

Beer Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting was held on **Wednesday 11th September 2024**, copies of minutes and reports are available on request.

Present:	Cllr M Richards	Cllr M Shobbrook
	Cllr T Stevens	Cllr K Stevens
	Cllr J Heath	Cllr C Thompson
	Cllr M Westlake	Cllr M Westlake
	Cllr A Smith	Cllr M Hartnell

Minutes were taken by the Clerk: Mrs Nicky Ingarfield

- 1. Apologies and reasons for absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Reeve.
- 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:** There was no public participation.
- 5. To discuss the application to become a co-opted Councillor by Angela Smith, the discussion must take place without intervention from the candidate or public. Voting will be according to the statutory requirements, in that, a successful candidate must have received an absolute majority vote of those present and voting.** Proposed Cllr M Westlake, seconded Cllr M Shobbrook, resolved all in favour.
- 6. Police: To receive the report:** The link to the website was shared with all Councillors prior to the meeting.
- 7. To consider and approve the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2024:** Council agreed they were an accurate record.
- 8. EDDC and DCC Cllrs: To receive reports/consider matters for the attention of EDDC/DCC Reps:**

Cllr Heath had sent his report prior to the meeting, a copy of the report is available on request. Cllr Heath spoke further around housing and the proposed building applications in Seaton, there are no proposed housing applications for either Beer or Branscombe. There has been a request to replace the decking on the western side of the beach, this cannot be considered until next year, Cllr Heath informed Council that

Peter Blyth will look into grants to support, Cllr Heath also asked the Council if they would consider making a donation, Council will discuss this at a later date as an agenda item.

Cllr Hartnell apologised for not being able to attend previous meetings as he had been working away: There has been a delay in getting the planned capital programmes getting started, this is due to dealing with backdated repairs, patching and white lining on mostly rural roads taking place. Local cycling and walking plans are coming forward for adoption in October, there is an improvement planned at the top of Beer Hill where people have to go back on the road. The highways team have been working with DALC and have held several webinars, there are 4 more to come, the Clerk has attended these and has found them very useful. Cllr Hartnell has spoken to DCC regarding the markings at the top of Common Lane and it has been agreed in principle to put 'No Entry' at the top, this would be funded via the locality budget. The Double yellow lines outside the school order were requested for the wrong location in error, therefore this will now be done next September. The zig-zags will be painted and legalised and this will be done soon. Cllr M Shobbrook asked about the application for the 20mph speed limit and flashing 20mph signs. Cllr Hartnell informed Council that 20mph speed signs are usually used on A roads so this could be difficult. The application for 20mph around the village is in the system. Councillors and Cllr Hartnell expressed frustration around works being completed, drainage and the general state of the roads. Cllr Hartnell will follow up on the drains and explained that there is a lack of both funding and staff to complete the highways work but a trial is in place where a contractor is being paid and this could be rolled out in the future. Cllr Hartnell will also follow up the double yellow lines and parking bays on Long Hill.

9. Events & Promotions:

9.1 To receive an update on the summers Beer Eats Events: Council had received really positive feedback from vendors and the public, there were comments on how amazing the string lights looked and added to the atmosphere, hopefully these will be extended. The Clerk will know in January if Beer Eats will come back in 2025.

9.2 To receive feedback on the 2024 Regatta: The event went really well, Council asked the Clerk to contact the Horticultural Society, the Regatta Committee and the Beer Rebels and thank them for all their hard work around the village.

10. Financial report

10.1 To approve the monthly bank reconciliation to the end of August 2024: Proposed Cllr M Richards seconded Cllr K Stevens 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 September 2024: Proposed Cllr K Stevens, seconded Cllr T Stevens, resolved all in favour. The schedule and the invoices were then checked and initialled by the Chair.

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

11.1: To adopt the new Grant Giving Policy which was shared with Council prior to the meeting: Proposed Cllr T Stevens, seconded Cllr K Stevens resolved all in favour.

11.2: To receive an update on the Gov.uk emails for all Councillors. All Councillors are now using the new emails, some Councillors are finding the layout tricky.

11.3: To discuss the BERT draft plan which was shared prior to the meeting: The plan needs finalising and working on, a working group made up of Cllr C Thompson, Cllr T Stevens, Cllr A Smith, Cllr K Stevens and Cllr M Richards was set up to complete.

11.4: To review and update the Environment & Community Terms of Reference. These are very out of date, the Clerk will look at these, update and present to Council at the next meeting.

11.5: To note the resignation of Peter Anderson and the submission of form cvp2 to the Monitoring Officer and display of note that the period during which any ten electors can give notice requiring an election to fill the vacancy will expire on the 19th day of September 2024.

Noted, Cllr T Stevens will take over the now vacant role of the additional Parish Council representative on the Mariners Hall Committee, Cllr K Stevens will stand in when he is unable to attend.

11.6: To discuss the flood leaflet shared by the Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Officer and adapting for Beer parishioners. Council agreed this was a good document and agreed to adopt for Beer, proposed Cllr T Stevens, seconded Cllr J Heath, resolved all in favour. The Clerk will update and share once completed.

12. Environment & Community Portfolio

12.1: To receive an update on the works at the coach park competed by the community pay back scheme. The work has started and they will return next weekend to finish the coach park. Cllr Richards will also take them to the Jubilee, the team will also take the benches away, sand them down, repaint and return. Cllr Richards has also asked them to clear Little Hemphey. The team have also offered to help with the Scout Hut.

12.2: To discuss the overgrown hedges on New Road: This was raised with Cllr Hartnell, and a piece will be added to the newsletter piece asking landowners to keep hedges tidy.

12.3: To discuss the Pavement Licence Application, shared with Council prior to the meeting. Council discussed the impact this had on prams/pushchairs and disabled people trying to negotiate the path with tables and chairs on the path, several residents had contacted the Council with concerns. Council objected to the application, proposed Cllr T Stevens, seconded Cllr M Westlake, resolved all in favour.

12.4: To note that Council would like the covenants on properties put in place by Lord Clinton 100 years ago remain the same. Noted, Cllr M Shobbrook will produce a draft letter to share with the Clerk to send to Lady Carolyn.

12.5: To note the hard work and dedication of Beer Horticultural Society who have produced such amazing displays: This was discussed under agenda item 9.2, again Council commented on how lovely the village looked and the hard work that had been put in to make the displays.

13. To receive an update on the Parish Surgery from Cllr T Stevens: Cllr Stevens shared his report prior to the meeting, copy available on request, Cllr Stevens highlighted that the post box at Underleys is still very much missed, the Clerk will contact the Post Office again. There were also concerns raised around campervans at Starbank, cars in the coach bays and the wall at the top of Berry Hill.

14. To receive any updates regarding the asset transfer: No updates as yet.

15. Correspondence – There were no queries/questions.

16. To note date on next Tabletop Sales: 12th October 2024.

17. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th October 2024.

Signed: Cllr M Richards

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