

Beer Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting was held on **Tuesday 3 September 2019** at the Mariners' Hall. Copies of minutes and reports are available on request.

Present: Cllr. D Clinch Cllr. W Dodd Cllr. R Dormor Cllr. H Follett
 Cllr. M Graham Cllr. G Pook Cllr. M Westlake

In attendance: A Dallaway (Clerk)

1. Apologies accepted by the Council: Cllr. M Richards (working); Cllr. L Vine (ill); Cllr T Wood (holiday); DCC Cllr Martin Shaw; PC Speers

2. Declarations of Interest: There were none declared.

3. Items to be dealt with after the public, including the press have been excluded: Council agreed that there were none.

4. Public participation

There were no members of public in attendance at the meeting.

5. Police report: There were no members of Devon & Cornwall Constabulary in attendance at the meeting and no monthly report received.

6. Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9 July 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

Matters arising:

9/7/2019/7 Recycling bins on beach – Cllr Pook is still in liaison with EDDC regarding the bins for cardboard, foil and plastic. A separate arrangement will need to be made for the collection of glass. The proposed location is to the East of the Heritage Centre.

9/7/2019/7 Co-option - one vacancy remains on the Council for co-option.

9/7/2019/8 Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Services consultation. Councillors debated the proposed service changes which include a redistribution of resources and the closure of fire stations, including Colyton Fire Station, where risk and activity is low. Opinion was divided and it was agreed to vote on the proposals – 2 supported, 4 objected and 1 abstained. The Clerk will respond to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council indicating that the Parish Council objects to the closure of Colyton Fire Station.

ACTION: CLERK

9/7/2019/13 Workman employment contract – the Clerk will identify supporting policies for the employment contract and forward to Cllr Follett for review. **ACTION: CLERK/CLLR FOLLETT**

9/7/2019/18 Blocked drains – Cllr Pook has contacted DCC Cllr Stuart Hughes, Cabinet Member for Highways Management to highlight the blocked drains in the village and express the Council's frustration with the maintenance programme.

The minutes of the Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held on 23 July 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

7. EDDC and DCC Cllrs – to receive reports previously circulated

Cllr Pook, EDDC – report noted.

Cllr Shaw, DCC – report noted.

- From September 2019, the Seaton, Beer & Branscombe Traffic Group will merge with the Coly Valley Traffic Group.

8. Financial report:

8.1 To approve the bank reconciliation to the end July 2019

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION TO END JULY 2019

- 8.2 To approve the schedule of payments for July/August/September 2019 in accordance with Appendix A** Total payments of £9379.53 approved and signed by the Chairman. Additional payments approved for £114 Terry Hoare (Ash Hill grass cutting) £150 R Leese (Beer Bites music) and £40 G Pook (reimburse electricity for Beer Bites)

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPENDIX A AND THE ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS

8.3 To approve the interim accounts 1 April 2019 – 31 July 2019

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE INTERIM ACCOUNTS 1 APRIL 2019 – 31 JULY 2019.

The Clerk will provide separate accounts for CCT income and expenditure.

9. TRIP – to consider request for donation to TRIP Community Transport Scheme

Councillors noted that there are 74 registered service users in Beer for the medical car service plus the Passenger Club Day Trips.

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED TO APPROVE A DONATION FOR £75 TOWARDS THE TRIP COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

10. General Power of Competence – to receive an update

The Clerk is continuing to explore the option of adopting this power which is intended to give local authorities wider powers to deliver more for their communities.

11. Memorial Play Park – to receive an update from site visit with Play Inspector

A site visit has taken place with a Play Inspector who will be working with James Absalom to ensure that the draft plans are fully compliant with Health & Safety legislation before the community consultation is carried out. It is hoped that the revised plans will be presented to the Parish Council at the October meeting.

12. s106 play and sport funding allocation – to receive report from the Working Group (report previously circulated)

Play funding

EDDC will schedule further public consultation with local children to decide on play equipment for the lower part of Ash Hill play area.

Sport funding

Feedback from preliminary public consultation has been reviewed and to date EDDC officers have confirmed that the following projects are eligible: Ash Hill football provision and kayak storage on the beach.

13. EDDC review of beach leases and licences – to receive an update

EDDC is currently reviewing all Beer beach leases and licences as they come up for renewal and looking at new ventures and opportunities. The approach EDDC is taking is to assess what the market rate lease should be and then look to negotiate with the current leaseholders to agree a new lease. Cllr Pook proposed that the Parish Council takes the lead in setting up a working group consisting of all interested parties and that the Parish Council then aims to support and inform negotiations and proposals. It was noted that the Fishermen's Association had scheduled a meeting with the beach concession holders to discuss related issues.

Cllr Clinch declared an interest as the Secretary of the Fishermen's Association.

The Council decided to await feedback from the Fishermen's Association meeting and establish whether the parties involved would like any input from the Parish Council.

14. Parish Council surgery – to receive report

The next Parish Council surgery is scheduled for 21 Sept 2019.

15. Parish Council leaflet – to discuss and consider draft leaflet

Cllr Follett had previously circulated a draft leaflet outlining the role and responsibilities of the Parish Council and the Coastal Community Team. Opinion was divided as to the necessity for a leaflet explaining the role of the Parish Council.

Cllr Dormor proposed that as a draft leaflet had already been produced the Council could approve a small print run.

Cllr Pook proposed an amendment to the above, suggesting that Cllr Follett and Cllr Pook revise the draft leaflet for further consideration at the October meeting. Cllr Westlake seconded the proposal. All those present were in favour of the proposal. **ACTION: CLLR FOLLETT/CLLR POOK**

Cllr Westlake expressed concern regarding the significant email correspondence which this matter generated prior to the meeting and the implications of this for the Council's democratic process. All Councillors present agreed that lengthy email debate was not constructive and that the appropriate forum for debate was the Parish Council meeting. Councillors also agreed that clearer decision making would be beneficial at meetings and Councillors should be encouraged to vote on resolutions.

16. Environment & Community Portfolio Report – to receive the report (previously circulated)

The Parish Council noted the report. Cllr Westlake reported that she had met with EDDC Streetscene Officer this morning to progress outstanding maintenance issues on the Jubilee and Charlie's Yard.

17. Assets & Property Portfolio Report

The Parish Council noted the report. Matters for debate:

Cowerslea Way – the Council agreed to organise for the hedges to be cut on both sides of the footpath.

The Clerk will inform the owners of Windy Ridge that the Council will be cutting the hedge alongside the paddock to fence height. Cllr Dormor will organise a local contractor to carry out this work. **ACTION: CLLR DORMOR**

Mare Lane – the Council agreed to organise for the hedges to be cut alongside Ash Hill play park.

ACTION: CLLR DORMOR

Garage doors in depot – the Council agreed to ask the Beer Men's Shed to consider the repair of the garage doors as a future project. **ACTION: CLLR DORMOR**

Storage at the depot – the Council agreed to obtain quotes for an additional shed at the depot for storage of the gazebos, tables and other equipment as necessary. Funding may be available from the CCT capital fund. **ACTION: CLLR DORMOR**

Transport for Workman – the Council decided not to pursue this as all suitable options require a full driving licence.

18. EDDC asset transfer – to receive an update

The Beer Asset Devolution Pilot Project Report was debated at the EDDC Asset Management Forum on 2 September and will be debated by EDDC Cabinet in October. Subject to the recommendation from the Asset Management Forum and the decision of Cabinet the proposal will be put to EDDC Full Council in December.

19. Beer Coastal Community Team – to receive the reports (previously circulated)

19.1 The minutes of the July CCT Committee meeting were noted.

19.2 The reports from CCT Chair and the Village Manager were noted.

The *Beer Bites* food festival took place on 24 August and was very well attended. A financial report will be available at the October meeting.

Cllr Follett advised that a new village leaflet will shortly be available.

20. Correspondence/Literature: As on Appendix B.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 1 October 2019

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Chairman: