

## **Beer Parish Council**

The Parish Council Meeting was held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024**, copies of minutes and reports are available on request.

**Present:**        **Cllr M Richards**                    **Cllr M Shobbrook**  
                      **Cllr T Stevens**                    **Cllr K Stevens**  
                      **Cllr M Westlake**                   **Cllr J Heath**  
                      **Cllr S Reeve**

**Minutes were taken by the Clerk: Mrs Nicky Ingarfield**

**In attendance:** Nigel Groves & Caroline Thompson

- 1. Apologies and reasons for absence:** Cllr L Reeve and Cllr P Anderson due to illness.
- 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:** Nigel Groves expressed concerns regarding the use of the electric on the Jubilee for Beer Eats, since they were last at Beer the electric sockets have been installed on the Jubilee therefore this problem should not occur for any hirers of the area, in addition the stalls at Beer Eats have their own fuel sources. The Clerk stated that all documents had been sent to EDDC who have signed off the event. EDDC will perform ad-hoc checks on the event, as they do at all events across their sites. Nigel asked if some festoon lighting could be put up on the Jubilee, and left up all summer, to make it look more inviting, the cost would be around £300.00 for the lights and installation. Council agreed this would be a good idea and will hopefully show case the area for future bookings. As the cost was under £500.00 the Clerk and the Chair can authorise payment. **Proposed Cllr M Richards, seconded Cllr K Stevens, resolved all in favour.**  
  
Nigel Groves left the meeting.
- 5. Police: To receive the report:** It was noted that there were no reported in crimes in the period, the website had not been updated since January.
- 6. To consider and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024:** Council agreed they were an accurate record. **Proposed Cllr K Stevens, seconded Cllr M Shobbrook, proposed all in favour.**

- 7. EDDC and DCC Cllrs: To receive reports/consider matters for the attention of EDDC/DCC Reps:** The report from Cllr Hartnell who had emailed prior to the meeting and discussed at the AGM.

Cllr Heath had sent his report prior to the meeting: Works have started on the drainage at the top car park. Sleepers will be placed at the boundary where the beach matting starts as stones keep going underneath which are causing problems. The Pirate Ship on the Jubilee has been a great success. If no response is received from EDDC regarding Underleys steps by Friday, Cllr Heath will raise a formal complaint. Cllr Heath has tried to contact Clinton Estates regarding the degrading wall at the allotments. The Clerk will contact Clinton Estates to chase this up. Cllr Heath has also written to Cllr Hartnell regarding the no entry sign at the top of Common Hill as drivers are not seeing the current sign and are coming down the wrong way. Cllr Heath mentioned that EDDC will be offering training to all Clerks regarding CIL & S106 money. Seaton and District Youth Group had a very productive first meeting with a great set of people with a wide range of knowledge. They have a venue in Colyton and are hopeful to secure the Gateway in Seaton, a Youth Worker needs to be appointed and grants will be applied for. Cllr Heath to speak to EDDC re the bad road repairs by SWW. Cllr Heath then read the projected figures for sewage outflows for the remainder of the year. Cllr Thompson commented that she had become poorly after swimming and it was impossible to log a complaint as there are six different agencies so you don't know who to speak to. The electric sign which states that water quality is not good is no longer working, Cllr Heath to follow up. Councillor K Stevens mentioned that at the playpark opening she had spoken to Cllr Jung who had commented that the County Councils are now relying more on volunteers within communities. Cllr Stevens asked if Cllr Heath could speak to EDDC regarding the removal of cuttings after the Beer Rebels (an independent volunteer group in Beer) have cut and tidied communal areas. Cllr Heath to follow this up.

- 8. To discuss the application to become a co-opted Councillor by Caroline Thompson:** The application had been circulated prior to the meeting, Council were very happy to appoint Caroline and welcomed her to the Council. **Proposed Cllr M Richards, seconded Cllr M Westlake, resolved all in favour.**

**9. Events & Promotions:**

**9.1 To discuss documentation submitted and approved by EDDC for Beer Eats:** The Clerk confirmed all documents had been submitted and signed off by EDDC.

**9.2 To receive an update on the Cream Tea and Beacon for D-Day Remembrance:** The Clerk confirmed that she had messaged Seaton Tesco in the Community to see if they would donate the cream tea and was awaiting a response. The question of whether there would be a beacon or a bonfire will be discussed at the upcoming RBL meeting.

**9.3 To discuss if financially viable to recruit a new events co-ordinator.:** The events co-ordinator had been created due to funding which was no longer in existence. The figures for income and expenditure for events in 2023 (including salary) were shared with Full Council which resulted in

a significant loss, Council decided to reappoint would not be financially viable and would impact on the precept figure. **Proposed Cllr Shobbrook, seconded Cllr S Stevens, resolved all in favour**

**10. Financial report**

**10.1 To approve the monthly bank reconciliation to the end of March: Proposed Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Westlake resolved all in favour.**

**10.2 To receive monthly Alpha software reports:** Council had no questions.

**10.3 To approve the schedule of payments for April 2024: Proposed Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr K Stevens, resolved all in favour.**

**10.4 To approve and witness the Members resolution instructions in order to remove Annie Dallaway and approve Nicky Ingarfield on the bank: Approved Cllr Richards, Seconded Cllr Westlake, resolved all in favour.**

**11. Policies & Procedures (all documents were circulated prior to the meeting)**

**11.1 To agree the dates for the upcoming years meetings.** Dates were agreed: Proposed Cllr M Richards, seconded Cllr K Stevens, resolved all in favour.

**11.2 To be aware of the Beer Neighbourhood Plan and review the Beer Village Design Statement:** Council are aware of the reports, Clerk to contact planning to discuss amendments to the Village Design Statement.

**12. Environment & Community Portfolio**

**12.1 To discuss the Road Warden Scheme with DDC:** After reading all the documentation Council decided not to pursue this.

**12.2 To discuss EDDC's concerns regarding the fisherman's commercial waste and**

**Public litter bins:** Council are unable to comment on this, Cllr Heath to follow up.

**12.3 To discuss writing a letter of concern to EDDC regarding the length of time properties are remaining empty:** As Council are unsure how many properties to applies to Cllr Heath to do a FOI request, to be followed up at a future meeting.

**13. Asset Transfer:** Cllr T Stevens commented that the Consultation period is 4 months and that this is still in progress.

**14. Correspondence** – There were no queries/questions.

**15. To note date on next Tabletop Sales:** 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**16. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Signed: ..... Cllr M Richards

Date: .....