

Beer Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting was held on **Wednesday 15th January 2025**, copies of minutes and reports are available on request.

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

Minutes were taken by the Clerk: Mrs Nicky Ingarfield

- 1. Apologies and reasons for absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Reeve family reasons.
- 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:** Carole Arnold, a member of the asset transfer group arrived at 7.30pm,
- 5. Police: To receive the report:** The link to the website was shared with all Councillors prior to the meeting, there were no questions. The website it not user friendly.
- 6. To consider and approve the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 11th December 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:** There was no report from the DCC Cllr. Cllr Heath had shared his report prior to the meeting and had nothing to add.
- 8. Financial reports**
 - 8.1 To approve the monthly bank reconciliation to the end of December 2024:** The bank reconciliation and the statement were checked and signed by the Chair.
 - 8.2 To receive monthly Alpha software reports:** Reports were noted, no queries were raised.
 - 8.3 To approve the schedule of payments for January: Proposed Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Shobbrook, resolved all in favour.** The schedule and the invoices were then checked and initialled by the Chair.
 - 8.4: To note that the Precept figure has been submitted to EDDC:** Noted

9.Environment & Community Portfolio:

9.1: To discuss and agree to the purchase of a new dog waste bin at Starre Bank: Several residents had approached Cllr Stevens asking for a way of disposing of dog waste at Starre Bank, Council discussed the possibility of EDDC supplying one, the Clerk informed Council that they have stopped supplying them at the moment, further discussions were held around the Council Workman emptying dog waste bins and general bins around the village. Council asked if as the carpark belongs to Peco, if the Clerk could write to them and ask them to supply a general waste bin and the workman empty it.

9.2: To discuss and agree that a blocked drain survey is carried out around the village, detailing the location along with a photograph: Cllr Westlake confirmed that surveys had been held in the past and that she could possibly still have a map of the drains, she will check and share. Cllrs agreed to complete a survey once they have the map, after rain, so that it is clear which drains are blocked.

10. To receive any updates regarding the asset transfer: The recent communication from EDDC had invited the Council to submit a business case, but the email did not give Council any information on what they are actually asking for. Council had submitted information and questions earlier in the year, but had not received a response. Carole Arnold agreed with Council that a lot of work had gone into the asset transfer and it was felt that EDDC were not really committed to the transfer. Cllr T Stevens had written another letter to EDDC raising questions, which was shared with all Councillors prior to the meeting. Council agreed to submit the letter and give EDDC a deadline of 2 months to respond. If there is no response within the given time scale Council will not pursue the asset transfer any further. **Proposed Cllr K Stevens, seconded Cllr M Shobbrook, resolved all in favour.**

11.To agree on the date for the Councillors Code of Conduct training, proposed dates are 24th or 26th February 2025: Councillors agreed that Wednesday 26th February would be the most suitable date at 7pm. Clerk to email the bookings officer at The Mariners.

12. Correspondence – No questions or queries.

13. Date of next meeting: Full Council: 7.00pm, Wednesday 12th February 2025
Next table top date: Saturday 22nd February 2025

Signed: Cllr M Richards

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