

Beer Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting was held on **Wednesday 13th March 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**

In attendance: Kayleigh Westlake - Events Co-Ordinator

Minutes were taken by the Clerk: Mrs Nicky Ingarfield

- 1. Apologies and reasons for absence:** Cllr L Reeve & Cllr S Reeve holiday and Cllr P Anderson due to an accident.
- 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:** A member of the public raised concerns over the height of the water in the brook running through the village, Cllr Richards confirmed that the brook had been cleared further up stream and that the Council workman was clearing the brook in stages. Council agreed that the Clerk would contact the contractor to see if he could clear the brook asap. **Proposed Cllr M Richards, seconded Cllr K Stevens, resolved all in favour.**
- 5. Police: To receive the report:** It was noted that there were no reported in crimes in the period.
- 6. To consider and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th 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:** There was no report from Cllr Hartnell who had emailed prior to the meeting explaining that he had another meeting and to accept his apologies should that meeting overrun. Cllr Heath had sent his report to Council prior to the meeting, the planter at the Beach Court carpark is still broken, Cllr Heath will follow this up. The playpark is hopefully to be inspected on Friday so that it can be opened before the Grizzly on Sunday. Cllr Heath is going to write to the CEO of EDDC regarding the steps at Underleys, nearly 8 months has passed since the meeting and they are dangerous and need to be sorted. Council also agreed that the Clerk will also write to her to support Cllr Heath's request: **Proposed Cllr M Richards,**

seconded Cllr K Stevens, proposed all in favour. The extension to the beach matting has been delayed due to the bad weather, this has to be completed by the end of March due to the funding. Seaton hospital has been classed as an asset of community value, so NHS property services cannot sell it off. A business plan is to be put together by June for multi-use services. Cllr Heath is in the process of forming a committee for a youth group, which will hopefully utilize one of the rooms, there will be a chill out zone and music room. EDDC has passed a contract for Armed Services Personnel to have priority for social housing. Councilors expressed concerns regarding how long several properties in Beer have been left empty, Council will discuss further at the next Full Council meeting.

8. Update from Events Co-Ordinator: Beer Forum has met and the festive weekend has been arranged for the 6th, 7th and 8th of December 2024. The Council will buy a wooden Christmas tree which will be decorated by residents, Beer PC to advertise this. The D-Day beacon still needs to be arranged and the cream tea still needs to be sorted, Council need to decide if this is open to all or if this is invite only. There will be a film night in the evening, BPC to advertise the event. Flags and decorations for the hall still need to be sorted. The events Co-Ordinator has given notice to finish employment with the Council on the 10th April 2024. The Clerk will pick up the D-Day arrangements. Council thanked Kayleigh for her work over the years.

9. Financial report

9.1 To approve the monthly bank reconciliation to the end of February: Proposed Cllr Shobbrook, seconded Cllr Westlake resolved all in favour.

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

9.3 To approve the schedule of payments for March 2024: Proposed Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Heath, resolved all in favour.

9.4 To discuss the insurance renewal document previously sent to Council: It was agreed to remain with the current provider and that the cover was still fit for purpose. **Proposed Cllr K Stevens, seconded Cllr T Stevens, resolved all in favour.**

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

10.1 To formally accept the Beer Parish Council Social Media appendix: Proposed Cllr M Richards, seconded Cllr Westlake, proposed all in favour.

10.2 To discuss Beer PC joining the NALC Civility and Respect Project: Council felt this was a beneficial project and agreed that the Clerk will pursue after year end. **Proposed Cllr Richards, Seconded Cllr Westlake, resolved all in favour.**

11. Environment & Community Portfolio

11.1 To Raise concerns regarding Long Hill with Cllr Hartnell: Concerns were raised via email with Cllr Hartnell and the response was circulated, double yellow lines will be put on both sides of the road.

11.2 To discuss signage for the Doctors surgery: Council were happy for a new finger post to be added and commented that the surgery would benefit from an additional sign at the entrance to

the carpark. Council felt that as residents know where the surgery is it would be of no community benefit, therefore the surgery would have to fund this

11.3 To discuss concerns raised by a resident regarding a planning application that was supported by BPC but refused by the Planning Officer, the application aligned with the Neighbourhood plan and Village Design Statement. Council to discuss whether to hold a meeting with the Planning Officer and the writing of a formal letter regarding the planning application: Council agreed that the Clerk would write a letter to the planning officer: **Proposed Cllr T Stevens, seconded Cllr M Westlake, all in favour.**

11.4 To discuss the hedge at Cowerslea Way: Cllr Richards has spoken to the person who rents the field and they are happy to keep the hedge and maintain it.

11.5 To discuss the adding of an additional name to the war memorial: The Clerk explained that she had made contact with the War Memorial Trust who will assist with this once she has received further information from the British Legion.

11.6 To receive and update and sign the Sea View Terrace deed of easement: Cllr Shobbrook has checked the documentation received from the clients' solicitors. He said that he was happy to recommend to the Council that it was approved and signed as it contained all the correct details. He then proposed its adoption and recommended that it should be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. This was seconded by Cllr Westlake and passed by a unanimous vote. Cllr Richards and the Clerk then signed the document. A £1 fee will be paid to the Council, all other costs were met by the owners of Sea View Terrace.

11.7 To discuss heritage features in the village and applying for preservation orders: This has now been resolved as the double yellow lines in agenda item 11.1 will provide some protection to these features.

12. Asset Transfer: Cllr T Stevens confirmed that all documents have been submitted to EDDC and are being consulted upon.

13. Correspondence – There were no queries/questions.

14. To note date on next Tabletop Sales: 23rd March 2024

15. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th April 2024

Signed: Cllr M Richards

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