parking on the yellow lines, unauthorised parking is still taking place, it is a great improvement, but the curbs are sinking.

iii. The voluntary post of Road Warden, a notice was put in the Bugle asking for another volunteer but as yet no one has come forward.

iv. Thank you to Mark James as the grit bin is now in situ located by the school and filled with grit.

It was highlighted that the store of grit held by the Parish Council is now to be located at Cllr Palmer's more accessible for the village, this will be highted in the Bugle so all are aware.

5. County and District Councillors items Cllr Lock reported that 1/0650/2023/FUL has been refused.

The material being dumped at Down Lane was highlighted as it appears to need a special licence to be spread, the Environmental Health Officer is to be asked to look at the situation. The 20mph speed restriction applications have now closed until the end of the year, Beaford are to use the information from the flashing speed sign as evidence of speeding if applicable.

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: - ,

574	DCC Grit bin	£350.00
576	Beaford Village Hall	£39.00
575	Mr. M Baker grass cutting	£1325.00

ii. 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. Mr Baker has quoted £200 per annum to cut the night landing site to coincide with other cutting carried out, a more definite quote is to be asked for from Mr Heard who is carrying out the cutting at present.

Regarding the light on the DAAT field at present the light will be used, in conjunction with the night vision goggles, as at night other sites to land have not been passed as safe, unlike in daylight when the visual eye can assess the safety of landing sites.

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	
1/0354/2023/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.	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	Refused
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.	Passed
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	Passed
1/0733/2023/FUL	Erection of a first-floor extension to existing single storey with balcony. West Lane End Cottage, Beaford,	
1/0786/2023/LBC 1/0785/2023/FUL	Replace existing windows & doors, add two roof lights, internal and external alterations. The Stables, Beaford	

9. Police Report, during the period from 10/08/23 to 31/08/23 there has been 1 crime of a Fraud & forgery crime reported to us and during the same period there have not been any calls to the police that have generated a log. If you experience fraud call 158 to be put straight through to an operator who will forward you directly to your bank. This information will be put in the Bugle. Shopping scams are the worst. There has been some underage drinking in the village, if the situation is difficult call 101 PCSO Brown has the power to deal with these incidents, but, if possible, the underage person should be taken to their parents, but if the person is very intoxicated and a high risk of concern ring 999, it is advised to always approach the person in pairs.

If concerns are raised regarding any young person and it was felt necessary raise the concern should be raised through social services.

10. Ways to improve the Village and Parish Environment. The Devon Wildlife Trust have a zoom meeting in November which Cllr Millward is to attend.

11. Caretakers Report & Hall report, the field is looking good, the new refurbished walls have received very favourable comments.

It was raised regarding purchasing another defibrillator to site at the Village Hall, grants are being investigated, an electric power point is required.

Congratulations to the Autumn Show committee who put on an excellent show again this.

The six social evenings have raised £1600 to pay for the walls.

12. Correspondence

i. The DALC newsletters have been circulated.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 25th October Council Parish Meeting 2023**
in the Parish Hall 7.30pm

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 29th November 2023 Parish Council meeting.