

Beer Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting was held on **Wednesday 14th June 2023**, copies of minutes and reports are available on request.

Present:

Cllr M Richards
Cllr J Green
Cllr B Potter
Cllr M Westlake

Cllr M Shobbrook
Cllr J Heath
Cllr P Anderson
Cllr T Stevens

Minutes were taken by: **Nicky Ingarfield – Clerk**

In attendance: **Members of the public**

- 1. Apologies and reasons for absence:** There were no apologies received.
- 2. Members to declare and interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the adopted code of conduct (NB this does not preclude any later declarations). To consider dispensation requests:** None were declared.
- 3. To agree any items to be dealt with after the public, including the press, have been excluded.** There were no such items.
- 4. Public Participation:** A representative from the school asked Councillors if someone could put themselves forward to report on the traffic survey and attend a meeting at the school to keep the school updated and informed on the plans. A member of the public raised concerns over the current matting walkways on the beach which are currently worn out, the Council are unable to collect the bins, this is causing a mess by the seagulls and disabled people are unable to access the beach and the businesses.
- 5. Police: To receive the report:** There were no reported in crimes in the period.
- 6. To consider and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th May 2023:** Proposed by Cllr Shobbrook, seconded by Cllr Stevens, proposed all in favour.
- 7. EDDC and DCC Cllrs: To receive reports/consider matters for the attention of EDDC/DCC Reps:**

Cllr Heath talked through his report which focused on several matters: rats have been seen by several members of the public, this has been reported to Environmental Health who will now deal with this.

Cllr Heath had a meeting with the beach team, the cost will not be as high as Seaton's as Beer is smaller, the total cost will be around £5K, EDDC will cover 50% of the cost, the businesses on the beach will contribute 20%, leaving 30% for Beer PC to

cover. The council will install and maintain the matting which will be 1 metre width. It has a 5 year guarantee but should last for 10 years. Concrete stabs will be installed next to the mats for the bins, enabling collections to be easier, these will be belly buster bins.

Cllr Hartnell confirmed that he will be able to contribute funds from his budget, Clerk to send the finance details to Cllr Hartnell.

The Council budget has now been set and is £156K in the black which is much better than what was previously forecast, this has been done through cost savings and additional fund raising. SEND is £130 million in deficit, this is currently sat on the budget sheet, it will be partly written off and capitalised.

Cllr Hartnell has been looking into the parking ticket issued at The Meadows, the ticket that was given to the resident who had paid for a parking permit. When the yellow lines were repainted, they were brought in a little bit, this was because when they were originally put down, they were incorrect. Bays 1&2 will be down to the judgement of the traffic enforcement officer, if members of the public report via the EDDC website an officer will be sent out.

There have been complaints regarding parking on Barline, drivers have been driving on residents drives and grass, this is due to the highway being encroached on, this will be worked on by contractors and the highway restored to its original state.

8.1 Approve Bank Rec to end of May 2023: Approved Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Stevens, proposed all in favour.

8.2 To receive the monthly Alpha software reports: Received, there were no questions.

8.3 Approve schedule of payments for June: All approved.

9. Environment & Community Portfolio

9.1 To receive an update on the meeting with the school regarding the Traffic Survey:

Minor traffic changes such as yellow lines can be dealt with by Cllr Hartnell and covered by the County budget. There is a national push for 20mph around schools, the problem is enforcing these restrictions. Cllr Westlake and Cllr Potter will take the lead with the project and liaise with the school so that the school can feed into the project. Cllr Hartnell to meet with the school at pick up times so that he can see the problems with parking around the school and how he can arrange for some measures to improve things can be put in place regardless of the traffic survey, costs would be met by EDDC.

9.2 To receive an update on the Jubilee:

Cllr Heath attended a meeting that morning, he had received emails from Cllr Jung and Tom Wood from EDDC which Cllr Heath had shared with Council but quite late in the day, therefore he read the emails to everyone. Moving forward with the Jubilee now comes down to what the cost will be to bring it back to an acceptable level. Re-wilding was discussed, and Cllr Richards informed Council that he had met someone who was able to do re-wilding properly. Cllr Potter will seek quotes from a gardener so that Council will have a guide to the cost. Positive moves had been made to move forward.

Cllr Anderson commented that he had spoken to parishioners to gather feedback, which was positive for rewilding if done correctly.

9.3 To discuss the covenants on the Jubilee:

There are no Councillors on the newly formed Council who were in the initial discussions with Clinton Estates, members of the working party would like a meeting with them asap in order to find out what the covenants are. The restrictions that were put in place where to prevent over commercialisation of Beer.

9.4 To discuss EDDC proposed changes to the Beach Car Park:

Council liked the design sent by EDDC, they all agreed that they did not want another bike rack in Beer, preference would be extending the bench. Council would also like the existing stone plinth incorporated in the design. The Clerk is to feed back to EDDC and ask whether there is the possibility of pollarding or moving the trees.

9.5 To discuss the proposal beach matting to improve accessibility on the beach:

The price of the matting has come down to £56 per square metre to £45.00. The matting can be supplied within a few days of being ordered with the businesses on the beach funding £1K the Parish council would contribute a one off cost of £1,570.00, EDDC will install, and it will be covered by their insurance, the matting will be really good for Beer. **Proposed by Cllr Heath, seconded by Cllr Westlake, all in favour.**

9.6 To receive an update on Beer Food Store:

Cllr Heath recently had a meeting with regard to this, some charities have been signposted so they should get a grant so that this can continue.

9.7 To discuss youth facilities for adolescents in Beer:

Cllr Heath has been consulting on this and looking into opportunities for 11-18 year olds, it is a work in progress.

10. Asset & Property Portfolio

10.1 To discuss the clearing of the brook:

The scouts have been working hard on this, and have also done an amazing job clearing pathways and weeds on the Jubilee, Councillors thanked them for their efforts.

10.2 To receive an update on the Coach Parking:

The lines for the last 3 bays were not put down correctly, the company are coming back to correct and put the numbers down.

11. EDDC Asset Transfer

11.1 Update on Cllr Heath's meeting with Cllr Jung and Paul Arnold from EDDC.

Cllr Heath informed Council that the Asset Transfer has never been, and was never meant to be, a fait accompli, therefore there is negotiation on what assets are on offer,

there are additional assets such as the garages that are no longer in use, possibly remove and make into hard standing for extra parking. Council would need to take legal advice on this, Cllr Westlake confirmed that this had been discussed in the past.

11.2 To appoint members of the Council to the EDDC Asset Transfer Working Party, appoint a Cllr to Chair the meetings and to confirm members of the public on the Working Party:

Cllr Stevens: Chair of the Working Party, Cllr Westlake, Cllr Heath and Cllr Shobbrook will sit on the working party on behalf of the Council.

Nigel & Carol will remain on the working party on behalf of the residents of Beer.

The remit of the working party is to look at what assets are available, the costs and whether the costs/expenditure balance. The group will be an open group. Cllr Stevens will approach a previous member of the Council and Clerk will advertise on Facebook to see if any residents would like to join the group.

11.3 To discuss the production of a report to debate by the Council before issuing to the public on the Asset Transfer Project:

A review needs to be put out to residents on what has been done so far, Cllr Stevens will produce a document and bring to Council for approval, this can then be shared on the website and Facebook. Cllr Heath commented that EDDC does want villages to take on assets and he will have more information for Council once he has attended the upcoming meeting. When looking at the precept, this can be increased to cover costs by the Parish Councils, but EDDC are not allowed to do this, Cllr Heath said Council would need to justify and prove the benefit to the parishioners on any precept increase. There are many demographics that Council needs to be aware of when making decisions.

11.4 To look at the future of a revised asset proposal.

This will be clearer after the upcoming meetings.

12. Events and promotions

12.1 To receive an update on planned events:

Kayleigh had no updates to report, the historic events will continue, but she has no Councillor to work with her at the moment to plan new events. Cllr Richards to work with Kayleigh until the Council has filled the vacancies on the Council.

12.2 To receive an update on the website:

Kayleigh has been working on the website, the webcam is still flickering, this is to be looked at.

12.3 To receive confirmation that the charges for events applications form has been updated with the new charges:

The updated form was sent to Councillors prior to the meeting, charges have been updated.

13. Correspondence:

The list of correspondence was sent to all Councillors prior to the meeting, there were no questions.

14. To appoint a member of the Council as a rep for the Mariners Hall:

The Mariners Hall Committee needs two members of the Council: Cllr Shobbrook & Cllr Anderson to join the committee.

15. To appoint a member of the Council to undertake the testing of the defibrillator.

Cllr Richards to take over, Clerk to contact previous Council member to arrange training.

16. To discuss the co-operation of new Councillors and adopt the co-operation policy:

Council agreed the co-operation policy shared by EDDC would be used, the vacancies have been advertised on Facebook and will be shared across other Beer Facebook pages.

17. To note the date of the next Tabletop Sale on 17th June 2023.

Cllr Stevens and Cllr Heath to attend.

18. Date of the next meeting:

Full Council on 17th June 2023 at 12.30pm

The meeting closed with Cllr Shobbrook commenting that it was really useful and beneficial to have some many members of the pubic at the meeting.

Cllr M Richards:

Date:

