

Beer Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting was held on **Wednesday 13th September 2023**, copies of minutes and reports are available on request.

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

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr L Reeve – holiday.
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 comments from the public.
5. **Police: To receive the report:** There were no reported in crimes in the period.
6. **To consider and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th July 2023:** Proposed by Cllr Richards, seconded by Cllr Stevens, proposed all in favour.
7. **To discuss the casual vacancy positions on the Council:** Cllr B Potter had previously emailed the Council with his resignation, this leaves two vacancies on the Council. Cllr Richards has spoken to a resident who is considering applying. Cllr Westlake also suggested a resident, Cllr K Stevens will follow this up. Clerk to inform EDDC of vacancies.
8. **EDDC and DCC Cllrs: To receive reports/consider matters for the attention of EDDC/DCC Reps:**
Cllr Heath talked through the report he had submitted, confirming that the Church Yard is maintained by EDDC. The Chapel of Rest is in a state of disrepair, Cllr Richards confirmed that the Church were seeking funding for this.
The EDDC surveyor has said he is making bids for repairs to the walls but this won't take place until late 2024. Cllrs expressed concerns, asking what will happen if the bid is not successful.
Cllr Heath will be attending several meetings next Thursday with the Council Workman and EDDC.
A resident has approached Cllr Heath stating that she was unable to see traffic which is making it dangerous to step out of her house, Cllr Hartnell to take photos and follow this up as it would be a highways issue.

Cllrs discussed the problems with drains being blocked after a resident approached Cllr Heath regarding sewage smells, Cllr Heath and Cllr Hartnell to follow up. Cllr Heath also raised concerns regarding SWW and sewage leaks.

Cllr Hartnell met with Beer Primary School along with the Clerk at the end of the school term, he had a follow up meeting with the Highways Officer and they have made suggestions that can be implemented quite quickly. The school is also going to undertake a safety audit which they will share with him.

Cllr Hartnell had also been involved in the 'Lace Operation' with the local policing team, in particular, PC Craig Amarilli trying to combat antisocial behaviour, they visited notorious places where car drivers meet up (Beer Head, Tesco carpark Seaton etc).

The line markings at the bus stop were raised as they were a later item on the agenda, Cllr Hartnell to chase this up.

Cllr Westlake asked about the parking spaces at the bottom of Berry Hill, these were meant to be removed as there is not enough room for parking and it blocks the road, Cllr Hartnell to follow up.

Cllr K Stevens raised concerns about the blocked drains and is to send photos of the workman to the Clerk to forward to Cllr Hartnell so that he can follow this up.

Cllr K Stevens also raised a problem with the worn manhole cover at the bottom of Sea Hill, the cover is bold and very slippy, when it gets icy this will make the problem worse. Cllr Hartnell will also look into this.

9. Financial report

9.1 To approve the monthly bank reconciliation to the end June 2023: Proposed Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr T Stevens resolved all in favour.

9.2 To receive monthly Alpha software reports: There were no questions.

9.3 To approve the schedule of payments for July 2023: All payments approved.

9.4 To Approve the amended Standing Orders: Proposed Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Westlake, resolved all in favour.

9.5 To note the workman's holiday dates: Dates were sent via email and are noted.

10. Environment & Community Portfolio

10.1 To discuss Cllr Heaths email from Greenseas: Cllr's talked about the bins already on the beach and discussions took place about moving these. Clerk to complete the application for Greenseas.

10.2 To receive an update on the Jubilee and Underleys: Cllr Heaths report covered this, Council also wished to extend their thanks to all the residents who assisted in the tidy up.

10.3 To receive discuss EDDC proposed changes to the Beach Court Car Park: The Clerk read the recent email from EDDC, Cllrs stated that there was a row of houses where the trees now stand and that this need to be fed back to EDDC, the Clerk will follow this up.

10.4 To discuss the Hedge Cutting at Cowerslea Lane and Little Hemphey: The works are booked in for November. The hedge at Cowerslea was planted by the previous owner, the current owner has not responded to communications about cutting it back, Clerk to write to the owners to say that if they are not willing to maintain the hedge the Council will have it removed in March due to the cost of maintaining it.

10.5 To discuss the No Entry Markings in the Central Car Park which need repainting:

Cllr Heath to raise at his meeting with EDDC next week.

10.6 To discuss the double yellow lines & signage at the Bus Stop: Covered by Cllr Hartnell under agenda item 8.

11. Assets & Property Portfolio

11.1 To discuss signage from R&H Signs for Ashill Playpark & Townsend Coach Park :

Cllr T Stevens has the sign for the playpark and will be putting up this week, Cllr Richards Added What3Words to assist emergency services, Townsend discussed under 11.2

11.2 To receive an update on Coach Parking lineage: The Clerk informed Councillors that she has been receiving complaints from residents, who have paid for their bay, as cars were parking in them, EDDC sell parking permits on their website and it's not clear that these permits do not apply to the Coach Park. Clerk to word signage which Cllr Richards will arrange to be made. Clerk to purchase spray paint and numbers so that workman can number the bays. All other line markings now completed.

12. EDDC Asset Transfer

12.1: To receive any updates from the meeting with EDDC: Cllr Heath had previously circulated emails from Tim Childs to all Councillors. The asset group is to arrange another meeting to discuss looking at the Notice of Intention and move forward. Talks on the Jubilee are ongoing. Cllr Heath will speak to Luke regarding the benches and hedges at next weeks meeting. Councillors discussed the need for a flow chart showing the leaders, deputies etc within EDDC.

13. Events and promotions

13.1 To receive ideas on events to promote Beer in the future, in addition to those already planned: Kayleigh discussed her job description and how it was no longer clear what the role involved, Cllrs to discuss this at the Finance & General Purpose meeting in November. The land at Beer is advertised and Kayleigh does email people to try and promote the Village and its land. Clerk to send the amended booking form to Kayleigh which reflects one standard charge. Kayleigh also asked about money to fund events, Clerk to follow this up with Kayleigh. The Fireworks are planned but will need Councillor help to run, from 10am to midnight. The Regatta was a huge success.

14. Correspondence – There were no queries/questions.

15. To note date on next Tabletop Sale: Noted

16. Date of next meeting: Full Council, 11th October at 7.00pm - Top room at the Mariners Hall.

Signed: Cllr M Richards

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