

## **Beer Parish Council**

The Parish Council Meeting was held on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 7.30pm at the Mariners' Hall**. Copies of minutes and reports are available on request.

**Present:** Cllr R Dormor (Chair) Cllr A Brewer Cllr J Green  
Cllr M Graham Cllr T Stevens  
Cllr J Heath Cllr A Adkin

Minutes were taken by: Nicky Ingarfield – Clerk

In attendance: Cllr Hartnell, Kayleigh Westlake

- 1. Apologies were received from:** Cllr G Pook – illness, Cllr E Molony & Cllr S Greig – due to work commitments.
- 2. Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the adopted Code of Conduct (N.B. this does not preclude any later declarations) to consider dispensation requests:** None were declared.
- 3. Items to be dealt with after the public, including the press, have been excluded:** There were no items.
- 4. Public Participation:**

A resident raised concerns regarding the Parish Poll, stating that she felt that the Council would need to consider the report from the working group before holding a poll. Residents commented that it was nice to see the boys from the village who had built the Den on the Jubilee, and that the village supported the boys with the Den. Residents commented that the Jubilee had been neglected.
- 5. Police reports:** there were no logs on the police report.
- 6. Approval of minutes from 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023:**  
**Proposed by Cllr A Brewer seconded by Cllr M Graham resolved all in favour.**
- 7. EDDC & DDC reports circulated prior to meeting:**

Cllr Hartnell informed Council that the budgets are to be agreed the following week and that savings needed to be made during the next financial year. Investment is being made into Adult Social Care & Children's and Young Peoples services, these two service areas have the most pressure.

Highways update: potholes are being looked at by Highways.

There is a lot of pressure with the cost of living crisis, and it is useful for the Parish Council to signpost residents to the DCC website where they can find help and support.

Cllr J Heath has asked Cllr Hartnell to feed back to DCC regarding agency workers and employment issues within Devon Social Services, Cllr Heath to follow up with an email to Cllr Hartnell who will forward to the relevant team.

Cllr Pook had not submitted an EDDC report as he had been dealing with the Den – this report will be discussed under item 9.4.

## **8. Financial Report:**

**8.1 To approve the monthly bank reconciliation to the end of January 2023:  
proposed by Cllr J Heath seconded by Cllr M Graham resolved all in favour.**

**8.2 To receive the monthly alpha reports:**

There were no questions on the reports.

**8.3 To approve the schedule of payments for January 2023:**

**Proposed by Cllr M Graham seconded by Cllr T Stevens proposed all in favour.**

**8.4 Cllr Dormor confirmed that the P3 documentation was complete and would be submitted before the deadline.**

## **9. Environment & Community Portfolio:**

**9.1 To receive an update on the Traffic Survey:**

Cllr Greig had confirmed that the next phase will be completed by the end of the month.

**9.2 To receive an update regarding the yellow lines and the sink hole:**

Discussions are still taking place regarding the yellow lines.

The sink hole has been filled and subsequently sunk again. Southwest Water have completed a survey to find the problem. Cllr Hartnell confirmed that the hole will be patched again, it is being treated as a safety defect and will be a priority in the new financial year.

**9.3 To receive an update on Jubilee Planting:**

Cllr Green has been emailing the Horticultural Technical Officer at EDDC, this project was due to start last year but there have been hold ups due to illness in that department. Cllr Green was sent the Seafeld Gardens' (Seaton) Management Plan for 2023 which was shared with all Councillors, the plan is a good example of a comprehensive management plan for a nearby green space, this gives the Council an idea of what Jubilee Gardens would need in its journey to becoming a Green Flag accredited site.

The Council will need to circulate the link to the EEDC website and once the volunteers are in place the work can start, hopefully in the Spring. There are grants and these will go to EDDC as the Jubilee is not owned by the Parish Council. Cllr Molony & Cllr Green are heading up the project with Cllr Graham supporting. Cllrs to promote the project and how to volunteer at the Parish Surgery on the 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The issue of the dry leaves etc on the Jubilee was raised as a fire hazard, the Clerk is to raise this with EDDC.

The Risk Assessment will pick up on the management of the site.

**9.4 To receive an update on the Den at the Jubilee:**

Cllr J Heath read his statement (copy available on request).

Cllr R Dormor stated that the Jubilee is not owned by BPC and read the emails from EDDC, previously circulated to all Councillors, including the most recent

email concerning the legal situation regarding injury and litigation which the Parish Council agreed was understandable as EDDC would be liable. The Clerk will contact EDDC to see what can be done to move forward – either by leasing the land or a community project to build on Little Hemphey.

**9.5 To receive an update on the BERT meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 23:**

The environment agency representative attended the meeting which was very positive and well attended. The group suggested that they would need someone from the Council to head up the team in the event of an emergency. Cllr T Stevens offered to be the key contact with Cllr J Heath as second contact should Cllr Stevens be unavailable. Cllr J Heath proposed, Cllr Dormor seconded, resolved all in favour.

**10. Assets & Property Portfolio**

**10.1 To receive an update on the footpaths:**

All works completed as per the report from the East Devon AONB representative.

**10.2 To receive an update on the brook from the Environment Agency.**

There has been no further information, Clerk to follow up.

**10.3 To receive an update on hedge cutting at Cowslea Lane & Little Hemphey:**

Hedge cutting has been completed.

**10.4 To receive feedback on Coach Parking:**

Clerk has received some feedback which has been forwarded to the Council. Council would keep one coach bay, coaches will still be able to turn and the Youth hostel can still use the bay. There is one coach parking bay near the Brook. Council will discuss at the next meeting in order for residents to provide further feedback.

The flint & chalk wall needs sealant – Cllr R Dormor to follow this up.

**11. EDDC Transfer**

11.1 The last working group meeting was very informative and has moved forward to the financial details. Cllr Green thanked Cllr Brewer for pulling together the report. There is work still to be done regarding the Heads of Terms. The project is taking a lot of time, but the work needs to be done.

Cllr Green suggested that Full Council hold 2 non public meetings before the upcoming May elections to discuss the financial side of all the assets which will be recorded by the Clerk. Dates will be discussed at the next working group meeting (21st of February) and circulated to move this forward. These meetings would then be followed up with a further meeting to discuss how to present to the public. There will still be questions that need answering by EDDC but there will have to be some assumptions.

Cllr Dormor confirmed that after seeking advice from EDDC it is not possible to hold a poll for residents at the same time as the elections in May.

**12. Events & Promotions:**

**12.1 To receive an update on the Kings Coronation:**

From 14.30 to 16:30 there will be a street tea party – the road closure paperwork is ready to be submitted.  
Mariners Hall has been booked as a venue should it rain.  
BPC’s & Mariners Hall tables and chairs to be used.  
BPC Gazebos which is stored at the Depo to be used.  
There will be a children’s performer who will have their own licence in place.  
There is the possibility of Grants.  
There will be a cake stall asking for donations.  
Cream Teas in boxes – these will be child and adult themed and made following food regulations for a suggested donation but residents can bring their own food.  
Coffee mornings are being organised to fundraise – this will pay for the children’s entertainer etc.  
Food for the evening will be on the Jubilee and this is being looked into.

**12.2 To receive an update on Beer Village Website:**

Kayleigh is still working on this as there has been problems with gaining access but should have an update at the next full council meeting.

**12.3 To receive an update on any other upcoming events:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> March – The Grizzly
- 14<sup>th</sup> May – Beer Blazer
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – RNLI on the Jubilee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug – Flower Show
- 30<sup>th</sup> Sept – Pumpkin festival
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Horticultural show

**13. Correspondence:**

Councillors noted all correspondence previously circulated.  
Council discussed the email circulated regarding the request to expand the decking on the beach walkway to improve disabled access. Currently there is matting so if the decking could be expanded then the mats could be utilized elsewhere on the beach.  
S106 funds were discussed but clarification needs to be sought on what this funding can be spent on.  
Community grants could be an option. Clerk to make contact with BERT and follow up on this.

**14. To approve updated Financial Regulations Document:**

Document was circulated prior to the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Brewer, resolved all in favour.

**15. Date of next meeting:** Full Council, 7.30pm 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Meeting ended at 9.00pm.

**Signed:** ..... Cllr R Dormor – Chair

**Dated:** .....