

BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the
Wednesday 27th March 2024

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

In attendance - Cllr R Lock District Councillor

Apologies Cllr G Underhill Cllr Saywell County Councillor Cllr Elliott 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 26th February were agreed and signed.

2. Clerks Report,

i. Wicksteed Report, TK Play have been contacted to do the net connector, but it was not confirmed if the repairs had been undertaken, they will be contacted again.

3. Chairman's Report i. The Village Green, the Green has been cut twice which councillors were very pleased with, it is to be enquired when the helicopter pad is going to be cut as it is getting very long. The litter bin by the shelter keeps blowing over, so Cllr Huxtable is to purchase a padlock and chain to prevent this. It was highlighted that the selection of play equipment on the Green is not very disabled friendly or indeed the access to the Green, this is to be given consideration.

ii. Flashing speed sign, it is hoped to have the sign erected next week, Cllr Millward is to ask the garage if it is possible to site the sign on the small grass area by the road.

4. Defibrillators, the spare defibrillator has not found a site as yet, a site in a different area of the village is still being looked into. The suggestion was in the pub!

The DCC website is devon.cc/report-it PLEASE REPORT or ring 0345 1004 115

5. Highway Issues. i. The signs in Harepath Wood have been removed.

ii. The voluntary post of Road Warden, this will be put in the Bugle again asking for another volunteer.

iii. The man hole cover at the bottom of St Georges Lane has been rattling for over a year, Cllr Saywell is to be consulted.

6. County and District Councillors items.

Cllr Lock reported that at the last full TDC meeting a presentation was made for devolution, which was not well received by councillors, it was felt to be not advantageous for Torridge. A special meeting was held with three gentlemen from South West Water, which was very interesting, about future plans and the expense of projects. Cllr Lock was unable to give any update on the Towell Meadow application or the mobile home at Towell.

Down Lane, TDC have completed a Planning Contravention Notice which is being discussed with the planning officer the final decision will be with the Environment Agency, if the Environment Agency do not pursue TDC will, the offending person has to prove they have the correct licences in place.

7. Tennis Court, progress is ongoing, Cllr Huxtable is to make contact again.

8. Finance, i Approve and sign the following cheques: - ,

590	Beaford Village Hall	£15.00
591	TDC Payroll	£1749.99
592	DALC training	£36.00
593	Office expenses	£70.97

ii. It was reported the opening balance for the year was £14,539 with a closing balance of £11,638.

iii. The clerk's salary is to be reviewed.

9.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	
1/0276/2024/FUL	Change of use of office & warehouse into a dwelling with office alongside, with proposed coach house with granny annexe above (Variation of conditions 2 and 4 of planning approval 1/0647/2020/FUL) Canns Down Press, Beaford,	No objections
1/0130/2024/LBC	Replacement windows, Yatton Park	

i. Folley Barn and field, Cllr Millward and Cllr Huxtable declared a prejudicial interest and left the room, after discussion Cllr Palmer confirmed no one lives in the shed, full time or part time, TDC enforcement Mr Grant McGill has visited the site and is happy with the findings, the container is allowed. The barn is a self-build so temporary accommodation for workers is permitted. Councillors just enquired to ensure all was in order with this build.

10. Police Report, Speedwatch Cllr Pearce has officially handed over to Mr Sam Weller, thank you to Cllr Pearce for all his hard work, a request has been circulated for further volunteers. Speedwatch was carried out the Tuesday before the meeting between 7-8 am, 23 vehicles were speeding.

11. Ways to improve the Village and Parish Environment.

12. Caretakers Report & Hall report, it was reported the toilets have been improved but the urinals need to be looked at. The library in the hall is open to all to borrow the books, it is hoped to build a new website, the hall is very well used and busy, the chairman is to attend the APM, it is hoped to open discussions between the hall and Parish Council regarding the car park. The Beacon is to be lit to commemorate D Day on the 6th June, with a themed dance on the 8th June.

13. Correspondence

i. The DALC newsletters have been circulated.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 24th April Annual Parish Meeting 2024** in the Parish Hall **7.30pm** followed by a Parish Council meeting.

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 29th May 2024 Parish Council meeting.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING