

BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the
Wednesday 26th June 2024

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Present Cllr G Underhill, Cllr B Millward Cllr S Berry Cllr R Huxtable and Mrs A Snell clerk
In attendance - Cllr R Lock District Councillor
Apologies Cllr R Pearce Cllr C Steer Cllr J Palmer 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 29th May were agreed and signed.

2. Clerks Report,

i. Wicksteed Report, TK Play have been and carried out the necessary repairs. Whilst the TK play engineer was on site, he inspected the closing mechanism on the gate to ensure all was in order. There had been reports that holes have appeared around the base of the bird's nest and the round piece of equipment, thank you very much to Cllr Berry and Cllr Pearce for filling in the holes and making good. This will be addressed again next Autumn, with the intention of turfing the area, the area will be fenced off for a month to let the turfs settle and grow in.

4. Chairman's Report i. The Village Green, as reported above. The Community Hut will be reported as the felt is coming away from the roof. The benches need to be reoiled, Cllr Millward and Cllr Huxtable offered to undertake this, thank you to both of them.

It was highlighted the trees around the Green are not for climbing the bird's nest and other equipment are for climbing, please parents and older children take note.

ii. Flashing speed sign, the sign has still not been erected it, it is hoped Richard Heard and Cllr Huxtable will erect the signs next week, a safety briefing and risk assessment will be given, the signs have to be 8 feet above the ground with the solar panel on the top of that.

iii. Defibrillators, no report.

iv. The D Day Commemorative Events went very well, the Thursday Beacon lighting and the afternoon Saturday event and dance to the Humming birds in the evening, were all well attended and very successful events.

The DCC website is [devon.cc/report-it](https://www.devon.cc/report-it) PLEASE REPORT or ring 0345 1004 115

5. Highway Issues. i. The Village Maintenance person advert has been place in the Bugle.

ii. Footpaths, Cllr Berry reported the fallen trees on the footpath by the river are being removed by the owners of the land.

6. County and District Councillors items.

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Cllr Saywell sent his apologies. Cllr Lock reported that there is no update on the Towell housing development as the owners have not agreed or signed the S106. Mr Grant McGill TDC Enforcement Officer has been visiting the parish.

Regarding the Towell lodge appeal, no outcome has been received. TDC has been quiet due to the forthcoming election next week. An unauthorised silage clamp has been erected at Towell Farm; this will be reported.

7. Tennis Court, the solicitors are moving on this but slowly, it was ascertained that the cost will be between £1650- £1950 plus VAT and disbursements. The clerk is pursuing but no developments as yet to report.

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

605	Beaford Village Hall	£15.00
606	TK Play	£288.00

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	
1/0459/2024/AGM B	Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1 no. dwellinghouse and associated building operations under Class Q (affecting a public right of way) Agricultural Building At Grid Reference 254558 114982, Beaford, Devon	
1/0650/2023/FUL Appeal Reference: APP/W1145/W/24/3341178	Part retrospective application for siting of a lodge as a local needs dwelling (resubmission of application 1/1215/2022/FUL) Towell Farm, Towell Lane,	
1/0518/2024/AG FLEX	Prior approval for change of use from agricultural building (Class R) to a flexible commercial use (Class E - commercial, business or service of Schedule 2, Part 3) Agricultural Building At Grid Reference 256248 114751 Beaford	No objections
1/0530/2024/FUH	Erection of rear extension and deck - 12 Marshalls Mead Beaford	No objections

10. Police Report, no report was received. Cllr Pearce has taken back the running of the Speedwatch, thank you Cllr Pearce.

11. Ways to improve the Village and Parish Environment. Cllr Millward raised he would like to purchase bat detectors and wildlife cameras on behalf of the Parish Council to put around the village, Cllr Millward is to look into this.

12. Caretakers Report & Hall report, there is a hall meeting next week, all the electrical checks have been carried out, there is a good selection of library books in the hall.

13. Correspondence

i. The DALC newsletters have been circulated.

It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that Beaford Arts are selling the top half of the hall car park, a letter is to be sent expressing an interest, it is understood their offices are now next to South West Fixings Winkleigh a personal visit will be carried out.

It was highlighted that the village has come to a stand still on more than one occasion, one time a very large building went through the village, on another a very large earth moving piece of equipment, members of the public were directing traffic, the single yellow line was discussed it was felt this

should be longer covering a greater distance, the pavements are being mounted due to the size of the vehicles travelling.
It was suggested to write to Mark James and Cllr Andrew Saywell asking if large over sized vehicles could be made to have pilot vehicle to clear the road through villages, these out sided vehicles are causing grid lock in the villages, and the suggestion of a feasibility study if vehicles get any bigger.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 31st July 2024** in the Parish Hall **7.30pm**

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 28th September 2024 Parish Council meeting.