

Beaworthy Parish Council

MIN0102021

Minutes of the **meeting of the Beaworthy Parish Council** held at 1930 hours on **Thursday 25th November 2021** in Beaworthy Parish Hall.

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

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

1. **Chairman's welcome.**
2. **Apologies for absence.** Received from Cllr Sanders.
3. **Public Forum** – Two members of the public attended and spoke for 10 minutes on Item 7.
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 **21st October** were a true record and were signed by the Chairman.
6. **Clerk's report** – Noted, Annex A.
7. **Planning – 3441/21/OPA** - Outline application with all matters reserved for development 17 holiday chalets and 1 reception building with associated car parking and amenities at Astra Salvage Yard – Patchacott EX21 5AW. It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application with the following comments:

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General views on compliance with relevant planning policies:

- The traffic use suggested is contradictory and there are inaccuracies in the description of the access road, which is narrow. The application would involve additional traffic using lanes which are inadequate in terms of width and alignment to accommodate further traffic.
- The application site is also remotely situated and not served by public transport and therefore the proposal
- The proposal constitutes undesirable sporadic development in the countryside

The adverse impacts of the development on the local community:

- This development will increase the population of the community by approximately 3 times with no benefit to the community.
- The effect on the surrounding environment from drainage from the site will exacerbate the current problems. For example, the road has been closed recently for 3 weeks due to undermining caused by flooding. There are also concerns about current ground contamination at the site.
- In addition to the noise from the traffic and from the site itself, there are concerns regarding livestock surrounding the site and the possible safety issues with dogs on site and poor fencing.

Problems with site access and parking:

- The amount of traffic that will be created at this site from an additional 78 people at full capacity, including the delivery vans that are suggested for groceries, will put excessive pressure on the inadequate, single track, rural road network in the community.
- Previous proposed development here was turned down due to the inadequate local access: 2479/2001/OKE - Erection of 10 dwellings (outline application) including highway junction improvements. at Astra Salvage Yard, Patchacott, Beaworthy, Okehampton Devon EX21 5AW
- The local services and infrastructure are not equipped to cater for such a large, dense, overdevelopment. There are no local amenities such as shop, post office or pub. The area is rural residential with no immediate tourist destinations, 12 miles to Dartmoor, 18 to Bude, 35 to Bodmin, 14 to Launceston, etc all out with cycle destinations Although central to many attractions this would require suitable and sufficient transport infrastructure, there are no trains, buses or integrated cycle routes.

Overall, the location of the site will be detrimental to the local community, the environment and is not sustainable.

8. Policy review – It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the draft Staff Appraisal scheme and Cllr Sanders was nominated to the position of line manager.

9. Councillor reports – Nothing to report.

10. West Devon Borough Councillors update – Received and noted.

11. Finance:

11.1 RFO presented the Finance report and bank reconciliation to 29th October 21. **Annex B.**

11.2 **Budget** - The RFO presented the draft budget it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the budget for 2022/23 at £4261.00. **Annex C**

11.3 **Precept** – It was agreed to defer the setting of the precept until the next meeting and the tax base has been received.

11.4 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the following payment:

- Beaworthy Parish Hall – 2 hours use for emergency plan meeting £24.00
- BHF Christmas cards - to promote services of PC£16.42 plus 3.95 VAT (LGA 1972 s142)

12. Business continuity – Dec to March – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the draft plan.

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree to continue the meeting in **confidential session at 2042 hours**. Cllr Southcott and Cllr Mott were invited to stay for the discussion.

13. Enforcement - updates were received.

The confidential session closed at **2052 hours**

14. Items for the agenda for next meeting –Precept, Emergency Plan.

15. Date of next meeting – 6th January 2022

16. Meeting closed at: 2100 hours.

Annex A - Clerk Report for 25 Nov 2021

Finance

- I have emailed again to Nat West regarding our complaint back in 2020. Awaiting a response.
- The draft budget and precept for 2022

Grants

Please let me know if you have any suggested recipients. Looking at other uses for the grant – we can nominate a cause and donate to it if you know of a local one.

Website

Please check regularly and contact me for anything to be added, amended or deleted.

Highways

- Cllr Sanders is collating issues and arranging a site meeting
- **Planning**
 - One planning application has been received since our last meeting and is on the agenda.
 - We are still waiting for the final Memorandum of understanding which will agreed to sign up to.

Resolutions

All resolutions from October meeting have been actioned.

Outstanding issues are:

- I am looking at the Emergency plan and it would be good to get a plan of action for the way forward
- Highways meeting to be confirmed

Christmas Cards – I have purchased the cards and will start the leaflet to go inside but please let me have your ideas/contributions.

Annex B - Finance Report and Bank reconciliation to 29 Oct 2021

Totals to Date								
Receipts								
Total	Precept	Grant	Bank Interest	VAT Refund	Misc	Column 2	Column 3	
4,169.43	4,132.00	-	-	37.43	-	-	-	
Payments								
Total	Clerk's Salary	Grants and Donations	Admin and training	Office Costs	Insurance	Asset Maint	Election Costs	VAT
2,243.68	1,124.76	300.00	20.37	317.00	156.12	249.17	-	76.26
Bank Summary Cashbook								
			Current Acc					
Balance at	01/04/21		2,545.49					
Receipts	to date		4,169.43					
Payments	to date		2,243.68					
Balance at	29/10/21		4,471.24					
Bank Reconciliation								
Balance per statement 29 Oct 21			Current A/C					
			4,760.29					
Outstanding cheques	Chq No	Amount						
	362	72.00						
	359	12.00						
	363	20.37						
	SO	160.68						
	364	24.00						
Total Outstanding cheques								
			(289.05)					
			4,471.24					
Difference								
			-					

Annex C – Budget 2023

BUDGET		FY Apr22 to Apr 23	
CATEGORY	SUBCATEGORY	BUDGET	TOTALS
Clerk salary			2,026.00
Donations			300.00
	Madworthy	150.00	
	St Albans	150.00	
Admin and training			250.00
	Admin expenses/mileage	50	
	Training	200	
Input Vat to be recovered			
Office costs			515.00
	Printer toner/stationery	50	
	Go daddy domain renewal	20	
	Go Daddy website renewal	85	
	Village Hall Hire	250	
	Subscriptions DALC	70	
	Subscriptions ICO	40	
Insurance			170.00
Grants			300.00
Reserves			
Election Costs			100.00
General reserves			400.00
Asset Maintenance			200.00
	2 noticeboards	50	
	laptop and printer	150	

4,261.00