

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of **Beaworthy Parish Council** held at 1930 hours on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024** in Beaworthy Parish Hall.

**Councillors present:** Cllr Rendell (Chairman), Cllr Johnstone, Cllr Wonnacott, Cllr Coleman

**Also present:** A. Braidwood (Clerk). Cllr Mott (WDBC) Cllr Southcott (WDBC) and 2 members of public

1. **Chairman's welcome.** Cllr Rendell welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence.** Nil
3. **Public Forum** – 2 members of public spoke about planning
4. **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda** – Nil
5. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the **17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024** were a true record and were signed by the Chairman. (**no meeting was held in November**)
6. **Clerk's report** –report received. (**Annex A**)
7. **Planning.** No applications had been received.
9. **Councillors Reports – reports on meetings attended and matters brought to the attention of councillors.**
  - 9.1 Highways – received
  - 9.2 Parish Hall – NTR.
  - 9.3 Crime commissioners – NTR
  - 9.4 Northern Links – NTR
10. **West Devon borough Council Update:** Received
11. **Finance:**
  - 11.1 The RFO presented the **Finance Report and** bank reconciliation to **29 Nov 2024. (Annex B)**
  - 11.2 **Draft Budget** – It was proposed, seconded and unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the budget of **£5401** and the precept at **£5401 – Annex C**
  - 11.3 **Payments** – It was proposed and unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments
    - **Joint National Council for Local Government – Pay award 2024/25** – Increase in hourly rate of pay to **£13.47**
    - **West Devon Borough Council** – Recharge for uncontested elections in May 2023 - **£75.33**

The public were excluded at **2026 hours**. The Council **RESOLVED** to agree to continue the meeting in **confidential session**, Cllr Southcott and Cllr Mott were invited to stay for the discussion.

12. **Enforcement** – Updates received.

The confidential session closed at **2036** hours

13. **Items for the agenda for next meeting** – Grant applications, review of bank signatories
14. **Date of next meeting** – 16<sup>st</sup> January 2025
15. **Meeting closed at:** 2040 hours.

Annex A - Clerk Report Nov 2024

Finance:

Please continue to consider budget requirements for FY25/26 for the second draft in November meeting.

Appraisal:

Forms are still outstanding – please can Councillors send these on to Cllr Sanders as soon as possible. Thank you.

Planning

Decisions received:

West Devon Borough Council		
Planning applications withdrawn between 28 Oct 2024 and 3 Nov 2024		
The link provided with each application will take you to the webpage for that application		
Parish:	Beaworthy	
2539/24/FUL	Full Planning Application	
Applicant Name:	Mr Mike Darling	Officer: Bryony Hanlon
Grid Reference:	(246379, 98191)	Decision: Withdrawn
Site Address:	Old Rectory Patchacott EX21 5AS	Decision Date: 31 October 2024
Description:	Change of use from temporary siting of a caravan to permanent siting of a caravan for residential use	<a href="#">Click here to view the application</a>

West Devon Borough Council		
Planning decisions between 14 Oct 2024 and 20 Oct 2024		
The link provided with each application will take you to the webpage for that application		
Parish:	Beaworthy	
2993/24/AGR	Agricultural Determination	
Applicant Name:	Mrs Nicola Cann	Officer: Richard Geary
Grid Reference:	(245241, 99889)	Decision Level: Officer Delegated
Site Address:	1 Blackhill Beaworthy EX21 5AA	Decision: Prior Approval Not Required
Description:	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed extension to an agricultural building for machinery & fodder storage measuring 12.2m (L) x 13.72m (B) x 5.3m height to ridge	Decision Date: 17 October 2024
<a href="#">Click here to view the application</a>		

## Planning decisions between 28 Oct 2024 and 3 Nov 2024

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<b>Parish:</b>	<b>Beaworthy</b>	
<b>2974/24/ARC</b>	<b>Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions</b>	
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	NB & SN Dufty	Officer: <b>Richard Nicholson</b>
<b>Grid Reference:</b>	(246049, 97451)	
<b>Site Address:</b>	Land at SX 460 975, Metherell Cross, Patchacott	Decision: <b>Discharge of Conditions - Split Decision</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 6 (Surface Water Drainage), 7 (Foul Drainage Disposal), 8 (Existing & Proposed Levels), 11 (Details of Window & Door Openings, Fenestration Details & Details of Proposed Materials), 12 (Hard & Soft Landscaping) & 13 (Solar Panels & EV Charging Point Location) of planning consent 0604/23/FUL	Decision Date: <b>01 November 2024</b>
<a href="#">Click here to view the application</a>		

<b>West Devon Borough Council</b>		
<b>Planning applications withdrawn between 21 Oct 2024 and 27 Oct 2024</b>		
The link provided with each application will take you to the webpage for that application		
<b>Parish:</b>	<b>Beaworthy</b>	
<b>2240/24/FUL</b>	<b>Full Planning Application</b>	
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Mrs M Wiffen	Officer: <b>Bryony Hanlon</b>
<b>Grid Reference:</b>	(245124, 99633)	Decision: <b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>Site Address:</b>	Land At Broadmoor Farm Beaworthy	Decision Date: <b>24 October 2024</b>
<b>Description:</b>	Erection of a new 4 bedroom detached dwelling with detached garage	<a href="#">Click here to view the application</a>

No planning applications have been received since the last meeting.

**Resolutions** - All resolutions from the October meeting have been actioned.

Outstanding issues are:

- Emergency plan meeting to be arranged.
- Clerks' appraisal meeting to be confirmed.
- Nat West complaint – partially completed
- MOU

### Correspondence

All correspondence has been forwarded if relevant.

### Planned Roll out of Broadband in the Parish

This is to update you on the planned roll-out of broadband in your parish, under the Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) programme.

As you are no doubt aware, CDS contracted with broadband supplier Airband in late 2020 to deliver fibre broadband to communities across Devon & Somerset over the course of three years, concluding at the end of 2024. Your parish is covered by cluster NF041. Unfortunately, Airband has faced a range of challenges over the intervening years which have delayed delivery of these contracts.

However, following Airband's restructure earlier this year, the company is seeking to maximise take up across its existing network while slowing down on build activity which means it can no longer complete its contracted build for CDS in full. As a result, in April, Airband sought a change to its contract.

Since then, CDS has worked closely with the Airband to retain as much coverage across as many communities as possible under the scope of our contracts. This process has had some success in allowing further clusters to be built and I'm pleased to be able to let you know that NF041 is one of them - however, there will be a delay.

This will clearly be extremely disappointing for you and your parishioners, and we share your frustration.

We will naturally contact you again once we have clarity on a more detailed timeline for build in your parish. However, in the interim, should you wish to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact me to arrange a call.

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**Debris/Obstruction, Debris/Obstruction**

**Location: Road from Beaworthy Cross to Hole Cross, Beaworthy**

Further to your communication received on 16-November-2024 the record was assessed on the 18/11/2024 12:38:00.

The following information is now available;

Further to receiving your report on 16 Nov 2024, we are writing to let you know that it has been reviewed and has been passed to our contractor for either further investigation or to be repaired.

We expect this to be completed by 25 Nov 2024.

Once completed, we will provide you with a further update to let you know what action has been taken

## Annex B - Finance report and Bank Rec to 29 Nov 24

### Receipts

Total	Precept	Grant	Bank Interest	VAT Refund	Misc		
5,167.91	4,869.00	-	-	48.91	250.00	-	-

### Payments

Total	Clerk's Salary	Grants and Donations	Admin and training	Office Costs	Insurance	Asset Maint	Election Costs	VAT
2,695.21	1,867.84	225.00	-	429.71	125.55	-	-	47.11

### Bank Summary

#### Cashbook

Current Acc

Balance at	01/04/24	4,959.31
Receipts	to date	5,167.91
Payments	to date	2,695.21
Balance at	<b>29/11/24</b>	<b>7,432.01</b>

### Bank Reconciliation

Current Acc

Balance per statement **29 Nov 24** **7,519.37**

Outstanding cheques	Chq No	Amount
Total Outstanding cheques/DD	384	87.36

(87.36)

**7,432.01**

#### Difference

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of which £3438.13 is reserves

Current bank balance remaining/reserves removed	3,993.88
Estimated annual spend remaining as per budget	1698.3
Estimated YE bank balance before adjustment of under/overspend	2,295.58
Estimated YE underspend as at 29 Nov	594.7
Estimated amount available to add to reserves	2,890.28
<b>Total in bank including reserves at end of FY</b>	<b>6,328.41</b>

Current amount in general reserves only

(not including earmarked reserves)	4403.34
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Current bank balance less reserves as at 30 Sept  
 Budget less the to date spend  
 Current balance after reserves less estimated remaining spend  
 See budget sheet  
 Estimated YE balance including underspend  
 D33 plus reserves  
 Guidance states this figure should equate to the annual precept for small councils  
 See reserves spreadsheet

## Annex C – Budget for 2025/26

BUDGET	FY Apr 25 to Apr 26		
Category	Sub category	Budget	Totals
Clerk salary		3016	3,016.00
Donations			300.00
	Madworthy	150.00	
	St Albans	150.00	
Administration and training			250.00
	Admin expenses/mileage	50	
	Training	200	
Input Vat to be recovered			
Office costs			665.00
	Printer toner/stationery	60	
	Go daddy domain renewal	30	
	Go Daddy website renewal	150	
	Village Hall Hire	200	
	Subscriptions DALC	120	
	Subscriptions ICO	40	
	Audit	65	
Insurance			170.00
Grants			300.00
Election Costs contingency		100	100.00
Reserve/contingency		400	400.00
Asset Maint contingency			200.00
	2 noticeboards	50	
	laptop and printer	150	
5,401.00			

### Precept for 2025//26

2025-26	£ 5,401.00	89.00	£ 60.69
		Increase of	5.02 9.02%
Based on per band D household			
estimated Council tax 2025/26		£ 2,420.00	
Precept		£ 60.69	
percentage of overall council tax		2.51%	
Per week		£ 1.17	