

Beer Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting was held on **Wednesday 13th November 2024**, copies of minutes and reports are available on request.

Present:

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

Minutes were taken by the Clerk: Mrs Nicky Ingarfield

- 1. Apologies and reasons for absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Reeve & Cllr S Reeve, medical.
 - 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 were no members of the public present.
 - 5. Police: To receive the report:** The link to the website was shared with all Councillors prior to the meeting, there were no questions.
 - 6. To consider and approve the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 9th October 2024:** Council agreed they were an accurate record, Cllr Richards signed and initialled each page of the minutes.
 - 7. EDDC and DCC Cllrs: To receive reports/consider matters for the attention of EDDC/DCC Reps:** Cllr Heath had shared his report prior to the meeting, he highlighted that netting will be installed behind Ducky's Cafe the beach, the cost will be met by EDDC and Clintons. There was a brief discussion around the drains and water on Common Hill which will be discussed further at the upcoming meetings on Common Hill with Highways, EDDC and Clintons. Cllr Hartnell's report was shared prior to the meeting, there were no questions around the report.
- 8. Financial reports**
- 8.1 To approve the monthly bank reconciliation to the end of September 2024:**
The bank reconciliation and the statement were checked and signed by the Chair.
 - 8.2 To receive monthly Alpha software reports:** Cllr Westlake asked what the £5K transfer was for, the Clerk explained that the Council held two bank accounts, one for the everyday spending of the Council (Treasurers Account) and another where all income was received, which had a

higher interest rate (Business Account). The Clerk explained that she only transferred the funds for everyday spending from the Business Account when required as it was better to leave in the account for as long as possible so that the highest rate of interest was obtained.

8.3 To approve the schedule of payments for November 2024: Proposed Cllr K Stevens, seconded Cllr M Westlake, resolved all in favour. The schedule and the invoices were then checked and initialled by the Chair.

8.4: To discuss a monthly contribution to the Workman's phone bill which is used for work calls: Council deferred this to be discussed at the budget meeting to be held by the Finance and General Purpose Committee on the 11th of December, and to present to Full Council with the Budget.

8.5: To discuss the donation application from the Ring & Ride Service: Council agreed to donate £150.00 to the Ring & Ride Service as it is well utilised by members of the Community, **Proposed Cllr M Westlake, seconded Cllr K Stevens, resolved all in favour.**

9. The Mariners Hall, to note the resignation of the Treasurer of the Mariners Hall Committee and to note that an EGM will now be called: Council noted the resignation letter and asked the Clerk to write to the Treasurer thanking him for all his hard work, Councillors noted that a lot of work has been done to improve the hall and income had increased during his time as Treasurer.

10. Environment and Community Portfolio:

10.1: To confirm the meeting date between Clinton Estates, Highways (DCC), Cllrs Westlake and Shobbrook is to take place on the 19th of November 2024 at Common Lane (as per minute: 12.3: 19th October 2024): Noted

10.2: To confirm a second meeting regarding Common Lane will take place on the 25th November 2024 at 2.30pm between Cllr Heath, Cllr Jung, Cllrs Richard, Westlake and Shobbrook: Noted

10.3: To receive an update on the progress made by the Community Pay Back Scheme: A great deal of work has been undertaken on the Jubilee, three benches have been restored and will be returned this week, the team will take some more away to work on. Council commented on what a wonderful job the team has done. Cllr Richards confirmed that the team will work on The Meadows parking bays, Council felt that as residents paid to hire the parking bays, they should not have to maintain them themselves.

10.4: To receive feedback on the annual checks on the Parish Councils assets: The checks had been completed by Cllrs Richards and T Stevens, there were no repairs noted, the telephone box will need to be painted but this could be another job for the Community Pay Back team, the Council would just need to supply the paint.

10.5: To discuss weedkilling in response to the email circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Richards informed Councillors that this was EDDC's responsibility, as they have the licenses to use chemicals, the Clerk will respond to the Streetscene team.

11. To discuss the Councils response to the Government Consultation on remote Council meetings: Council discussed the pros and cons to remote meetings and decided that they were all happy to support remote Council meetings but with restrictions in place, for example the meeting would be held as an in-person meeting with Councillors who were unable to physically attend joining via teams. Clerk to respond to the survey. **Proposed Cllr A Smith, seconded Cllr C Thompson, resolved all in favour.**

12. To receive any updates regarding the asset transfer: No updates received.

13. Correspondence – No questions or queries.

14. To note next date of tabletop sale on 30th November 2024: Noted, this will be the last one this year.

15. Date of next meetings: Finance & General Purpose: 7.00am 11th December 2024.
Full Council: 7.30pm 11th December

Signed: Cllr M Richards

Date:

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