

Beer Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting was held on **Tuesday 9 April 2019** at the Mariners' Hall. Copies of minutes and reports are available on request.

Present: Cllr. W Dodd Cllr. R Dormor Cllr. M Graham Cllr. M Green
 Cllr. U Makepeace Cllr. G Pook Cllr. L Vine Cllr. T Wood

In attendance: A Dallaway (Clerk)

1. Apologies accepted by the Council: Cllr Clinch (holiday); Cllr Richards (work commitments); Cllr Martin Shaw (DCC); 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. The Annual Police Report will be presented at the May Annual Meeting.

6. Approval of minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5 March 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

7. Reports – Chairman, Clerk

Chairman's Report:

- The Chairman highlighted the proposed new Committee Structure for the Parish Council. This will be an agenda item for the May Annual Meeting.
- The Chairman paid tribute to Cllr Mike Green who will be retiring in May. Cllr Green has served the parish of Beer for over 30 years, both as a Parish Councillor and Chairman and as EDDC Ward Member. The Parish Council was unanimous in its acknowledgement of the outstanding contribution that Cllr Green has made over the years. The Chairman also thanked Cllr Ursula Makepeace for over 6 years' service on the Parish Council - Cllr Makepeace will also be retiring in May.

Clerk's Report:

- There have been 8 nominations for the Parish Council so there will be an uncontested election on 2 May. As there are 11 positions on the Parish Council there will be 3 vacancies for co-option.
- As a result of the election and the way the bank holidays fall, the date of the Annual Meeting will change to Wednesday 8 May.

8. EDDC and DCC Cllrs - to receive reports/consider matters for attention

Cllr Shaw, DCC provided a written monthly report and an Annual report which were previously circulated to councillors.

Cllr Pook, EDDC had presented an Annual Report at the Annual Parish Meeting held earlier the same evening.

9. Financial report:

i) The Council approved the bank reconciliation to the end of March 2019.

ii) Cheques required:

001889 £200	Beer Horticultural Society (donation)
001890 £8	Seaton Design & Print (parking permits)
001891 £921.44	Inland Revenue (PAYE/NI)
001892 £100	Clinton Devon Estates (lease of land Little Hemphay)
001893 £662.85	EDDC (rates for Townsend Coach & Car Park)
001894 £288	AF Wilmington Contracting Ltd (hedge cutting Short Furlong footpath)
001895 £465	Devon Communities Together (housing survey contribution)
001896 £45	Terry Hoare (Ash Hill grass cutting)
001897 £325.02	Devon Association of Local Councils (annual membership fee)
001898 £94.80	Playsafe (annual safety inspection for Ash Hill)
001899 £120	Just So Media (annual web host for Beer Village UK website)
001900 £497.50	Karin Frewin (website contract final fee)
001901 £142	Karin Frewin (CCT contract final fee)
001902 £858	Karin Frewin (VM contract – March fee)

RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE CHEQUES LISTED ABOVE

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

There is £12,093.51 available to spend on play provision, £11,812.60 available to spend on sports provision and £2,348.76 available to spend on generic open space projects. Expenditure is subject to public consultation. The Council decided to establish a working group to progress the s106 funding. The working group will comprise Cllr Dodd, Cllr Dormor, Cllr Graham, Cllr Vine, Cllr Wood. Interested members of the public can join the working group, by invitation only. The working group will make recommendations to the Parish Council for ratification. Items listed for decision on this meeting agenda will be considered by the working group. **ACTION: WORKING GROUP**

11. DCC Locality funding – to consider potential projects

Cllr Pook suggested the Men's Shed community group as a potential recipient of Locality Funding.

12. Mariners' Hall:

i) To approve proposal for downstairs bar including planning application on behalf of Beer Parish Council

The Council reviewed the draft plans and approved the proposal in principle. A further update will be provided at the May meeting.

ii) To consider proposal to amend constitution to alter the seasonal spread of commercial bookings

The Council approved the proposal to have more commercial bookings in the summer than in the winter as long as the total number of annual commercial bookings remained the same.

RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ALTER THE SEASONAL SPREAD OF COMMERCIAL BOOKINGS

13. Stagecoach proposal for new bus route – to agree consultation response

Stagecoach is proposing amendments to Route 9/9A Exeter to Sidmouth & Lyme Regis with the suggestion of diverting the bus to serve Beer due to the growing population. Councillors discussed the proposal and although keen to support additional routes serving Beer, expressed concern regarding the sustainability of the proposed route. Also, the Council would appreciate more specific details of the proposed timetable for the 9/9A in order to provide more comprehensive feedback. Councillors also expressed concern that if Stagecoach was running an hourly service to Exeter through Beer this might threaten the existing bus routes which serve Beer and which local residents rely on to take them down to the village shop in Beer and to Seaton or Sidmouth. The Clerk will feedback to Stagecoach as part of the consultation. **ACTION:**

CLERK

14. Quarry Lane footpath proposal – to receive an update

Plans to develop a new footpath parallel with the road to Branscombe to link up the Quarry Caves with the village have been put on hold due to concerns raised by the tenant farmer. An alternative proposal has

been suggested to introduce a permissive path to connect the Quarry Caves and Mare Lane along the hedge in the large field at the Branscombe end of the lane. This option will be much more cost effective. The Council acknowledged that whilst the original plan was the favoured route, they were happy to approve the alternative proposal as a viable option. The Council would like to thank Clinton Devon Estates for their support with these footpath proposals.

15. Parish Council surgery – to receive report

The next surgery is scheduled for 4 May.

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

- The hedge along the footpath at Starre Bank is overgrown and causing narrowing of the footpath. The Clerk will write a letter to the householder. **ACTION: CLERK**
- Some of the hedges along The Meadows are encroaching onto the pavement. The Clerk will organise letters to the householders. **ACTION: CLERK**
- The Jubilee is looking rather unkempt and needs some clearance and cutting back.

17. EDDC asset transfer – to receive an update

Cllr Pook reported that negotiations were on-going with EDDC.

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

- **Approval of charging schedule for hire of assets/event space** – the Council approved the proposal from the Village Manager, subject to delegated authority for the Chairman of the Parish Council (in liaison with the Chairman of the CCT) to make minor amendments. The Council approved a 50% dispensation (of £175 fee) for the Regatta, as a gesture of support for this special village organisation. The Charging Schedule will be reviewed at the Finance & General Purposes Committee in December 2019. **RESOLVED**

- **Purchase of fireworks for New Year’s Eve display** (two quotes available in line with Standing Orders) – the Council approved the purchase of the fireworks, £1500. **RESOLVED**

The Parish Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders for the next item: Standing Orders state that three quotes are required for items of expenditure in excess of £2500. However, only two quotes have been obtained for the gazebos. The Parish Council is satisfied that the purchase has been thoroughly researched and that the two available quotes are appropriate.

- **Purchase of gazebos for events** (two quotes available) – the Council approved the purchase of the gazebos and the necessary weights, £3,697.70 + VAT plus the £349.90 + VAT (weights). **RESOLVED**

19. Planning:

Minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on 5 and 19 March 2019 are available on the website.

The Council noted the planning consultation responses.

20. Parish Council portfolio reports/reports from representatives on other bodies: No reports.

21. Correspondence/Literature: As on Appendix A.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: **Annual Meeting** Wednesday 8 May 2019

Date:

Chairman: