

# Beoley Parish Council

Clerk to the Council: Ian Shenton, Hill Cottage, 2 School Hill Cottages, Stratford Rd, Wootton Wawen , Warks. B95 6BB

## Minutes of Meeting of Beoley Parish Council held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom conference software.

**Attendees:** Cllr. Bland (Chairman), Cllr. Joynes (Vice Chair), Cllr. Barry, Cllr. Cook, Cllr. Morgan, James Urry, Stephen Lewis (Parish Lengthsman), County Cllr. Hotham, District Cllr English, I. Shenton (Parish Clerk).

Members of the public attending: 3

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr. Merrill
- 2. Declaration of Personal/Prejudicial Interests:** None
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (10<sup>th</sup> March 2020) were approved unanimously & will be signed by the Chairman at the first available opportunity. \***
- 4. It was noted that regrettably Mr P Bridgewater has resigned from the Parish Council.**
  - a) Councillors offered their thanks and appreciation for the contribution that Cllr Bridgewater had made to the Parish Council and in particular in representing the views of the residents in Portway and Hillcrest.
  - b) Notices of a casual vacancy have been posted on the main noticeboard and also on the board at Portway.
- 5. Report by County Cllr. Hotham:** Points highlighted were:
  - a) The pandemic is a major concern for everyone
  - b) PPE – No shortages, Beds – 40% spare capacity
  - c) Fire service have been involved in distribution of food parcels to the extremely vulnerable.
  - d) Concern over Govt. support on costs.
- 6. Report by District Cllr. English:** Highlighted were:
  - a) HWRC's reopened on 04/05/20 7 of the 11 sites are open
  - b) Looking at the Govt. funding announced recently on pop up cycle lanes and pedestrianisation to assist in social distancing.
  - c) Community groups reporting that demand for shopping and prescription collection has fallen.
  - d) Emotional wellbeing groups being set up (led by District Cllr. English)
- 7. Items b/f from previous minutes)**
  - a) West Mercia Police Commissioner – date to be agreed for a Q & A session c/f\*
  - b) NDP – Date to be agreed for presentation by Chairman of a PC that has gone through the process c/f\*
  - c) Memorial tree for Cllr. Jean Luck – Agreed that this should be at the school. A small ceremony will take place. Costs to be obtained for a memorial plaque to sit alongside the tree.\*
  - d) James Urry (Highways Lead) update on “No Fly-tipping” signs from Bromsgrove DC - no progress to report.
- 8. Recruitment of new Parish Clerk :**
  - a) On hold c/f \*
- 9. Village Magazine**
  - a) This will not be printed during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 10. Planning – Applications**
  - a) Planning will be led by Cllr. Barry going forward.
  - b) No other planning matters this month over and above what was included in former Cllr. P.Bridgewater report attached to the agenda..
- 11. Portway & Hillcrest –**
  - a) Report accepted (see agenda for report).
  - b) Mobile Post Office for Portway residents - c/f.\*

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- c) Cllr. Morgan will lead on issues from Portway and Hillcrest until a successor to Cllr Bridgewater is identified

## 12. Report of Parish Lengthsman (PL).

- a) The PL report was accepted at the meeting.
- b) J.Urry said that the PL now has PPE (confirmed by PL at meeting)
- c) No litter picking at moment
- d) Request to be allowed to purchase varnish for benches – max £50 agreed by all present.
- e) Storage of equipment – a container has been offered – cost of £1300- £1500 – will be added as an agenda item for next meeting.
- f) Parish Clerk highlighted the thanks of a resident in Seafield Lane to the help and advice given by the PL regarding the cutting back of vegetation.
- g) J. Urry noted that fibre broadband is being installed in Billesley Lane/Seafield Lane

## 13. Report of Path Warden – Complaint about footpath by Attwells Farm – Cllr. Barry to send Parish Clerk details.

## 14. Finance.

- a) Payments were approved by all members.
- b) Bank balances were considered & approved by all Members.
- c) Schedule comparing actual v budget for the 12 months to 31/03/2019 accepted & approved by all members.
- d) Insurance renewal increase less than £5 and was accepted and renewal approved by all members

## 15. Correspondence – all relevant correspondence has already been sent to each member.

## 16. Questions to the Chairman:

- a) Chairman highlighted that an Annual meeting is not required this year but both he and the Vice Chairman have asked for anyone to come forward who would like to be considered for either role.

## 17. Meeting ends at 9pm

## 18. Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.30pm and will be held using Zoom conferencing software.

## Note

- Indicates that this item is being carried forward to a time when the current pandemic crisis allows.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman)

Dated \_\_\_\_\_