

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of **Beaworthy Parish Council** held at 1930 hours on **Thursday 17th October 2024** in Beaworthy Parish Hall.

Councillors present: Cllr Rendell (Chairman), Cllr Sanders, Cllr Johnstone, Cllr Balsdon, Cllr Wonnacott, Cllr Higgins

Also present: A. Braidwood (Clerk.) Cllr Mott (WDBC)

1. **Chairman's welcome.** Cllr Rendell welcomed attendees to the meeting.
 2. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr T Southcott (WDBC) Cllr Coleman
 3. **Public Forum** – No one spoke
 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 **19th Sept 2024** were a true record and were signed by the Chairman.
 6. **Clerk's report** –report received. (**Annex A**)
 7. **Policies for review:** To review and accept amendments to the following policies:
 - 7.1 **Meeting Attendance Policy** – It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to renew the policy with no amendments.
 8. **Planning.**
 - 8.1 **3216/24/FUL** - Proposed slurry store at East Luddon, Thorndon Cross, EX20 4NJ – It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to submit no comments.

1949 hours, Cllr Sanders departed the meeting
 9. **Councillors Reports – reports on meetings attended and matters brought to the attention of councillors.**
 - 9.1 Highways – received
 - 9.2 Parish Hall – Received.
 - 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 **30 Sept 2024. (Annex B)**
 - 11.2 **Draft Budget** – It was **RESOLVED** to defer decision on budget to the November meeting
 - 11.3 **Payments** – It was proposed and unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments
Reimbursement to clerk for payment of Go Daddy website renewal. **£119.99 plus 23.98 VAT**
- The Council **RESOLVED** to continue in **confidential session at 2020 hours**. Cllrs Mott was invited to stay.
12. **Enforcement** – Updates received.
- The confidential session closed at **2028** hours
13. **Items for the agenda for next meeting** – Draft budget for 2025/26, Grant applications
 14. **Date of next meeting** – 21st November 2024
 15. **Meeting closed at:** 2030 hours.

Annex A - Clerk Report October 2024

Finance:

Please start to consider budget requirements for FY25/26 for the first draft in October meeting.

The ICO direct debit has been paid for £35.

The second precept payment has been received.

Appraisal:

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

Planning

No planning applications have been received, the following is information only for Beaworthy since our last meeting:

Parish:	Beaworthy	
2974/24/ARC	Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions	
Applicant Name:	NB & SN Dufty	Officer: Richard Nicholson
Grid Reference:	(246049, 97451)	
Site Address:	Land at SX 460 975 Metherell Cross Patchacott	Click here to view the application
Description:	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) to Planning Consent 0604/23/FUL	

**THERE IS NO STATUTORY CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT ON THE APPLICATIONS BELOW
THE INFORMATION IS BEING SENT FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Parish:	Beaworthy	
2993/24/AGR	Agricultural Determination	
Applicant Name:	Mrs Nicola Cann	Officer: Bryony Hanlon
Grid Reference:	(245241, 99889)	
Site Address:	1 Blackhill Beaworthy EX21 5AA	Click here to view the application
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	

Resolutions - All resolutions from the September 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.

Please note there was an email distributed regarding a transport, here is the link if you wish to comment.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/devon-and-torbay-local-transport-plan-4/>

DALC Connect Event The third highways themed Connect Event is taking place on Friday 18 October, at 1pm. This latest session promises to deepen your understanding of road maintenance in Devon.

Notification of Road Closure – Work Ref: LM211MT10958557 on ROAD FROM PATCHACOTT CROSS TO HILLCREST, PATCHACOTT

We are writing to inform you that South West Water has applied for a road closure to complete utility works from near number 1 to near Park Cottage. These works, subject to approval from Devon Highways, will take place between 02/01/2025 and 06/01/2025.

All efforts will be made to maintain access to properties within the area of the closure and minimise disruption.

If you require further information, please contact the Helpline on 0344 346 2020.

An update on the 2024/25 Local Government Pay Award : Any parish or town councils using the NALC/SLCC recommended pay scales will need to wait a bit longer for the outcome of national pay negotiations. UNISON and Unite have rejected NJC's most recent offer, and both unions are moving to ballot members for industrial action.

The pay award for 2024/25 is expected to be **delayed until mid-to-late October at the earliest**. The national employers advise against imposing any pay offer before concluding the collective bargaining process.

ANNEX A – Finance Report and Bank Rec to 30 Sep 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
2,241.43	1,557.92	225.00	-	309.83	125.55	-	-	23.13

Bank Summary
Cashbook

		Current Acc
Balance at	01/04/24	4,959.31
Receipts	to date	5,167.91
Payments	to date	2,241.43
Balance at	30/09/24	7,885.79

Bank Reconciliation

		Current Acc
Balance per statement 30 Sep 24		8,055.58
Outstanding cheques	Chq No	Amount
Total Outstanding cheques/DD	378	72.00
	380	75.00
	381	22.79
		(169.79)
		7,885.79
Difference		-

of which £3438.13 is reserves

current bank balance remaining after reserves removed	4,447.66	current bank balance less reserves as at 30 Sept
estimated annual spend remaining as per budget	2533	budget less the to date spend
estimated YE bank balance before adjustment of under/overspend	1,914.66	current balance after reserves less estimated remaining spend
estimated YE underspend at 30 Sep	497	see budget sheet
estimated amount available to add to reserves	2,411.66	Estimated YE balance including underspend
total in bank including reserves at end of FY	5,849.79	
current amount in general reserves (not including earmarked reserves)	4403.34	guidance states this figure should equate to the annual precept for small councils see reserves spreadsheet