

# 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 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.00pm in Beoley Village Hall

**Attendees:** Cllr. Bland (Chairman), Cllr. Joynes (Vice Chair), Cllr. Barry, Cllr. Merrell, Cllr. Cook, Cllr. Morgan, Cllr. Bridgewater, District Cllr. English, James Urry (co-opted to Planning Committee), I. Shenton (Parish Clerk).

Members of the public attending: 3

1. **Apologies:** County Cllr. Charles Hotham, Stephen Lewis (Parish Lengthsman), PCC John Campion
2. **Declaration of Personal/Prejudicial Interests:** The Chair declared an interest in Planning application 20/00003 to be discussed at item 11.
3. **Residents expressed their disappointment at the news that the PCC was unable to attend tonight's meeting.**
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (14<sup>th</sup> January 2020) were approved unanimously & were duly signed by the Chairman after two amendments were made (minutes altered by hand and initialled)**
5. **Report by County Cllr. Hotham:** No report
6. **Report by District Cllr. English:**
  - a) Chair to send note and map of land that appears to have no owner.
  - b) Shortfall of 17 pitches for Gypsy & Traveller sites within the district and the concern amongst members of the PC is that this may have implications for the unofficial site at Billesley Lane.
7. **Call for sites by District Council (DC):**
  - a) Looking for sites near settled & sustainable locations.
  - b) The sites have been published but the DC have yet to draw up a methodology to evaluate the sites and to put them forward for a public consultation.
8. **Recruitment of new Parish Clerk :**
  - a) Current clerk has tendered his resignation but indicated that he will stay until a new clerk is recruited.
  - b) Advert placed on Indeed – 18 applications received to date
  - c) Chair thanked Cllr. Barry for taking the lead on the recruitment of a new clerk.
9. **NDP – Parish Clerk to set up a meeting with the Chairman of a Parish that has been through the process for the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**
10. **Village Magazine**
  - a) May, August, November and February 2021 editions. Parish Clerk to obtain copy dates and advise Cllr. Bridgewater.
11. **Planning – Applications – See Appendix A**
  - a) The Chair indicated an interest in Planning application 20/00003 Vacant land on East side of Chapel Lane, Beoley and took no part in the discussions of this application.
  - b) A request was made for the PC to investigate the planning conditions attached to the Horse & Jockey public House and report back to the next meeting.
12. **Portway & Hillcrest –**
  - a) Report accepted (see agenda for report).
  - b) Mobile Post Office – PC advised that a letter had been sent but no reply and will follow up.
  - c) It was agreed by a majority that two PC meetings per year should be held at Hillcrest with the first meeting being 14/04/20. Cllr. Merrell abstained. No objections.
  - d) Community Speedwatch :- There appeared to be an issue with West Mercia being unable to progress this – PC promised to get in touch with the Worcestershire team and report back.
  - e) Alcester Rd – Speed limit is likely to be set at 40 mph but confirmation required from County Cllr. Hotham on this and why not 30mph. PC to contact County Cllr. Hotham.
13. **Report of Parish Lengthsman (PL) – not present apologies received.**
  - a) The PL report was accepted at the meeting.

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- b) Chair advised that having checked with Worcs. CALC most PL are self-employed.
- c) It was agreed unanimously that the PL should remain self-employed but also that the PC should write to the PL to advise that he must not use a chainsaw in his capacity as PL. (This issue was the cause of the question over whether the PL should be employed of self-employed.

**14. Finance.**

- a) Payments and bank balances were considered & approved by all Members.

**15. A motion to exclude public and press for the remainder of the meeting was proposed and agreed unanimously under The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as amended) to discuss an exempt matter.**

**16. All members of the public and press left leaving only Parish Councillors and District Cllr. English.**

**17. Chair opened this part of the session by recording his thanks to Cllr. Joynes (Vice Chair) for all his work on the matter.**

**18. No further minutes are required at this point**

**19. Next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.30pm**

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

**Dated \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLANNING REVIEW – BEOLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 2020**

<b>Update Date</b>	<b>Planning Ref.</b>	<b>Address and Planning Details</b>	<b>BDC Status</b>	<b>Bromsgrove DC Comments</b>	<b>BPC View</b>	<b>Beoley PC Comments</b>
Feb 2020	20/00099	<b>2 Popular Cottages, Icknield Street, Beoley</b> Two storey side extension.	Pending		Neutral	The Parish Council remains neutral on this application, with no objections provided all planning requirements are satisfied.
Feb 2020	19/01584	<b>The Cross And Bowling Green, Alcester Road, Beoley</b> Demolition of existing public house and re-build as a public house with 35 rooms for bed and breakfast accommodation, ancillary manager's accommodation including car parking.	Pending		Support	Support on the basis that it will revitalise the area around Branson's Cross, add to the local infrastructure and provide additional jobs for residents.
Feb 2020	TP20/003	<b>Vacant Land On East Side Of Chapel Lane Beoley</b> 1 Mature oak tree need to be removed in the interest of safety. 2 Mature ash tree in decayed condition - need to be removed in the interest of safety.	Pending			There have been no consultations requested for this application.
Feb 2020	19/01631 19/01632	<b>Rose Barn, Dagnell End Road</b> Renovation of external boundary walls, replace existing gates and install sky light on rear elevation	Pending (Full Application and Listed Building Consent)		Support	The renovations are both sympathetic and appropriate for the property.
Feb 2020	19/01548	<b>Sleepy Oaks, Brockhill Lane, Beoley</b> (Certificate of Lawful) Use of land for the siting of a residential caravan	Refused			No Consultation Requested
Feb 2020	19/01544	<b>Seafield Farm, Seafield Lane, Portway</b> Change of use of land and farm buildings to a farm based Rural Educational and Visitor	Pending	A decision has been made to allow the informal pedestrian footpath on	Object	1. Concerns around safe and sustainable access to the application site by visitors along Seafield Lane.

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		Centre with associated facilities.		Seafield Lane to remain.		2. Concerns around the use of the adjacent field as an overspill car park.
Feb 2020	19/01514	Utilitywise, Ravensbank Business Park, Hedera Road Erection of 10,000sqft warehouse, office, service year and parking.	Granted	BDC noted that the Parish Council suggested that a restriction on operating hours should be imposed. The applicant would not seek that restrictions on operating hours be imposed. BDC state that given the employment designation of the site they do not consider that it would be reasonable to restrict hours.	Object	There are similar warehouse lying empty. Objections surround the environmental and pollution grounds caused by further development. The effect on nature and the light, noise and vehicle pollution, We suggest a condition relating to working hours. Planners to stipulate <b>stringent conditions</b> to be applied to any approval, particularly to prevent our local environment being further contaminated by enhanced light, noise and vehicle fume pollution.