

## **Beer Parish Council**

The Parish Council Meeting was held on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 7.30pm at the Mariners' Hall**. Copies of minutes and reports are available on request.

**Present:** Cllr R Dormor (Chair)    Cllr A Brewer                    Cllr S Greig  
                 Cllr E Molony                Cllr T Stevens                Cllr J Green  
                 Cllr J Heath                    Cllr A Adkin

Minutes were taken by: Nicky Ingarfield – Clerk

In attendance: Cllr Hartnell

- 1. Apologies were received from:** Cllr G Pook & Cllr M Richards due to work commitments.
- 2. Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the adopted Code of Conduct (N.B. this does not preclude any later declarations) to consider dispensation requests:** None were declared.
- 3. Items to be dealt with after the public, including the press, have been excluded:** There were no items.
- 4. Public Participation:** None
- 5. Police reports:** there were no logs on the police report.
- 6. Approval of minutes from 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022:**  
**Proposed by Cllr Greig seconded by Cllr Green resolved all in favour.**
- 7. EDDC & Cllr Reports circulated prior to meeting:**  
Cllr Hartnell reported that East Devon District Council were in the process of setting budgets and these would be challenging.  
The resurfacing works between Tower Services and Branscombe Cross will take place between the hours of 7am to 7pm, stagecoach are aware but as yet no changes had been made to their schedule.  
The Bus Stop markings have been flagged up but they are not a priority.  
The Platinum Jubilee grant is to be applied for by 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023, Cllr M Graham is aware. Cllr Graham raised the sink holes and Cllr Hartnell confirmed they had been reported. Council asked about the further stretch of road to the Donkey Sanctuary and Cllr Hartnell confirmed that this was not in his area.  
EDDC District Report had not been received.  
Cllr Hartnell left the meeting at 7.50pm
- 8. Financial Report:**
  - 8.1 To approve the monthly bank reconciliation to the end of December 2022:**  
**proposed by Cllr M Graham seconded by Cllr E Molony resolved all in favour.**
  - 8.2 To receive the monthly alpha reports:**

There were no questions on the reports.

**8.3 To approve the schedule of payments for January 2023:**

**Proposed by Cllr M Graham seconded by Cllr T Stevens.**

**8.4 To approve the minutes and the recommendations from the Finance and General Purpose Committee Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Proposed by Cllr J Green, seconded by Cllr A Brewer, all in favour.**

**8.5 To approve the Fees income 5.1 to 5.6:**

**Proposed by Cllr E Molony, seconded by Cllr S Greig, all in favour.**

**8.6 & 8.7 To approve the balanced budget presented with an increase in precept to provide sufficient allocation for employment costs and formally agree the precept figure for 2023/24:**

**Increase of £9.01 to Council Tax Proposed by Cllr proposed by Cllr R Dormor, seconded by Cllr A Brewer, all in favour.**

**8.8 To discuss the quote for the Church Clock.**

Previously the Parish Council have paid for the general maintenance of the clock. Council suggested that the Clerk forward an email recently received regarding a grant was forwarded to St Michaels PCC which may be of help.

**Cllr R Dormor suggested a donation of £300.00 Cllr J Green proposed and Cllr M Graham seconded, all in favour.**

**8.9 to receive an update on the HMRC contact details:**

Clerk confirmed that she had contacted Payroll as the agent for the Parish Council and they had contacted HMRC and updated the contact details to the Mariners Hall.

The meeting moved to point 10.3 as Cllr J Green had to leave the meeting at 8.30 pm for personal reasons:

**9. Environment and Community Portfolio**

**9.1 To Receive and update on the Traffic Survey:**

Cllr S Greig confirmed that he had emailed before Christmas to confirm that the Council would like the survey to continue in the New Year, he also requested the invoice so that payment could be made of the work completed so far.

**9.2 To receive an update from Cllrs Greig and Graham regarding the yellow lines and the sink hole:**

Due to illness Cllr Graham was unable to meet with Cllr Hartnell and this will be rescheduled, Cllr Graham raised a concern at Townsend where someone was putting cones out which hindered the bus drives manoeuvres, there may be the possibility of double yellow lines.

### **9.3 To receive an update on Jubilee Planting:**

Cllr Graham and Cllr Molony have contacted via email and had received an 'out of office until 9<sup>th</sup> Jan' reply, a further email had been sent that day.

Cllr Graham confirmed that the grit bins had been filled and that these were for use of the public on roads and footpaths.

## **10. Assets & Property Portfolio:**

### **10.1 To receive an update on environment agency and brook clearing:**

Clerk informed the Council that she had contacted the environment agency several times but the person who would deal with this was on holiday, hopefully there would be an update from them prior to the next full council meeting.

Council discussed the hedge on short Furlong which has now been cut and the pathway is looking much better.

Council discussed the hedge at Cowslea lane it was agreed that as the work had been budgeted for they would instruct it to be done asap, the work need to be completed before the birds begin to nest. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the new owners of the property explaining that the previous owner had wanted the hedge and had agreed to maintain, this hasn't been happening, and to ask for a contribution to the cost.

Council discussed the P3 claim, Cllr R Dormor had met with the footpath coordinator, the report would be sent through asap. There is a schedule of work for the tree roots.

### **10.2 To receive an update on Coach Parking:**

This will now be progressed. Cllr E Molony has emailed the Youth Hostel to see how much they use the Coach Park. Cllr Heath will add to his piece for the newsletter asking if residents would be interested in more parking bays. Clerk to write a letter for Cllr Molony to put through letterboxes and Clerk to also add to Facebook asking residents to email the Clerk if they are interested or to feedback on the suggestion of keeping one coach bay and creating 5/6 more bays for cars.

### **10.3 To receive an update in the EDDC asset transfer:**

Cllr Green had arranged a meeting which had taken place the night before Full Council. The meeting had been very productive. The question of resurfacing the coach park was raised, a quote is needed for this cost as the group were making assumptions on some figures, a couple of items still need investigating so that further work could be carried out on this. Community grants could be a possibility. It was confirmed that the Beech Court Carpark was resurfaced before it became an asset. The Terms would be committed to safety as an asset would have to be in a 'safe' condition before handover. Cllr Green is working on gathering more information around these items, for example, when it was last resurfaced. It would also be beneficial to hold a meeting where each asset was discussed individually. Cllr Dormor suggested that if any

other Council members would like to attend a working group meeting to let Cllr Green know as they were open to all.

**11. Events and Promotions.**

**11.1 & 11.2 Confirmation of dates and events:**

The Kings Coronation was being led by the Village with the Councils support.

13<sup>th</sup> May – Buggies in Beer

12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August – Beer Regatta

September – Beer Film Festival – possibility of food stalls

Seaton Paddleboarders – event all about the sea

13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October – Beer R&B weekend with food stalls

Then back to the Christmas events.

There are six events in the diary, the Village needs events that encourage food stalls to come along. Cllr Pook was looking into the possibility of smaller pitch fees for more regular bookings/or possibility of paying a percentage of the sales.

**11.2 & 11.3 To receive an update of the New Years Eve Fireworks and the SumUp machine:**

The event was really well supported, the collection bucket raised £617.69 in cash donations and the SumUp Machine took around £50, the machine worked really well and was very easy to use.

There was a discussion around the Website, there are a few website for Beer and this makes publicity difficult, no-one is maintain the Beer Village DCC website, it was suggested that that they could be streamlined into one. Kayleigh to speak to some contacts to see if this can be done.

**12. Correspondence** - There were no comments/queries on the correspondence circulated.

**13. To approve the updated Standing Orders, Risk Management and Code of Conduct.**

All were circulated prior to the meeting, **Proposed by Cllr M Graham, seconded by Cllr T Grieg, all in favour.**

**14. Date of next meeting:** 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Meeting ended at 9.00pm.

**Signed:** ..... Cllr R Dormor – Chair

**Dated:** .....