

**BEVERSTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Beverston Village Hall on**  
**Tuesday 9th April 2018**

**Present:** Mr D Morris (in the Chair), Mr D McMeekin, Mr O Preston, Mr J Crownshaw and Miss F Gunn (Clerk).

**1 Apologies:** Councillor Lowsley-Williams

**2 Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were approved with amendments to item 6 on church matters and the minutes of the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were approved without amendment.

**3 Matters arising:**

With regards to the kind offer by Heron Bellhouse to donate a brass plaque with the names of the fallen on it to put at the war memorial, it was noted that nobody had spoken to him to take the matter further.

**4 Road matters:** The Clerk agreed to chase up Richard Gray about the need to repair the very bad potholes between Beverston and Tetbury. Apparently a car was written off after going into a pothole.

It was noted that the Police have undertaken a speed test through the village.

The meeting discussed the setting up of a new roads sub-committee of people living in the village who have taken an interest in the road. It may be that one of the sub-committee members should be co-opted onto the Parish Council so that they can report back. Names suggested were Caroline Beardwell, Zara Kirk, Sarah Spain and Simon Carbery. The Clerk agreed to contact them.

Councillor McMeekin said that he would speak to County Councillor Stephen Hirst about obtaining funding for vaz signs.

**5 Planning:** There were no new applications, of concern, to consider.

**6 To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2017/18.** It was agreed that the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18 would be considered at the AGM.

**7 Financial**

- a** The unaudited Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 were proposed by Cllr McMeekin, seconded by Cllr Crownshaw and approved by the Council
- b** The appointment of Internal Auditor, Mr Ian Selkirk, was proposed by Cllr Preston, seconded by Cllr McMeekin and approved by the Council
- c** It was noted that there are new External Auditors for this Financial Year- PKF Littlejohn.
- d** Continuation of the insurance policy was approved
- e** Continuance of GAPTIC membership was approved

**8 Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018:** It was agreed that Dermot would bring rose wine and coke, Oliver red wine and apple juice, David and John would provide nibbles and Caroline the glasses.

**9 Precept level.** The Councillors discussed the level of the precept and the reserve that is being built up. It was noted that by the end of this financial year the reserve will be in the region of £15k. Councillor Morris said that District Councillor Jim Parsons had said to him

that he thought the “norm” was to have a reserve which is double the precept. Councillor McMeekin said he would like the village to buy new vax signs. The subject would be discussed in more detail when the Committee meets to decide on the level of next year’s precept at the December meeting.

**10 GL8 8TT deliveries** It was noted that there is still a problem with delivery lorries and vans, especially larger lorries, starting their search for GL8 8TT properties at Park Farm, the Prestons’ home, which is where satnavs send the drivers. It was noted that Beverston residents have been asked to put delivery instructions when they order on line, but other than that it was agreed that this is not an easy problem to solve.

## **11 Any other business**

**The death of Jane Rook and Elspeth Preston.** The Committee wanted to minute their condolences on the recent death of these two much loved members of the Beverston community. Both had lived in the village for a very long time and contributed hugely to Beverston village life - they will be missed.

**Brian Blackah village information.** It was felt that it would be a nice idea if somebody met with Brian to extract village information from him. Maybe an archivist or a local historian.