

Beaworthy Parish Council

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Minutes of a Virtual meeting held at 7.30pm on **Thursday 17th Dec 2020** on Zoom.

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

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

1. **Chairman's welcome.** Cllr Sanders chaired the meeting and welcomed members.

2. **Apologies for absence.** Nil

3. **Public Forum** – No members of the public spoke.

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 Nov 2020 were a true record and will be signed by the Chairman.

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6. **Planning.**

6.1 **2874/20/HHO** – It was proposed by Cllr Rendell and seconded by Cllr Johnstone and unanimously **RESOLVED** to support the application with the following comments: It is a worthwhile modification covering the original footprint and is an environmentally sound replacement.

Clerk

6.2 **3603/20/FUL** – It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to object to the application with the following comments: The scope of the development appears to be overgenerous in its size and larger than might be necessary for a local worker dwelling.

Clerk

7. **Clerk's report** – Noted, Annex A. The clerk had also received correspondence from enforcements, and it was agreed to respond, as necessary.

Clerk

8. **Councillors reports** –

8.1 **Highways update** – Cllr Sanders reported that he had still not yet received a response from highways regarding Madworthy ditch. Clerk to follow up for a response.

Clerk
IS

9. **Finance:**

9.1 RFO presented the Financial report and bank reconciliation to 30 Nov 2020. It was agreed Cllr Johnstone would review the accounts with the clerk at an arranged date.

MJ
Clerk

9.2 **2021/22 Budget** – It was proposed by Cllr Rendell and seconded by Cllr Wonnacott and unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the draft budget. **Annex B**

9.3 **2022/22 Precept** – It was proposed by Cllr Rendell, seconded by Cllr Coleman and unanimously **RESOLVED** to set the precept at £4132

Clerk

Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation 30 Nov 2020

Totals to Date								
Receipts								
Total	Precept	Grant	Bank Interest	VAT Refund	Misc	Column2	Column3	
3,980.02	3,610.00	100.00	-	120.02	150.00	-	-	
Payments								
Total	Clerk's Salary	Grants and Donations	Admin and training	Office Costs	Insurance	Asset Maintenance	Election Costs	VAT
2,173.84	1,285.46	300.00	56.28	281.83	152.62	-	63.22	34.43
Bank Summary Cashbook								
			Current A/C					
Balance at	31/03/20		1,700.03					
Receipts			3,980.02					
Payments			2,173.84					
Balance at			3,506.21					
Bank Reconciliation								
			Current A/C					
Balance per statement 30 Nov 2020			3,706.21					
Outstanding cheques	Chq No	Amount						
	333	150.00						
	345	50.00						
Total Outstanding cheques			(200.00)					
			3,506.21					
Difference			-					

9.4 **Accounts for Payment** – The following payments were unanimously approved:

A Braidwood salary for Dec 2020 by Standing order **£160.68**

Clerk

10. Request for grant funding – A decision was again deferred to January pending submission of remaining paperwork from Beaworthy Parish Hall.

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11. West Devon Borough Councillors report/update – Noted, Annex C

12. Items for the agenda for next meeting – Decision on Cllr attendance.

13. Date of next meeting – 21st January 2021

14. Meeting closed at: 2037 hours

Signed

Dated.....

Annex A – Clerk Report – not requiring a decision

Finance

Tax base has been received and is slightly increased. Draft budget amended to reflect changes.

January 29th is the deadline for precept submission. I have received the email for the submission which is open from 21 December.

Grants

I have not yet received the additional information from the Parish Hall regarding quotes.

Website

I have updated the website with all our current documents. I continue to check the website documents for accessibility. This is an ongoing task but hopefully all the new documents being added are accessible.

Annex B - Beaworthy Parish Council Budget and Precept for FY 21/22

FY21/22		Forecast
Receipts	Other receipts	£ -
	Precept April 2021	£ 2066.00
	No grant available	£ -
	Precept Sept 2021	£ 2066.00
	TOTAL (Precept = total payments less other receipts)	£ 4132.00
Payments	Clerk Salary	£ 1,977.00
	Office Costs	£ 385.00
	Churchyard maintenance donation	£ 300.00
	Administration	£ 300.00
	Insurance	£ 170.00
	Grants	£ 300.00
	Election costs contingency	£ 100.00
	Maintenance/replacement of assets	£ 200.00
	Reserves contingency	£ 400.00
	Total	£ 4132.00

Annex C - WDBC Update

Parish Update December 2020

- There will be a Mobile Testing Unit (MTU) at Mill Road Car Park, Okehampton from Sunday 6 December. The MTU will be open between 9am and 3pm. The new mobile testing unit is available for anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19 and that tests are available by booking through the government website <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

- There are several grants available for projects across the ward, as below. Please follow the link for more info. Some for home improvements but also for open spaces and sports/play equipment.

Rural Funding Digest - December 2020 - Rural Services Network (rsnonline.org.uk)

- Terry and I both supported the Mobile Library service, as detailed in last month's update, with £200. As this is a service across the whole of the ward we felt it was a worthy project to back. This is also a reminder for any groups within the ward that require a small amount for their project to apply.
- Just two consultations which are relevant this month, as below.
- Future of Transport: rural strategy: call for evidence – Department for Transport

This call for evidence seeks views and evidence from all those with an interest in rural transport.

Following the government's Future of mobility: urban strategy, which was published in March 2019, the Department for Transport are now seeking views and evidence on what could be incorporated into a Future of Transport: rural strategy.

The consultation document has 3 sections:

- the context of the Future of Transport: rural strategy
- the government's assessment of the mobility trends in rural areas, and the emerging opportunities for rural environments that are being witnessed in transport innovation – this section seeks views on whether government have identified these correctly and further evidence for these trends
- consideration of the approach that the government could take to help shape these opportunities to benefit rural areas

This consultation is part of the Future of Transport programme, which aims "to shape transport innovation and secure the UK's position as a leader in the transport sector of the future."

This consultation closes on 16 February 2021.

Future of Transport: rural strategy – call for evidence - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

New model for Shared Ownership: technical consultation – Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

The government is introducing a new model for Shared Ownership. This model will:

1. Reduce the minimum initial share from 25% to 10%
2. Introduce a new gradual staircasing offer, to allow people to buy additional shares in their home in 1% instalments with heavily reduced fees
3. Introduce a 10-year period during which the shared owner will receive support from their landlord to pay for essential repairs
4. Give Shared Ownership leaseholders (shared owners) more control when they come to sell their home

This consultation seeks to capture views on how to best implement the new model for Shared Ownership to ensure it can be smoothly adopted by providers and lenders, and effectively supports aspiring homeowners.

This consultation closes on 17 December 2020.

New model for Shared Ownership: technical consultation - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

- Several scams are being highlighted lately. Some are long running ones, Amazon for example. A newer one is a text from a bank asking for confirmation of a payment. Also some residents have reported nuisance phone calls or consistent cold calls.

- Residents have the chance to shape the county's roadmap to net-zero by taking part in the Interim Devon Carbon Plan Consultation. The consultation, which opens on Monday December 7 and runs for 10 weeks, gives the public an opportunity to influence Devon's collective response to the global climate emergency and create a healthier, fairer and stronger Devon.

Home – Devon Climate Emergency

- We are pleased to see the appointment of 5 temporary posts of Covid Compliance Officers across the two councils. They are available to support businesses and individuals with issues as needed. If you have a question regarding compliance with COVID-19 restrictions or need to pass on a complaint regarding a business in your area, please email environmental.health@swdevon.gov.uk

- Devon County Council has arrangements in place to provide supermarket vouchers to nearly 15,000 children across Devon who currently receive free school meals, to help their families buy groceries over the Christmas holidays.

Each child eligible for free school meals will receive a £30 supermarket voucher (£15 per week for the 2-week school Christmas holiday) that can be used at Sainsburys, Tesco, Morrisons, Asda, M&S Food or Waitrose. [Financial support for individuals and families in Devon](#)

- Every autumn John Hart, leader of DCC, organises a tour of Devon to meet community leaders and report on how the year has gone and preview what's to come in the county budget for the following year.

This year has been one of exceptional challenges and John will explain how this is affecting the budget-setting process for 2021/22 while at the same time gathering feedback from you on what your community's main issues and concerns are.

If you would like to join the Zoom meeting on December 14 2020 at 5:30 p.m. please register your place in advance by following this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYuf-urrj0uH9JUSJO_iKucpTmZMgzfdvFU

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.