

To approve expenditure as follows:

9.1 Concrete planters – to approve £1500

A quote has been obtained from a local supplier who is going to custom make the planters which will be used as barriers to facilitate the amended road layout and widened pavement to allow for social distancing. Financial Regulations state at least two quotes for items of expenditure above £1000. However, due to the unique specification and timescales involved, Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders (Financial Regulations) and accept just one quote for the concrete planters.

RESOLVED. ALL IN FAVOUR.

9.2 Road signage – to approve £500. RESOLVED. ALL IN FAVOUR.

9.3 Compost & plants for concrete planters – to approve £500. RESOLVED. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Cllr Pook advised that £500 has been approved from the DCC Locality Budget to help with the above costs. The Council also hopes to obtain further funding from DCC and EDDC.

Council noted that some local businesses have expressed an interest in using the widened pavements for outdoor trading/seating in order to accommodate customers while observing social distancing guidelines. Businesses can apply to DCC for a temporary street café licence.

Cllr Dormor declared an interest but remained in the meeting for agenda item 10 as there is a food outlet at Beer Head Caravan Park.

10. Utilization of Parish Council land assets (Jubilee & Charlie's Yard) to support outdoor trade for village businesses in Covid safe(er) environment (report previously circulated) – to receive an update

EDDC has issued a bulk licence for outdoor trading on Parish Council land assets, to the end September 2020. Cllr Pook is liaising with local businesses who wish to utilise the additional outdoor space for food outlets. The Parish Council has agreed a 100% discount on land fees for this year for Charlie's Yard and the Jubilee.

10.1 Clarify eligibility for access to outdoor trading space

The initial focus has been to support local businesses who cannot trade as normal due to Covid restrictions and lack of outside space. Access to outdoor trading space has also been restricted to food outlets. However, the Council has been contacted by non-food traders wishing to utilise the outdoor space. Council agreed that non-food traders could be considered as long as they do not take trade away from existing businesses and as long as social distancing can be preserved. Council agreed that requests will be considered on a case by case basis with the emphasis on supporting Beer businesses or businesses that have a direct connection with Beer. Council noted that social distancing can be more easily facilitated on the Jubilee as there is more than one access point.

11. Beer Emergency Response Team – to approve application for start-up grant of £250 from Devon Communities Together

The Council expressed support for BERT's application for a start-up grant of £250 from Devon Communities Together. The Clerk suggested that the application is in the name of the Parish Council and that the grant is received into the Parish Council's bank account. **RESOLVED. ALL IN FAVOUR.**

Council agreed that it would be useful for BERT to provide a quarterly report to Parish Council meetings.

12. Beer Lockdown Exhibition – to consider request for a grant £249

The Council approved a grant of up to £100 to support the Lockdown Exhibition which will feature artwork produced during lockdown by local people. The Council suggested that the costs of framing and mounting the work could be reduced by displaying smaller scale prints. The Council is also keen that all of the artwork should stay in the village as a record of life during the Coronavirus pandemic. The Clerk suggested that the grant should be paid direct to Beer Heritage Centre as the Council's grant giving policy does not allow grants to be given to individuals. **RESOLVED. ALL IN FAVOUR.**

13. Beer Horticultural Society – to consider request for a grant

The Council approved a grant of £200 towards the costs of planting or equipment. **RESOLVED. ALL IN FAVOUR.**

14. Beer Men’s Shed – to consider request for a grant

The Council approved a grant of £300 to support the organisation to carry out projects for the benefit of the community. The Council has also asked the Beer Men’s Shed to undertake a rolling programme of bench repairs in the village and will reimburse materials at cost. **RESOLVED. ALL IN FAVOUR.**

15. Covid 19 emergency expenditure in line with Financial Regulations (Budgetary Control 3c)

15.1 Zoom Pro monthly subscription (time limited) to facilitate remote Council meetings in line with new legislation £11.99 per month. RESOLVED. ALL IN FAVOUR.

15.2 Depot works – installation of sink/water heater to facilitate hot, running water for hand washing for Workman £250. RESOLVED. ALL IN FAVOUR.

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

16.1 Village Manager update and approval of new job description

Cllr Follett reported that Karin Frewin has terminated her contract as Village Manager. A revised job description has been produced for the post of Events & Promotions Coordinator. Council approved the job description and agreed that recruitment should commence as soon as possible aiming for a September start. The Coastal Communities Fund grant will end 31 March 2021.

The meeting was terminated by the Clerk at 8pm due to technical problems. The remaining agenda items will be deferred to the next meeting as appropriate. Emergency expenditure can be approved as necessary in line with Financial Regulations.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Date of next meeting: TBC

Date:

Chairman: