

BEVERSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Beverston Village Hall on
Monday 4th December 2017

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

In attendance: County Councillor Stephen Hirst and District Councillor Richard Morgan

1 Apologies: None

2 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th September were not approved as Councillor McMeekin wanted to make an amendment to the agenda item about the church.

3 Matters arising:

Salt delivery. Councillor Preston and his team have delivered bags of salt around Beverston village and Babdown.

4 Traffic and Roads: The meeting held a general discussion with the Councillors in attendance about the primary aims of the Parish Council with regards to the A4135 through Beverston. The conclusions of this discussion were: to get the speed in the village reduced to 30mph; to get the speed on the approaches to the village reduced to 50mph; to get the vax signs moved; and to get the speed of vehicles going through the village monitored. During the discussions Councillor Crownshaw's report was raised and the lack of response that he had received to it. The Clerk agreed to send the report to Councillors Hirst and Morgan. Councillor Hirst said that he would try and get a speed van to come to the village and he also said that the County Council will pay half the cost of erecting speed signs.

The Chairman of the meeting, Councillor Lowsley-Williams reiterated that the Parish Council's primary aim is to get the speed limit in the village reduced to 30mph. She asked if we are the only village enroute to Tetbury that isn't 30mph? Councillor Hirst said he would look into this.

Other issues raised during the discussions – the fact that a car belonging to a villager was written off when hitting a pothole on the way to Tetbury; the number of accidents on the road from Calcot crossroads to Tetbury and noisy chains on the skip lorries.

5 The Church: Councillor McMeekin said that fundraising was continuing for the church – the loo, the pantry, water supply; pathway and meeting room. A further £40k would be required for the rewiring. He was hopeful that Cotswold District Council would give £10k towards that work and hopefully it will all be finished by March 2018.

6 Precept: The meeting discussed the level of the precept for 2018/19. A decision on the level was deferred in order for Councillor McMeekin to look into the

average figure paid by households in Gloucestershire. It was noted that a decision would need to be made by the end of January. The precept for the year 17/18 was £4,050. *Following this meeting the Councillors agreed that the precept should increase by £950 to £5,000 for 2018/19.*

7 War memorial: Village resident Heron Bellhouse has kindly agreed to organise and pay for a metal plaque for the fallen to be erected by the war memorial. The Parish Council agreed that this was a nice idea and wanted to record their thanks for his generous offer.

8 Planning applications: There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

9 Financial: The Clerk reported that there is currently £11,836 in the bank a/c.

10 Any other business:

a Chavenage Lane: Councillor Hirst asked what condition the lane is in from Chavenage to the A46. Councillor Lowsley-Williams said it has got quite bad because agricultural machinery has got bigger and some cars don't use the badly potholed passing places. Councillor Hirst said he would get someone to look at the passing places.

b 40 MPH sign. Councillor Crownshaw said that one of the 40mph signs had for some time been leaning over badly and had now disappeared altogether.

11 Date of next meeting: 9th April 2018