**Beer Parish Council**

The Parish Council Finance and General Purpose Meeting was held on **Wednesday 26th 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: …………………………………