

## Beer Parish Council

The Parish Council Finance and General Purpose Meeting was held on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 7.00 pm at the Mariners' Hall**. Copies of minutes and reports are available on request.

**Present:**            **Cllr B Potter (Chair)**                            **Cllr M Shobbrook**  
                             **Cllr M Richards**                                        **Cllr T Stevens**

Minutes were taken by: Nicky Ingarfield – Clerk

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies were received after the meeting from Cllr J Heath due to personal reasons.
- 2. Declaration of interests/granting of dispensation from restrictions on participation and voting on agenda items:** There were no declarations or granting of dispensations given.
- 3. Public Participation:** There were no members of the public present.
- 4. To discuss amendments to Standing Orders and make recommendations to Council:**  
Cllr Shobbrook shared the wording for a paragraph to be added to the Financial Controls in the Standing Orders, Cllrs felt the paragraph should be added to the document. Clerk to add paragraph to the Standing Orders and share with Full Council to be discussed, approved and adopted at the Full Council meeting in September.
- 5. To identify any financial or other exposure that may affect Beer Parish Council:** Cllr's discussed whether the old CCT committee was a 'sub-committee' or 'committee' of the Council. Due to the changes in Council, current Councillors do not have any information regarding the loan and the £10K which was spent on consultancy the Clerk was asked to contact EDDC to request a copy of the original documentation relating to the original CLT project.  
Cllr Richards confirmed that there is no longer a CCT committee, this committee had no assets. The Gazebos and tables are stored at the workman's store and are included in the Councils assets. Cllrs discussed the possibility of a shed on the Jubilee which would make them easier for hirers of a pitch to set up and use. Cllrs discussed the survey which has shared on Facebook by EDDC in relation to the Jubilee, and the new asset transfer proposal.
- 6&7. To identify opportunities to increase income and reduce costs:** Cllrs discussed the charges for the hire of a pitch on the Jubilee, Cllrs felt it was too expensive and this was putting prospective users of hiring the spaces. Cllr Stevens asked if the agreement was still in place with EDDC that BPC can put events on, the Clerk confirmed that yes, this was still the agreement, but BPC followed EDDC rules on the use of the space. F&GP committee suggested the following flat charges for of hire:  
**Charities £20.00**  
**Commercial £35.00 or £45.00 with hire of gazebo**  
**Block bookings: £25.00 per day up to the maximum 28 days per year**  
Cllrs discussed the idea of French markets, food stalls etc on the Jubilee, the Council would like to support the Events Co-ordinator and discussed looking at the job description to make it clearer for the member of staff to be aware of what she can/can't do without having to wait for Full Councils approval. Cllr Richards will continue to support the events co-ordinator in her role.

Signed..... Cllr B Potter

Dated: .....