

Beaworthy Parish Council

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Minutes of the **meeting of the Beaworthy Parish Council** held at 1930 hours on **Thursday 16th Sept 2021** in Beaworthy Parish Hall.

Councillors present: Cllr Rendell. (Chairman), Cllr Wonnacott, Cllr Johnstone and Cllr Higgins, Cllr Coleman.

Also present: A. Braidwood (Clerk)

1. **Chairman's welcome.**
2. **Apologies for absence.** Received from Cllr Balsdon.
3. **Public Forum** – No members of the public were present.
4. **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda** – Nil
5. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the **19th August** were a true record and were signed by the Chairman.
6. **Clerk's report** – Noted, Annex A.
7. **Planning** – No planning applications had been received.
8. **Policy review** – The current Internal Control statement was reviewed; it was **RESOLVED** to accept the changes.
9. **Councillor reports** –
 - 9.1 Highways update – The clerk reported that a reply from the DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer was awaited regarding the ongoing request for a site meeting. Clerk to continue to arrange. Some of the potholes that had been reported had been fixed but there were still many outstanding. The junction from Patchacott onto the A3079 had been cut back to improve visibility. This will need to be reported to DCC when it grows back.
 - 9.2 Crime commissioners Report – Meetings were due to commence again, dates awaited.
 - 9.3 Parish Hall Report – Received and noted
 - 9.4 Northern Links – Cllr Sanders - NTR
10. **West Devon Borough Councillors update** – Received and noted. Annex B
11. **Finance:**
 - 11.1 RFO presented the Finance report and bank reconciliation to 27th August 21. Annex C.
 - 11.2 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the following payment:

- August meeting Hall hire –	£12.00
- Go Daddy website annual renewal	£100.66
- Go Daddy adjusted domain	£20.54
 - 11.3 It was **RESOLVED** not to purchase a Tommy for remembrance as the parish had no central focus to place it and they were costly to purchase.
12. **Planning Validation Checklist Consultation** – It was **RESOLVED** that the council had no observations to submit to the consultation.
13. **Enforcement** - updates were received.
14. **Items for the agenda for next meeting** – Memorandum of Understanding, Green Lane, Emergency Plan.
15. **Date of next meeting** – 21st October 2021
16. **Meeting closed at:** 2011 hours.

Annex A - Clerk Report for 22 July 2021

Finance

- The ICO direct debit is due to be taken on 30th Sept 2021
- I have emailed again to Nat West regarding our complaint back in 2020. Awaiting a response.
- The draft budget and precept for 2022 will be on the next agenda so please start to think about this. A month early but good to get things started.
- The asset register has been amended to include the new laptop purchased.

Grants

Please let me know if you have any suggested recipients.

Website

Another year's subscription has been renewed this month.

Highways

- The Neighbourhood Highways Officer is on leave until 27th Sept. I have requested a site meeting again stating the need for several sites to be visited and that it will be useful for the PC and him to meet.
- I (and others) have reported several highway issues in the parish. I have just reported the mud on the road again at Madworthy junction with photos.

Planning

- No planning applications have been received since our last meeting.
- We have had 2 consultations to submit responses to. The first is the planning validation consult and the second is the Memorandum of understanding which will be on the October agenda

Resolutions

All resolutions from 19 August 2021 meeting have been actioned.

Outstanding issues are:

- to confirm the date for the Emergency plan meeting. Awaiting response from DCT.
- Highways meeting to be confirmed

Parish Hall

I have spoken to the secretary, and we have agreed to a 6 month payment schedule to reduce the number of cheques written.

Annex B – WDBC Report Sept 21

Waste and recycling service

There is still an ongoing situation with waste collection due to operate staff having to self-isolate or off sick due to COVID 19 along with a shortage of agency staff and HGV drivers to cover the shortages. The best way to keep yourselves and the other residents in the parish's informed is to regularly visit the west Devon website or updates.

A Plan for West Devon

What is it about? 'A Plan for West Devon' sets out the strategic direction for the Council and Borough as a whole for years to come. Looking to take every opportunity to support businesses and local people, the plan outlines eight core focus areas that will underpin the Council's work over the next 20 years.

For those that took part Thank You The data will be used to enhance the plan

West Devon Borough Council News

Welcome to the new Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest

Thousands of new trees will be planted across Plymouth and South Devon, after the area was chosen to become England's 11th Community Forest.

The Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest (P&SD Community Forest) will stretch from the heart of the city to the edge of the moor, encompassing 1,900 hectares of land to form a mosaic of different forest habitats.

Unlike traditional forests, community forests aren't geographically restricted to one place. Instead, they are a spread out across a mix of community woodland, private woodland, on street, urban woodland, wooded habitat corridors and hedgerows.

It is envisaged that by connecting the rich ecosystems and habitats of Dartmoor and the wider South Devon area and bringing them into the city we can improve our connection to, and enjoyment of nature for future generations.

Delivering the P&SD Community Forest for future generations is a core part of the proposal in recognition of young people's voices in recent climate emergency discussions and the recovery from the impact of Covid.

The opportunities that the P&SD Community Forest creates will ensure skills development and job creation will be relevant to today and tomorrow's young people. It will also generate a sustainable natural asset for future generations.

Furthermore, the planning of the P&SD Community Forest fulfils an action on the Climate Emergency Action Plan, allowing the Council to play a leadership role by working with partners and the local community across the city to raise awareness and understanding around climate change.

The proposals have been drawn up by a broad initial partnership between:

- Plymouth City Council,
- National Trust,
- Woodland Trust,
- South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council,
- the Forestry Commission,
- Forestry England,
- Devon Wildlife Trust,
- Plymouth Tree Partnership and
- Dartmoor National Park

It is funded through the Department of Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs' Nature for Climate fund.

If you are interested in finding out more please visit [England Community Forests](#) or email PSDCF@plymouth.gov.uk

Fund title: Woodland Trust: free trees

Focus of fund/fund aims:

Free trees for schools and communities

Application deadline:

Packs are sent out in November or March

Fund description:

Schools and communities can apply for free tree packs to plant trees in school grounds and community spaces. The Woodland Trust is giving away hundreds of thousands of trees that can be planted as copses, hedges, shelter-belts or in other creative ways.

There are different packs available, each with species selected for a particular purpose:

- Hedge
- Copse
- Wild harvest
- Year-round colour
- Working wood
- Wild wood
- Wildlife

Applications can be made by schools, colleges, nurseries and outdoor-education centres, as well as all kinds of different groups including residents associations, sports clubs, parish councils, scouts and guides.

If you're applying as a school, your trees should be planted on either the school grounds, land the school has arranged regular access to or in an area that is publically accessible.

If you're applying for a tree pack as a community group, the land needs to be accessible to the public.

Further Information:

<http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees/>

[Community Broadband](https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/community-broadband) <https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/community-broadband>

Find out how you can get faster, more reliable **broadband**.

[Community Broadband – FAQs](https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/community-broadband-FAQs) <https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/community-broadband-FAQs>

Find the answers to some frequently asked questions about **Community Broadband** projects here.

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Privacy notice relating to the **Community Broadband** scheme

Rural Community Broadband Fibre Project A Success

<https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/article/7659/Rural-Community-Broadband-Fibre-Project-A-Success>
Sydenham Damerel team have signed final contract for installation of fibre **broadband** with the backing of West Devon Borough Council.

Annex C - Finance Report and Bank reconciliation to 27 August 2021

Totals to Date								
Receipts								
Total	Precept	Grant	Bank Interest	VAT Refund	Misc	Column2	Column3	
2,103.43	2,066.00	-	-	37.43	-	-	-	
Payments								
Total	Clerk's Salary	Grants and Donations	Admin and training	Office Costs	Insurance	Asset Maintenance	Election Costs	VAT
1,770.95	803.40	300.00	-	186.00	156.12	249.17	-	76.26
Bank Summary Cashbook								
			Current A/C					
Balance at	01/04/21		2,545.49					
Receipts	to date		2,103.43					
Payments	to date		1,770.95					
Balance at	27/08/21		2,877.97					
Bank Reconciliation								
			Current A/C					
Balance per statement 27 Aug 2021			3,470.85					
Outstanding cheques	Chq No	Amount						
	358	299.00						
	359	12.00						
	360	100.66						
	361	20.54						
	SO	160.68						
Total Outstanding cheques			(592.88)					
			2,877.97					
Difference			-					