

Beer Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting was held on **Tuesday 8 January 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. M Graham
 Cllr. M Green Cllr. U Makepeace Cllr. G Pook Cllr. M Richards
 Cllr. L Vine Cllr. T Wood

In attendance: A Dallaway (Clerk), Cllr Martin Shaw (DCC), PC Speers, PCSO McGauley, one member of the public

1. Apologies accepted by the Council: Cllr. L Harrison (illness)

2. Declarations of Interest: There were none declared.

3. Universal dispensation: The Council resolved to agree a universal dispensation for all Councillors (including those recently co-opted) for the duration of the Council, to enable them to participate and vote in relation to precept planning matters. RESOLVED

4. Items to be dealt with after the public, including the press have been excluded: Council agreed that it may be necessary to go into Part B to discuss salaries in agenda item 10.

5. Public participation: There was one member of public in attendance at the meeting who requested clarification of the future management of the beach. Cllr Pook advised that below the high-water mark, the beach belongs to the Crown Estate but that EDDC own the beach above the high-water mark. Asset transfer arrangements are pending but it is anticipated that EDDC will retain ownership and continue to manage the beach huts and the concessions in the short term. The asset transfer package will allow the Parish Council to manage events on the East beach. The member of public expressed concerns regarding the future of the beach community. The beach hut rental price increases have effectively priced out many local people from beach hut ownership and this has undermined the vibrancy and character of the beach community. A further concern was raised regarding the practice of holiday home owners allowing visitors to use their beach huts which undermines the established concessions on the beach which rent out beach huts to holidaymakers. Cllr Pook will raise these matters at the EDDC Asset Management Group.

The member of public also expressed concerns about the toilets on the Jubilee which are desperately in need of refurbishment. Cllr Pook will clarify refurbishment plans with the EDDC Asset Management Group as the toilets are included in the asset transfer package.

6. Police report: PC Speers and PCSO McGauley were in attendance at the meeting and had previously circulated a report for December 2018 – 1 crime recorded, violence without injury. PC Speers wished to thank the Beer Coastguard Team for their help and support during 2018.

At the Chairman's discretion, DCC Cllr Shaw's report (agenda item 18) was brought forward:

18. DCC Cllr – to receive report/consider matters for attention

- The New Cut proposals have been forwarded to DCC officers and will be reviewed at the next East Devon HATOC meeting.
- All road repairs highlighted for repair in the division have been completed with one pending.

7.45 Cllr Shaw left the meeting.

7. Approval of minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4 December 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

Matters arising:

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04/12/2018/6 Land adjacent Beach Court. EDDC officers are continuing to negotiate with residents of Beach Court regarding proposed amendments to the layout of Fore Street car park and adjacent land. Cllr Pook will report back to Council when this matter is concluded.

04/12/2018/6 Amendment to s106 agreement for Short Furlong. Cllr Pook has written to EDDC and English Rural Housing suggesting that all parties concerned pay an equal proportion of the legal fees. Cllr Pook will report back to Council when this matter is concluded.

04/12/2018/10 Memorial Play Area. Outline designs have not yet been produced. Information from SWW is required regarding the sewage works beneath the play area.

04/12/2018/13 Amendment to Mariners' Hall Constitution. The Clerk has written to the Mariners' Hall Management Committee for further information. This will be an agenda item for February.

8. Reports – Chairman, Clerk

Chairman's Report: No items for report.

Clerk's Report:

- The Clerk reported that Cllr Dormor is now carrying out the regular checks on the defibrillator as part of the maintenance agreement with the Community Heartbeat Trust.

9. Financial report:

i) The Council approved the bank reconciliation to the end of December 2018.

ii) Cheques required:

001873	£138.60	Trevor Wood (reimburse depot signage/SW Signs)
001874	£600	Cornell Construction Ltd (Starre Bank bridge restoration)
001875	£921.44	Inland Revenue (PAYE/NI)
001876	£151	Terry Hoare (maintenance works at Ash Hill play area)
001877	£40	Information Commissioner (Data Protection registration)
001878	£20	Annie Dallaway (reimburse annual Cloud storage/Livedrive Internet Ltd)

RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE CHEQUES LISTED ABOVE AND THE ADDITIONAL CHEQUES: 001879 £252 Community Heartbeat Trust (annual maintenance agreement fee 2017/18 & 2018/19) and 001880 £60 Louise Vine (sundries from Chairman's allowance)

10. To approve the minutes and recommendations from the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 11 December 2018. RESOLVED with amendments as below:

Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting Minutes 11/12/2018

7. Financial Regulations review:

i) Approval of on-line banking for payments. The Clerk proposed to delegate authority to the Clerk to make on-line payments up to an agreed amount. This was debated again but the Council did not approve this proposal. The Clerk and Cllr Pook will make an appointment at the bank to explore options for multi-user authorisation of on-line payments.

The Council agreed to go into Part B for the remainder of this agenda item. The Clerk left the room for the remainder of this agenda item.

12. Salary & hours review. The NJC has now published the pay scales for 2019/20 – the pay scales have been revised. The Workman will now be on SCP 5 and the Clerk will be on SCP 19, (bottom of LC2).

RESOLVED

11. To formally approve the precept figure for 2019/20

The Council resolved to approve an increase in the precept figure for 2019/20 in line with CPI - £19779.65. RESOLVED Proposed by Cllr Richards; seconded by Cllr Clinch

12. s106 play and sport funding allocation – to receive an update

EDDC has provided updated information regarding s106 funding available for play, sport and generic open space projects in the village. Cllr Pook will confirm the proportion allocated to the Little Hemphay recreational space. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.

13. Parish Council surgery – to receive report

The next surgery will take place on 26 Jan as part of the RNLI Table Top Sale.

14. Environment Report – to receive an update and discuss community engagement initiatives

- **Self Shelter drainage** – the installation of the down pipe has been delayed due to the prioritisation of other works.
- **Cemetery wall** – renovations to the wall were completed in December but the contractors will be returning to re-lay the loose capping stones.
- **Jubilee wall** – EDDC will undertake re-pointing of the wall only where the condition poses a health and safety concern.
- **Blocked gully in New Road** – this will be reported to DCC.

15. EDDC asset transfer – to receive an update

Negotiations with EDDC are progressing regarding the necessary licences and legal agreements for the asset transfer. Cllr Pook advised that the report will go to EDDC Cabinet in February 2019 to approve the transfer of the Jubilee, Charlie's Yard and the recreational area in Beer Head Car Park. Although the beach will remain under EDDC ownership, it is anticipated that the Parish Council will be able to manage outdoor events on the beach.

16. Beer Coastal Community Team – to receive an update from the Steering Group

Recruitment of Village Commercial Manager – there was considerable interest in the post and the standard of applications was high. The interviews took place today. The Interview Panel was well represented from the Coastal Community Team, the Parish Council and the business community. The Parish Council agreed that the CCT could approve the final appointment.

17. Planning: Minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on 4 December 2018 are available on the website.

The Council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Planning Committee. RESOLVED

18. EDDC and DCC Cllrs – to receive reports/consider matters for attention

DCC Cllr Shaw's report brought forward at Chairman's discretion – see above

Cllr Pook, EDDC raised the following matters:

- The Beer Neighbourhood Plan has now been officially made.

19. Parish Council portfolio reports/reports from representatives on other bodies:

- Cllr Green highlighted the presence of large stones in the brook which will require removal by DCC Highways. Cllr Graham will raise this matter at the forthcoming Area Traffic Meeting.
- Cllr Dormor advised that a further quote had been received for the Quarry Lane footpath project.

At the Chairman's discretion, the following additional items were raised:

- Samaritan's sign – the Parish Council has no objection to the Samaritans liaising with the Coastguards/landowner to find a suitable location for a sign.
- Communities Together Fund – Seaton Town Council would like to partner Beer in an application for funding for new batons for Seaton Majorettes. The deadline for applications is 16 January 2019. In view of the tight timescales involved, the Parish Council gave preliminary approval and will formalise the decision at the February meeting.

20. Correspondence/Literature: As on Appendix A.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 5 February 2019

Date:

Chairman: