

## Beer Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting was held remotely on **Thursday 4 June 2020** using Zoom video conferencing. 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. M Richards                      Cllr. G Pook                      Cllr. M Westlake  
Cllr. T Wood

**In attendance:** A Dallaway (Clerk), 2 members of the public

**1. Apologies accepted by the Council:** Cllr. L Vine (maternity leave)

**2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Clinch declared an interest in agenda item 9 as he is a village publican. Council agreed that Cllr Clinch should remain in the meeting for the discussion as he could make a useful contribution to the debate. However, Cllr Clinch must refrain from voting in this matter.

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

### **4. Public participation**

Two members of the public were in attendance at the meeting who wished to observe the meeting.

*An anonymous contact also requested to join the meeting and was asked to clarify his/her position but made no response. Due to uncertainty as to whether or not this was an actual participant or a technical glitch and to preserve the security of the remote meeting, at the Chairman's discretion, it was decided not to admit the contact to the meeting.*

### **5. Approval of minutes:**

**The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3 March 2020 were approved as an accurate record. RESOLVED. All in favour.**

**The minutes of the Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held on the 23 March 2020 were approved as an accurate record. RESOLVED. All in favour.**

**High Consequence Infectious Disease/Business Continuation Policy** - Council noted that the Scheme of Delegation for decision making is no longer in place as Parish Council Meetings are now restored by virtue of remote video conferencing (Zoom).

### **6. Schedule of Decisions March – May 2020**

The Schedule of Decisions March – May 2020 including Schedule of Payments and Planning Consultation responses were ratified. **All in favour.**

### **7. Financial report:**

**7.1 To approve the bank reconciliation to the end May 2020. RESOLVED. All in favour.**

**7.2 To approve the schedule of payments for June 2020 in accordance with Appendix A. Total payments of £2229.05 approved. RESOLVED. All in favour.**

### **8. Lower Fore Street proposals for 'shared space' with no parking for time limited period to facilitate Covid safe(er) environment (reports previously circulated)**

Cllr Pook is in liaison with DCC Technical Officers regarding the process for the implementation of temporary highways infrastructure.

**Lower Fore Street** - the Council considered three options for a revised layout and agreed with Option 2:

- Close lower Fore Street to through traffic with access/deliveries to beach and lower Common Hill only.

- Junction at Fore St/Dolphin St realigned and signed directing all through and car park traffic to the right.
- Carriageway reduced to single lane, one-way traffic, extended up The Meadows including deliveries. One-way system implemented using appropriate signage and NOT a physical barrier at the bottom of Common Hill, to enable access for emergency vehicles.
- Lower Fore street to be designated “shared space” area with no free parking on the East side. Short term paid parking available in Central and Beach Court car parks. To explore feasibility of offering 15 minutes free parking in Beach Court car park for local residents to access local shops.
- RHS (towards the sea) pavement to be widened using temporary street furniture to facilitate social distancing but Council NOT in favour of figures/distance markers on the ground. Planters can be used to soften the impact on the street scene.

**Sea Hill** – the Council agreed that a white line should be painted on the ground to create a one-way system for pedestrians on Sea Hill, down by the brook and up along the wall, utilizing the rope hand-rail. The narrow footpath to the beach from the Jubilee should also become one-way down to the beach to allow people to social distance.

**Cllr Pook will present proposals to DCC, receive feedback and clarify timescales for implementation.**

**RESOLVED.**

Cllr Pook reported that some local businesses have expressed an interest in using the widened pavements for outdoor trading/seating. Council agreed to consider any requests on a case by case basis with due regard to social distancing.

**9. Utilization of Parish Council land assets to support outdoor trade for village businesses in Covid safe(er) environment (report previously circulated)**

*The remote meeting was terminated by the Clerk at 8.15pm due to technical problems. A further remote meeting was immediately convened by the Clerk to enable Council to conclude the business in hand. The re-convened remote meeting was not publicly accessible.*

Cllr Pook reported that there is significant interest from local businesses to utilise the land assets as outside trading space until restrictions are relaxed. There will be a 100% discount on fees for hiring the outside space for this year only. The gazebos and tables will be hired out for an agreed fee with a potential deposit to cover damage. The Council will take responsibility for the assembly and removal of the gazebos. Cllr Pook will continue to liaise with the local business community to develop a schedule for the use of the Jubilee, Self Shelter, Charlie’s Yard and the compound area at Beer Head Car Park. EDDC will be kept informed of plans and proposals and will provide advice and guidance regarding licencing requirements.

The Parish Council will continue to provide regular updates (via parish news and social media) about proposed measures to support the community and local businesses during the pandemic and to prepare for the next stage of lockdown.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of next meeting: TBC

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Chairman: .....