

Beaworthy Parish Council MIN0012020

Minutes of the

Meeting of the Beaworthy Parish Council

Held on Thursday 16th January 2020 at 7.30pm at Beaworthy House, Beaworthy.

1. **Apologies.** Cllr Rendell (Chair), Cllr V J Holloway, Cllr Balsdon, Cllr Wonnacott.
2. **Present** - Cllr Sanders (Vice Chair), Cllr Coleman (RFO), , Cllr Johnstone, , , A Braidwood (Clerk).
3. **Chairman's welcome.** Cllr Sanders was nominated as Chair for the meeting
4. **Public Forum** (items for next meeting) one member of the public was present, Cllr Southcott (WDBC).
5. **Declarations** of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr Sanders - PCC
6. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on **4th December 2019** were approved as a true record and signed by the chair.
7. **Councillor Reports.** – 27th January meeting has been arranged with Devon County Council for Doing what Matters Project. Working group is made up of Cllr Sanders, Cllr Johnstone and Cllr Holloway who will report to next full council meeting.
8. **Planning** – no new planning applications or updates to report.
9. **Clerks report** – including correspondence and any other item which has been brought up to the attention of the clerk, which is not on the agenda
10. **Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2020/21** – To agree a response to Q3 – Do you agree with the proposed package of council tax referendum principles for 2020/21?
It was **RESOLVED** to respond and proposed by Cllr Sanders, seconded by Cllr Coleman, 3 voted for and 1 against. Agreed with the proposed package.

Cllr Rendell joined the meeting at 1957 hours

11. **Police and crime commissioner's councillor advocate scheme.** To nominate a councillor. It was **RESOLVED** to delay a decision until the next meeting as WDBC member may attend and report to the Parish Council.

12. Policies

The following policies were referred for approval and adoption:

- a. Expenses Policy
- b. Grievance Policy
- c. Disciplinary Policy

It was **moved** by Cllr Coleman seconded by Cllr Johnstone and unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt with immediate effect.

13. FINANCES

- a. The council considered the draft budget and proposed precept.
- b. Clerk salary was revised in line with NJC guidelines and **RESOLVED** to implement at SCP 1 with immediate effect and to back date to July 15th 2019. Proposed by Cllr Rendell, seconded Cllr Coleman,
- c. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the budget, Proposed by Cllr Sanders, seconded by Cllr Rendell.
- d. It was **RESOLVED** to set the precept at £3610 as per the budget. Proposed by Cllr Coleman, seconded by Cllr Sanders. 3 votes for and 1 against.

14. **Doing What Matters Project** - discussed previously item 7.

15. To agree actions and any associated expenditure

- a. It was agreed to amend the payment amount for the training cost for the budgets and precept course, from £42 to £48 after receipt of DALC invoice. Unanimously agreed.
- b. It was agreed to pay £104 to clerk for backdated salary as agreed at item 13a.
- c. Clerk to keep a timesheet of hours and work and submit to council monthly.

16. West Devon borough Councillors report/update -

- a. Feedback was requested on the new white recycling sacks, responded that they blow away.
- b. New communications system is being looked at for WDBC and should reduce costs.
- c. Climate change and biodiversity – Any scope for hydroelectricity scheme in the parish or other suggestions was required
- d. Footpaths partnership – information leaflet available.

17. Part 2 – Enforcements were discussed. WDBC will discuss issues with planning department.

18. **Items for the agenda for next meeting** – Report from highways working group.

19. **Date of next meeting** - 20 Feb 2020

20. **Meeting closed at 2120 hours.**