

BEVERSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Beverston Village Hall on
4th December 2018

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

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman

3. Matters arising:

Babdown: Cllr Morris said that he had not contacted the businesses at Babdown about tidying their signs, but he will do so.

4. Traffic and Road Matters. The meeting discussed the setting up of another traffic and roads sub-committee. Councillor McMeekin said it is very important to find someone who can lead it. Councillor Lowsley-Williams said that she would speak to John Baldwin. Councillor McMeekin said that the Parish Council could make a case regarding funding for the VAZ signs. It was agreed that this issue would be raised “proactively” at the Annual Meeting. Councillor Crownshaw said it is very important that a new sub-committee should have fresh ideas and energy.

5. Planning: Councillors discussed the planning application at No 12, St Anthony’s Cottage. The Parish Council have already submitted an objection letter to the proposed plan to build a new property.

6. Precept: The Parish Council discussed and voted on the level of the parish precept for 2019/20. Councillors voted by a majority of 3/2 to increase the precept from £5,000 to £5,500

7. War memorial: It was noted that neither the Montague-Jones’ or the Prestons’ want the war memorial foliage to be cut back hard because it gives them some protection from the road. There was a discussion about whether the war memorial should be moved to the churchyard and it was thought that it might be possible to get some funding towards moving it. It was agreed to raise this issue at the Annual Meeting. Cllr McMeekin said he would raise the matter with the PCC. The Parish Council wanted to register their thanks to Heron Bellhouse for the plaque he organised at the War Memorial which lists those villagers who died in the World Wars.

8. The church. Councillor McMeekin informed the meeting that the final £25k has been raised towards the work at the church and the last job to be done is to put solar panels on the roof.

9. Financial. The Clerk reported that there is £16,115.20 in the bank account.

10. Any other business:

Chavenage Lane: It was noted that Chavenage Lane is going to be closed next week.

11. Dates of future meetings: 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.