

Beer Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting was held on **Wednesday 12th July 2023**, copies of minutes and reports are available on request.

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| Present: | Cllr M Richards | Cllr M Shobbrook |
| | Cllr J Heath | Cllr B Potter |
| | Cllr M Westlake | Cllr P Anderson |
| | Cllr T Stevens | Cllr K Stevens |
| | Cllr S Reeve | Cllr L Reeve |

- 1. Apologies and reasons for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr Hartnell (holiday) and Kayleigh Westlake (Regatta Meeting)
- 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:** Two members of the public wished to express they're thanks to Cllr Heath & EDDC for the matting recently installed on the beach.
- 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 14th June 2023:** Proposed by Cllr Richards, seconded by Cllr Westlake, proposed all in favour.
- 7. To fill the casual vacancy positions on the Council:** Applications from Leona Reeve, Simon Reeve and Karen Stevens were received and circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The proposed new Councillors were proposed by Cllr Potter, seconded by Cllr Westlake, approved all in favour.

7.1 To form all standing committees:

Planning: Council agreed all Councillors would sit on the planning committee excluding Cllr Heath.

Staffing Committee: Cllr Westlake, Cllr L Reeve & Cllr Richards.

Staffing Sub Committee: Cllr S Reeve, Cllr T Stevens, Cllr Shobbrook, Cllr Potter, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Heath, Cllr K Stevens.

Events: Cllr Richards to support Kayleigh Westlake.

Environment: Cllr Westlake, Cllr L Reeve & Cllr K Stevens.

Beach: Cllr T Stevens & Cllr K Stevens.

Highways: Cllr S Reeve, Cllr M Westlake, Cllr M Shobbrook & Cllr T Stevens.

Defibrillator: Cllr M Richards

8. EDDC and DCC Cllrs: To receive reports/consider matters for the attention of

EDDC/DCC Reps: Due to holiday there was no report from Cllr Hartnell.

Cllr Heath updated Council on the following:

There has been changes to personnel at EDDC Street Scene Team.

Environmental health has put rat poison down at Peazen Flats, as yet there has been no further update.

Cllr Heath updated Council on the possible investigation into a previous Councillor in Exmouth, lessons need to be learned from this and more robust safeguarding procedures put in place.

The beach matting has been installed and the feedback has been very positive, if people want to purchase their own matting they can and EDDC will support them in organising it running of the existing matting.

Negotiations are underway with EDDC so see if a ramp can be installed on the walkway at Undelays to make it accessible to mobility scooters and pushchairs. The retaining wall by the steps also needs some maintenance work.

There have been concerns raised about people swimming near to the fishing boats, this is going to be looked in to.

9. Financial report

9.1 To approve the monthly bank reconciliation to the end June 2023: Proposed Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Potter resolved all in favour.

9.2 To receive monthly Alpha software reports: The Clerk talked through the email she had sent prior to the meeting regarding the Annual Reserves.

9.3 To approve the schedule of payments for July 2023: All payments approved.

9.4 To approve a donation to the Scouts in light of the work on the Jubilee and clearing the brook: Cllr Stevens proposed a donation of £50.00, seconded by Cllr Potter, proposed all in favour.

9.4 To approve the purchase of a bin with wheels/brooms etc for the Workman: The Clerk had sent a link to the proposed bin via email, purchase was proposed by Cllr Richards, seconded by Cllr T Stevens.

9.5 To note the Clerks holiday dates in August: Dates were sent via email, the out of office will be set on the Parish Councils email giving Cllr Richards phone number to be used in the case of an emergency.

10. Environment & Community Portfolio

10.1 To receive an update on meeting with the school regarding the Traffic Survey: Cllr Shobbrook, Cllr Hartnell and the Clerk are to attend a meeting at the school next week.

10.2 To receive an update on the Jubilee: A contractor has been instructed and works will commence in September. Cllrs will be meeting with EDDC on the 13th July to discuss further.

10.3 To receive an update/discuss EDDC proposed changes to the Beach Court Car Park: Cllr Richards has spoken to an arborist who has stated that the trees trunks cannot be put in dirt. The trees need topping. Clerk to contact EDDC with these queries and seek an update.

10.5 To receive an update on the Beach Matting: : The matting is installed and the bins are back in their original position.

11. Assets & Property Portfolio

11.1 To discuss the proposed water stall on the Jubilee: The information received from EDDC was forwarded to the stall holder, Council are happy for the stall to be put on the Jubilee but the Finance committee need to meet to discuss charges, the date of this meeting will be arranged and circulated to Council.

11.2 To receive an update on Coach Parking: The contractors are due to return the following week to paint a yellow chevron with 'no parking' written in the centre in the redundant coach bay, they will also correct the error on the size of the three end bays and number all the new bays.

12. EDDC Asset Transfer

12.1: To receive any updates from the working group: The working group met on Monday and looked at the proposals to take to the meeting with EDDC, these were shared with all Councillors prior to the meeting. The footfall counter has shown that 10,000 men used the male toilets from the last week of May to June, the counter will remain in the male toilets until the end of July and then be moved to the ladies' toilets, this information is very useful when looking at the proposed asset transfer.

12.2: To vote on proposals to be taken to EDDC: The original asset transfer is 'dead in the water', the costings are too high. The working party have now looked at each asset in detail, a new proposal document was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Proposed by Cllr T Stevens, seconded by Cllr Potter resolved all in favour.

13. Events and promotions

13.1 To receive ideas on events to promote Beer in the future, in addition to those already planned: Kayleigh, the events co-ordinator. was unable to attend the meeting as she was at a meeting for the upcoming Regatta.

Cllr Heath raised the issue of the sewage outage that had taken place in Seaton in the morning, it took Southwest Water 6 ½ hours to report the incident to EDDC, which is not acceptable. Cllr Heath read the email he had received from EDDC to Council.

14. Correspondence – There were no queries/questions.

15. To note date on next Tabletop Sale: Noted

16. Date of next meeting: Full Council, 13th September at 7.00pm - Top room at the Mariners Hall.

Signed: Cllr M Richards

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