

Beer Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting was held remotely on **Tuesday 2 February 2021, 7pm** using Zoom video conferencing. The meeting was livestreamed to Beer Parish Council Face Book page. Copies of minutes and reports are available on request.

Present: Cllr. G Pook (Chairman) Cllr. J Boulton Cllr. D Clinch Cllr. A Cobbold
Cllr. W Dodd Cllr. R Dormor Cllr. M Graham Cllr. L Reeve
Cllr. M Richards Cllr. L Vine Cllr M Westlake

In attendance: A Dallaway (Clerk), Cllr Martin Shaw (DCC)

Council noted that Cllr Vine will continue as Vice-Chair until the Annual Meeting in May 2021.

1. Apologies accepted by the Council: There were none received.

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Cobbold and Cllr Clinch declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 as they both rent beach huts from EDDC.

3. Items to be dealt with after the public, including the press have been excluded: There were none.

4. Public participation: There were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

5. Police – to receive the report

A report had been received from the new Neighbourhood Officer, Beth Salter, indicating 4 reported crimes from 1 December to 27 January – 1 possession of drugs, 1 burglary (non-dwelling), 1 theft and 1 criminal damage.

6. Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12 January 2021 were approved as an accurate record. **RESOLVED. ALL IN FAVOUR.**

Matters arising:

12/01/2021/8.5 Kayak proposal – Cllr Pook reported that he had not yet received any feedback from EDDC regarding the proposal.

7. EDDC and DCC Cllr reports

DCC Cllr Shaw provided a monthly report which had been previously circulated. The Clerk thanked Cllr Shaw for approving £500 from the Locality Budget for repairs to the steps in West Underleys.

EDDC Cllr Pook provided a verbal monthly report and highlighted the following:

- EDDC are producing a new Local Plan for East Devon and the initial consultation extends to 15 March 2021.
- EDDC Community Grants Panel has awarded Beer Albion Football Club £3.5K from the Community Buildings Fund.

Cllr Shaw left the meeting

8. Financial report

8.1 To approve the bank reconciliation to the end January 2021 and receive Alpha software reports. RESOLVED. ALL IN FAVOUR

8.2 To approve the schedule of payments for February 2021 in accordance with Appendix A. Total payments of £2,230.69 approved. RESOLVED. ALL IN FAVOUR.

9. DCC Locality application

9.1 To ratify the application for repair works to the steps/wall going up to West Underleys

The Clerk reported that she had submitted the application at short notice in order to secure the grant of £500.

9.2 To review quotes and approve works

Cllr Westlake contacted five local contractors in an attempt to obtain three quotes for this work. Four of the contractors failed to reply or declined to quote in view of their heavy workloads. One quote has been received for £750 for the repair works. Cllr Pook will liaise with the contractor regarding the additional installation of a hand rail as a health and safety measure. Council resolved to approve the quote for the repair works. Council agreed that this work should be prioritised and that the additional expenditure could be funded from Council reserves. **RESOLVED. PROPOSED BY CLLR POOK; SECONDED BY CLLR WESTLAKE. ALL IN FAVOUR.**

10. Beer Horticultural Society – to consider request for donation

A letter has been received from Beer Horticultural Society requesting financial support towards the planting and maintaining of the floral decorations in the village. Council agreed a donation of £250 for the coming financial year. **RESOLVED. PROPOSED BY CLLR COBBOLD; SECONDED BY CLLR DORMOR. ALL IN FAVOUR**

Cllr Cobbold and Cllr Clinch declared a pecuniary interest in this agenda item and did not take part in the discussion or decision.

11. Draft beach hut management proposal – to consider and approve proposal for presentation to EDDC

Cllr Pook had previously circulated a draft proposal recommending that the Parish Council take on the management of the letting of the huts. Ownership would remain with EDDC and the Parish Council would pay a single concession fee to EDDC and retain a proportion of the letting income. The proposed agreement would enable the Parish Council to have control over the letting and location of huts and to ensure that all huts follow an agreed design. The income would be assigned to administration costs and beach management. Council approved the proposal and commencement of negotiation with EDDC.

RESOLVED. PROPOSED BY CLLR POOK; SECONDED BY CLLR VINE. ALL IN FAVOUR

Cllr Vine queried the eligibility for beach huts and whether priority goes to those living in Beer. Cllr Pook advised that his understanding was that priority goes to EDDC residents. Cllr Pook will clarify the eligibility criteria. **ACTION: CLLR POOK**

12. Reopening High Streets Safely Fund – to approve the funding/legal agreement with EDDC

EDDC has applied for a grant from the Reopening High Streets Safely Fund (Central Government). Beer Parish Council has requested a funding allocation to reimburse the costs of the signage and planters used to facilitate the Covid safe changes to Fore Street during the summer of 2020. The Parish Council must enter into a formal grant agreement with EDDC to receive the funding. The Clerk had previously circulated a draft agreement. Council approved the draft agreement and for the Clerk/Chairman to sign once terms are finalised.

RESOLVED. PROPOSED BY CLLR DORMOR; SECONDED BY CLLR GRAHAM. ALL IN FAVOUR

13. Environment & Community portfolio report – to receive report previously circulated

13.1 Recycling bins – to agree suitable locations for additional recycling bins

Members of the Environment Portfolio group have conducted a survey and propose the following locations: outside Beer Village Stores; outside Mariners' Hall and on the Jubilee or top of Sea Hill. Council were in agreement with the proposed locations and the Clerk will forward the proposals to EDDC and clarify responsibility for emptying the bins.

ACTION: CLERK

13.2 Housing allocation – to agree how best to raise the profile of this local issue

Cllr Westlake has produced a draft letter highlighting concern about Beer people struggling to access local Council housing. The Council approved the letter and agreed that it should go to the relevant officers and members at EDDC. **ACTION: CLERK**

RESOLVED. PROPOSED BY CLLR WESTLAKE; SECONDED BY CLLR GRAHAM. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr Boulton suggested starting a petition on the UK Government and Parliament website and Council agreed to explore this option.

Matters for action from the report:

- **Sink hole in Fore Street** – this has been filled in and DCC will continue to monitor.
- **Self Shelter, Jubilee** – work to address the drainage issues on the roof is outstanding.
- **Hedges along lower Barline obstructing the footpath** – the property owner has agreed to organise for the hedges to be cut back
- **P3 footpath survey** – Mike Green has carried out a survey of the footpath network and the Clerk will complete the annual return.
- **Benches policy** – this is still under review. Cllr Boulton has taken on the task of producing an interactive village map of the bench locations. The Clerk has received a request for a memorial plaque at Charlie's Yard and will forward the request to EDDC, noting that the Parish Council would like plaques in this location to be devoted to lost fishermen and Beer residents.

14. Assets & Property portfolio report – to receive verbal report

Matters for action from the report:

- **Brook** – some of the larger edging stones have fallen into the brook opposite Barnards Farm. Cllr Dormor has removed some of the stones to ensure the brook can flow freely and will organise a site visit to review any works necessary.

15. Training/Visioning Day – to receive an update

The Training/Visioning Day took place remotely on Friday 29 January. The Chairman thanked Helen Follett for facilitating the session. A summary of the session with outputs will be circulated to Councillors.

16. EDDC Asset Transfer – to receive an update

16.1 To review Asset Transfer Consultation Report

294 responses were received and the consultation has now closed. The results of the survey were presented as a PowerPoint and therefore shared live with members of the public watching the meeting on Facebook. A full breakdown of the survey results will be available on the Parish Council website from tomorrow. An Executive Summary of the survey results will be produced and presented at the March Parish Council meeting with any specific proposals formally debated and voted upon. Cllr Pook suggested that he hoped the CCT would take ownership of the consultation report and work with any future consultants on a development plan. Funding is available from the existing Coastal Communities Fund grant to appoint a consultant to carry out a potential options appraisal on the land assets.

17. s106 play and sport funding proposals for Ash Hill play area – to receive an update

Sport – the primary school sent out a simple on-line survey to the school community asking the children to choose between a small MUGA or a netted goal with resurfacing of the top play area at Ash Hill. The survey results indicated equal support for both options. In view of the fact that earlier consultation with the children indicated more support for the netted goal, this option will be included in the tender document.

Play – Cllr Vine reported that EDDC s106 officers had confirmed that it was acceptable to go out to tender for joint design proposals for sport and play. The Clerk will contact the play companies and issue a revised tender document combining sport and play. **ACTION: CLERK**

18. Coastal Community Team – to consider and approve the following:

18.1 To receive report from Events Coordinator. Kayleigh Westlake had provided a short, written update which the Clerk read out.

18.2 To consider requests from Beer Memories Museum project:

- i) to have a dedicated section on Beer Village website

Chris Pickles has requested that the Beer Memories Museum digital content be included as a subset of the Beer Village website. This would be managed separately from the rest of the content on the website but web administrators would be restricted to preserve the integrity of the site.

RESOLVED. ALL IN FAVOUR.

ii) Beer Parish Council, as Trustee of the Beer Mariners’ Hall Charity, to give its permission for the charity to hold the copyright for the website content of the Beer Memories Museum

RESOLVED. ALL IN FAVOUR

18.3 To approve use of the Beer Village logo on Beer bags.

RESOLVED. ALL IN FAVOUR

A remote CCT meeting will be scheduled in February.

Cllr Dormor left the meeting.

19. Planning – the Parish Council noted the consultation responses from the remote Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 January 2021.

20. Correspondence - as on Appendix B

There were no items of correspondence for discussion. Council noted that a further letter had been received from Peter Anderson regarding the asset transfer proposals and consultation. An individual response will be sent.

21. Date of next meeting.

Date of next meeting:
Full Council 2 March 2021

Cllr Westlake notified the Council of her decision to resign from the Council primarily due to the fact that she is not in favour of the asset transfer and has concerns about the financial implications. The Chairman and Councillors expressed regret at this decision and paid tribute to the significant contribution Cllr Westlake has made during her time as Parish Councillor.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Date:

Chairman: