

BEAFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the
Wednesday 30th October 2024

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Present Cllr G Underhill, Cllr S Berry Cllr R Pearce Cllr R Huxtable_Cllr C Steer_and Mrs A Snell clerk.

In attendance - Cllr R Lock District Councillor

Apologies Cllr J Palmer Cllr B Millward 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 18th September were agreed and signed.

2. Clerks Report,

i. The Flashing Speed sign has been complemented on by many especially members of the Winkleigh PC they were asking for the community effect, which is very positive, a reply will be sent.

ii. Sale of the top half of the hall car park, an application for this to be a Community Asset has been submitted, this will be brought to a meeting at TDC for consideration on the 13th November.

ii. The strict rules of the Devon Association of Parish Councils if attendance at meetings is missed for 6 months. Please see below the advice the clerk was given:

"If a councillor has not attended meetings for six consecutive months (even if there have not been any meetings) then they automatically lose their seat." Cllr Palmer has not attended since the April meeting so is disqualifier.

4. Chairman's Report i. The Village Green, the play equipment is in good order, the Wicksteed inspection is due. It was highlighted the sanding and oiling of the benches by Mr Castle all but one of the benches are commemorative ones, it was suggested to do the 2 newest ones first then proceed onto the others. The shelter has had a face lift and is looking good and some branches have been cut from the chestnut tree. It is looking like Mr Castle will do about 2 hours a week, Cllr Underhill has meet with Mr Castle on several occasions. If all works out well Chapter 8 training will be offered.

li. The litter bin at the bottom of the Green has been ordered. The dog bin at the top of Rye Park is broken so it was proposed by Cllr Steer seconded by Cllr Pearce to order a new one from Glasdon at a cost of in the region of £140, all in favour.

It was agreed to order a green wheelie bin from TDC to pick up the grass cuttings, and green waste from the work undertaken for the Parish Council, the emptying is £55 per annum proposed by Cllr Pearce seconded by Cllr Berry all in favour.

ii. Defibrillators, no report.

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

5. Highway Issues. i. There has been an accident at the end of Coombe Lane, there is glass and debris in the vicinity Cllr Saywell will be contacted, the sign needs to be put upright again.

There is a sorn vehicle on the Village Green, on contacting TDC they can action a sticker, identify and write to the owners to ask them to remove it. If they do not remove the removal cost by TDC is £455.45 with a storage charge of £26 per day, which if paid out of Parish Council funds will be paid by the whole parish. Firstly, the letter will be written.

It was highlighted the number of camper vans that are in the village, on Green Lane, the main road, hall car park etc, in some cases the visibility is reduced by the parking of the vans, PCSO Brown is to be contacted for advice, also she is to be asked to visit the village to monitor the yellow lines to see they are adhered to.

6. County and District Councillors items. Cllr Saywell reported **Devolution** – I am delighted to say that the new Government has confirmed Devon's Devolution Deal is going ahead, as previously agreed with the former Government. This is good news for Devon and it means the start of a journey of having greater powers devolved down to Devon. Immediate measures include £16m worth of additional funding for projects involving 'green' jobs, homes, skills and business growth. The new Combined Authority will have devolved powers and direct control of adult education to create up to 50,000 new training and retention opportunities by 2030. The Government is also offering a strong partnership with Homes England to use the 'Affordable Housing Programme' and 'Brownfield Infrastructure and Land Fund' to create a joint action plan for affordable housing schemes for local people. The plan is for the Government to pass the necessary legislation in the autumn, with hopefully the first meeting of the CCA being held in January. **OFSTED Inspection** – The Council's Children's Services are currently being inspected by OFSTED. It will be some time before their final report is issued but their inspection is due to finish by the end of this week and we should hopefully be given some indicative feedback as to whether the Children's Services Department is improving in its performance compared to its last inspection...

Cllr Lock reported on the Towell housing development the final draft of the S106 has still not been signed. A housing disability support package email has been circulated for more information please contact the clerk. Towell Farm is to have a planning intervention notice served, the enforcement officer and another officer met with some unfavourable behaviour, so left this will now be passed onto the Environment Agency to serve the notice.

7. Tennis Court, emails have been sent and received from Tozer's but no further progress has been made, it has been decided no further communication will be had until they come back to the PC. It was discussed that the fence needs repairing this will be taken up with the Tennis club.

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

608	Beaford Village Hall	£15.00
610	Glasdon	£204.19
609	South West Fixings	£48.47
611	TDC Payroll	£2000.01
612	Beaford Village Hall	£15.00
613	J Hinge plants	£17.94
614	Community Hub	£455.45

- i. The Community Hub were granted £500 in March 2023, only £44.55 has been allocated, there has been a request for some play equipment, so it was proposed by Cllr Steer seconded by Cllr Pearce to pay the remainder of the grant, all in favour.
- ii. DCC grants are available for things like an AI camera, enquires are to be made.

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	
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ii. It was noted that drones are now used for planning site visits the footage is then assessed at TDC planning meetings.

10. Police Report, During the month of September there have been 3 crimes: 1 Domestic incident, 1 notifiable crime and 1 personal ASB. During the same period there have been 5 calls to the police where logs have been generated, they are as follows: 1 highways disruption, 1 contact record, 1 domestic incident, 1 road related offence and 1 missing person. Speedwatch is still being undertaken, the speed sign seems to be helping.

11. Caretakers Report & Hall report, the Hall AGM was attended by Cllr Berry, it was a very social event with drinks and nibbles, Cllr Berry thanked the hall committee for all their hard work on behalf of the Parish Council and parish, Mr Buswell remains as Chairman, Secretary is Martin Church, Cllr Pearce has stepped down as Treasurer, he was thanked for all his hard work and dedication, Mrs Pearce has taken on the roll. There are 9 on the committee and hall bookings are up making it a very successful year, all safeguarding courses are being undertaken.

The Autumn show have been granting money to many organisations in the parish, including £100 to the school, £150 to the Community Hub, £100 to the Short Mat Bowls, £500 to the Village Hall, £200 to the Church, to name but a few, £400 is remaining at present.

12. Correspondence

i. The DALC newsletters have been circulated.

ii. Circulation of the Crier was highlighted; the Bugle is to be put on the website.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 27th November 2024** in the Parish Hall **7.30pm**

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

Forthcoming meeting: Wednesday 11th/18th January 2025 Parish Council meeting. To be agreed.