

Beer Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting was held on **Tuesday 12 February 2019** at the Mariners' Hall. Copies of minutes and reports are available on request.

Present: Cllr. D Clinch Cllr. R Dormor Cllr. M Graham Cllr. M Green
 Cllr. U Makepeace Cllr. G Pook Cllr. M Richards Cllr. L Vine

In attendance: A Dallaway (Clerk), Cllr Martin Shaw (DCC)

The Chairman reported that Louise Harrison had resigned as a Parish Councillor.

1. Apologies accepted by the Council: Cllr. W Dodd; Cllr. T Wood (holiday)

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 to go into Part B for agenda item 6 (matters arising Land adjacent Beach Court) and agenda item 15 (Asset Transfer Plan). At the Chairman's discretion, both items will be moved to the end of the meeting.

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 but a report had been previously circulated. There were no recorded crimes for January 2019.

6. Approval of minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8 January 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

Matters arising:

08/01/2019/7 Land adjacent Beach Court. *At the Chairman's discretion this item was moved to the end of the meeting as a Part B item.*

08/01/2019/7 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.

08/01/2019/7 Amendment to Mariners' Hall Constitution. The Mariners' Hall Management Committee does not now wish to pursue an amendment to the Constitution regarding seasonal commercial bookings, as the Committee does not wish to compromise the current rateable value of the hall.

7. Reports – Chairman, Clerk

Chairman's Report: No items for report.

Clerk's Report:

- The Clerk reported that the church clock was due a service and historically the Parish Council has paid for this. The Clerk will clarify future maintenance arrangements for the clock.
- The Clerk will organise the annual safety inspection for Ash Hill play area (RoSPA Play Safety).

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

Cllr Shaw, DCC provided a written report which had previously been circulated to councillors.

- A report is shortly due to go to Cabinet regarding the Highways maintenance programme – the report will recommend a more joined up approach between Highways officers, contractors and communities. The aim is to develop a more reactive maintenance programme and a user-friendly on-line facility for monitoring pothole repair and drainage issues.
- Re-surfacing works have been scheduled for Mare Lane for 2019/2020.

- Funding is available from the DCC Locality Fund for 2018/19 and 2019/20. Councillors agreed that this may be a suitable funding source for the proposed Quarry Lane footpath project.

Cllr Pook, EDDC raised the following matters:

- EDDC has now moved premises to Blackdown House, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton.
- EDDC is proposing to increase Council Tax for 2019/20 the maximum amount possible without the need to go to referendum.

Cllr Shaw left the meeting

9. Financial report:

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

ii) Cheques required:

001881 £497.50	Karin Frewin (village website build/50% of contract)
001882 £425	Karin Frewin (CCT contract fee Nov 2018 – Jan 2019)
001883 £250	Just So Media (village logo)

RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE CHEQUES LISTED ABOVE

7.45pm Cllr Richards arrived at the meeting

10. 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. 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. There is a separate allocation already approved for a gazebo and landscaping of the Little Hemphay recreational space. This will be an agenda item for the March meeting.

11. Communities Together Fund – to approve joint project with Seaton (batons for Seaton Majorettes)

The Council agreed to partner Seaton Town Council in a joint bid for 2018/19 Communities Together Funding for new batons for Seaton Majorettes. **RESOLVED**

12. Amendment of Standing Orders/adopt Terms of Reference for Planning Committee

The Clerk had previously circulated draft Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee which formally delegate planning decisions to the Planning Committee. The Terms of Reference will sit as an appendix to the Standing Orders. The Council approved the draft Terms of Reference. **RESOLVED**

13. Parish Council surgery – to receive report

A surgery took place 26 Jan as part of the RNLI Table Top Sale. The next surgery is scheduled for 2 March as part of the Horticultural Society Table Top Sale.

Residents have raised concerns about the loss of street signage in Highways Terrace. The Clerk will write to EDDC to request a replacement street sign. **ACTION: CLERK**

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 technical problems.
- **Cemetery wall** – the contractors have re-laid the loose capping stones but further work is required.
- **Starre bank** – one of the steps on the pathway has degraded. Cllr Green will organise repair works.

15. EDDC asset transfer – to receive an update

At the Chairman's discretion this item was moved to the end of the meeting as a Part B item.

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

- Karin Frewin has been appointed as the new Village Commercial Manager, funded by a 3-year grant from the Coastal Community Fund. Karin will also Chair the Beer Coastal Community Team.
- A new Beer village logo has now been approved and will appear on village websites, signage and communications. A new Beer village website will also shortly be launched to help promote village events and resources.
- A webcam has been installed at the Sailing Club and will shortly be available on the new Beer village website.

17. Planning:

i) Minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on 8 and 22 January 2019 are available on the website.

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

ii) Wendy Dodd was co-opted on to the Planning Committee. **RESOLVED**

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

No items raised.

19. Correspondence/Literature: As on Appendix A.

PART B

It was proposed that, under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Local Government Act 1972, the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

Council agreed that this matter should be Part B to protect the commercial confidentiality of EDDC and the residents of Beach Court, during negotiations.

Cllr Vine declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting as her parents own property at Beach Court.

6. To consider and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 January 2019 Matters arising from minutes: 08/01/2019/7 Land adjacent Beach Court.

EDDC officers have carefully considered the parking and related issues on the land adjacent Beach Court and have proposed a recommended course of action. The Parish Council supports this recommendation. EDDC officers will clarify implementation with the Legal Department and will then write to all parties concerned to advise them of the agreed course of action.

8.10pm Cllr Makepeace arrived at the meeting

Council agreed that this matter should be Part B as matters discussed will contain commercially sensitive information during negotiations between EDDC and the Parish Council.

15. EDDC asset transfer – to receive an update

Councillors reviewed the updated budget for the transfer of assets from EDDC to the Parish Council. Cllr Pook will continue to negotiate with EDDC officers to progress the licences and legal agreements for the asset transfer. Cllr Pook advised that the report will go to EDDC Cabinet in March or April 2019 to approve the transfer of the Jubilee including the play park, the toilets, Charlie's Yard, the recreational area in Beer Head Car Park and the open space at Starre Bank. Although the beach will remain under EDDC ownership, it is anticipated that the Parish Council will be able to manage outdoor events on the East end of the beach.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 5 March 2019

Date:

Chairman: