

Beaworthy Parish Council

MIN0062021

Minutes of the **meeting of the Beaworthy Parish Council** held at 1930 hours on **Thursday 22nd July 2021** in Beaworthy Parish Hall.

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

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

1. **Chairman's welcome.**
 2. **Apologies for absence.** Received from Cllr Wonnacott, Cllr Higgins and Cllr Johnstone. Approved.
 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 **24th June 2021** were a true record and were signed by the Chairman.
 6. **Clerk's report** – Noted, Annex A.
 7. **Planning – 1422/21/FUL** - Construction of Agricultural barn to replace collapsed pole barn, Higher Town Farm, Beaworthy, EX21 5AB. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to support the application with the following comments. 'The Parish Council see this as a positive upgrade to the building stock of the farm and is almost the same footprint.'
 8. **Councillor reports** –
 - 8.1 Highways update – Cllr Sanders reported the bank at Madworthy ditch was not what was expected, and it is likely that any cattle being moved would destroy the new bank and the road is also now narrower than prior to the work. Cllr Sanders had not received a response from the Neighbourhood Highways Officer. Clerk was to contact DCC and arrange a site meeting to discuss improvements.
 - 8.2 Crime commissioners Report – Cllr Coleman – NTR
 - 8.3 Parish Hall Report – Cllr Rendell reported the hall had raised the subject of a joint emergency plan. It was agreed the clerk would contact Devon Communities Together
 - 8.4 Northern Links – Cllr Sanders - NTR
 9. **West Devon Borough Councillors update** – Received and noted. Annex B
 10. **Finance:**
 - 10.1 RFO presented the Finance report and bank reconciliation to 30th June 21. Annex C.
 - 10.2 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the following payment:
 - Beaworthy Parish Hall (24 June 21, & 22 July 21) **£24.00**
 - Microsoft Office package for laptop, to maximum of **£79.99**. It was agreed the clerk would write a proposal of costs for a new laptop and/or Microsoft Office package, for review at the next meeting.
- The public were excluded at **2014 hours**. The Council **RESOLVED** to agree to continue the meeting in **confidential session**, Cllr Southcott was invited to stay for the discussion.
11. **Enforcement** - updates were received – Clerk to update spreadsheet and distribute to Councillors.

The confidential session closed at **2050 hours**.
 12. **Items for the agenda for next meeting** – Nil
 13. **Date of next meeting** – 19th Aug 2021
 14. **Meeting closed at:** 2100 hours.

Annex A - Clerk Report for 22 July 2021

Finance

PKF Littlejohn, the external auditors have acknowledged receipt of our exemption.

Highways

- I received a response from the Highways Liaison Officer at DCC who reported the work, as they see it, at Madworthy ditch is complete.

Resolutions

All resolutions from 24th June meeting have been actioned as necessary and nothing outstanding.

Planning

No submissions outstanding

WDBC Planning decisions: - There have been no decisions since our last meeting on any planning applications.

Annex B - WDBC Parish Update July 2021

Draft Annual Report 2020/21 as part of the agenda for the meeting of Hub on 13 July. You can view the meeting on the WDBC YouTube feed.

This year's report has a heavy focus on our response to COVID-19, as well as highlighting some of the key activities delivered throughout the year.

The Government has extended the £500 test and trace payment for people experiencing hardship until the end of September 2021. All the information and the claim form are on our website, just pop Test and Trace into the search bar and it's all there – or alternatively follow this link: <https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/test-and-trace-payments>

As part of our Climate and Biodiversity Action Plan, we are soon going to be launching a survey in collaboration with CoCars and CoBike to understand if people in West Devon would be interested in a local shared electric car club or e-bike scheme.

A car club run by CoCars could provide electric cars bookable from as little as half an hour from locations around the district. Electric bikes through CoBikes could also be available to hire from similar locations. Together, the cars and bikes could help tackle our congestion, parking and pollution problems, whilst providing affordable access to zero emission vehicles for all. Co Cars will share the results of this survey with West Devon Borough Council to assist us in future work around travel and connectivity by providing important evidence.

We are aiming to promote the survey over the next four weeks. We will email Town and Parish Councils with links to the survey when they go live as well.

Electric Vehicle Home Charging Scheme: customer guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/customer-guidance-electric-vehicle-homecharge-scheme>

West Devon Climate Change and Biodiversity Newsletter

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSWDEVON/bulletins/2e54998>

No Fouls on the Football Pitch - Thumbs Up To Everyone Who Does Their Doggy Doo-Ty

<https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/article/8055/No-Fouls-on-the-Football-Pitch-Thumbs-Up-To-Everyone-Who-Does-Their-Doggy-Doo-Ty>

Be Part of The Plan For West Devon How to have your say

You can take a sneak peak at how the draft strategy is shaping-up so far at www.engagement.westdevon.gov.uk/planforwestdevon This is a draft document and some changes will be made as a result of comments received during the Hub Committee meeting, before it is put forward for a full public consultation.

From 21 July 2021, you will be able to fill in our quick and easy survey at www.engagement.westdevon.gov.uk/planforwestdevon If you can't wait for the consultation to start and you would like to get involved in shaping the context for the final plan - you can help us right now.

We want to know how you see West Devon as a place to live, work and play. Help us to paint a picture of the West Devon you know. Enter our photo competition, show us the West Devon you see:

www.engagement.westdevon.gov.uk/photographycompetition

Tell us what you think about West Devon as a place to live, work and visit:

www.engagement.westdevon.gov.uk/aplanforwestdevonsurvey

RURAL HOUSING WEEK 2021 - <https://rsnonline.org.uk/rural-housing-week-2021>

Latest Devon Funding News Updates published by the Devon Economy, Enterprise and Skills Service.

[Natural Capital Challenge Fund](#) -Devon County Council is launching a new fund to support projects that use Natural Capital as a tool to create employment and skills [Continue reading →](#) The post [Natural Capital Challenge Fund](#) appeared first on [Devon Funding News](#).

Annex C - Finance Report and Bank reconciliation to 30 Jun 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 |
| 1,005.39 | 482.04 | 300.00 | - | 61.00 | 156.12 | - | - | 6.23 |
| Bank Summary Cashbook | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Current A/C | | | | | |
| Balance at | 01/04/21 | | 2,545.49 | | | | | |
| Receipts | 01/04/21 | | 2,103.43 | | | | | |
| Payments | 02/04/21 | | 1,005.39 | | | | | |
| Balance at | 03/04/21 | | 3,643.53 | | | | | |
| Bank Reconciliation | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Current A/C | | | | | |
| Balance per statement 30 June 2021 | | | 4,166.88 | | | | | |
| Outstanding cheques | Chq No | Amount | | | | | | |
| | 324 | 55.23 | | | | | | |
| | 325 | 156.12 | | | | | | |
| | 353 | 150.00 | | | | | | |
| | 354 | 150.00 | | | | | | |
| | 355 | 12.00 | | | | | | |
| Total Outstanding cheques | | | (523.35) | | | | | |
| | | | 3,643.53 | | | | | |
| Difference | | | - | | | | | |