

BEVERSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Beverston Village Hall on
24th September 2018

Present: Miss C Lowsley-Williams (in the Chair), Mr D Morris, Mr D McMeekin, Mr J Crownshaw and Miss F Gunn (Clerk).

1. Apologies: Mr O Preston

2. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2018 we approved and signed by the Chairman

3. Matters arising:

Road matters: The formation of a new roads sub-committee was discussed. The Clerk said that she had contacted Sarah Spain, Simon Carbery and Caroline Beardwell. She hadn't heard back from Caroline but Sarah would be happy to serve on a sub-committee and Simon would help from behind the scenes. It was agreed that some fresh enthusiasm and ideas is needed to take this matter forward and to keep up our profile with the Highways Department. Caroline agreed to speak to John Baldwin. Regarding finance for moving the vaz signs Dermot confirmed that the village is no longer eligible and is thus not on the waiting list for funding.

Babdown: It was noted that Lorforde's, who are operating from the Cotswold Pine site, are now advertising themselves as the largest antique centre in Europe. It was noted that Valley Trading and Woodlodge had both helped the village with financial donations. David said he would contact them about tidying up the signs at Babdown.

4. Planning: There were no planning applications to consider.

5. Financial: The Clerk said that the balance in the bank account currently stands at £14,865.20.

6. Church: Councillor McMeekin said that £100k had been raised for the church and another £25k is needed. He said that there is one last fundraising drive and that there would be drinks to say "thank you" the evening before the Hymnathon.

7. Adverse weather: It was decided not to order more salt for the forthcoming winter.

8. War memorial: It was agreed that, in Councillor Preston's absence, the future of the war memorial prune back would be discussed at the next meeting. Fiona said that James Morris would tidy it up before Remembrance Sunday and what should happen to the stones in front of the memorial would be discussed at the next meeting.

9. Any other business:

The allotments. It was noted that the allotments that Chubby Davies used to tend are now rather overgrown and are an eyesore. Fiona explained that three people own the allotments (Beverston Castle, the Randalls and herself) and all parties have been liaising to decide what should happen to them. No decisions have been made.

The Village Hall: Councillor McMeekin said that he is engaging with the Rook Trustees re the future of the Village Hall. He has stressed to them how important the village hall is to the village. The contents of Mrs Rook's Will has not yet been disclosed. The meeting was

reminded that Mrs Rook bought the Village Hall herself, so it is outside the Trust. It was hoped that it would be known by the December meeting what will happen to the Hall.

10. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th December at 5pm in the Village Hall

11. Dates of future meetings in 2019: Tuesday 9th April, Tuesday 14th May – AGM and Village meeting, Tuesday 24th September and Tuesday 3rd December. All meetings would be held at 5pm except for 14th May when the AGM would begin at 5.45pm, drinks at 6.30pm and Village meeting 7pm.