

BEVERSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Beverston Village Hall on
3rd December 2019

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

- 1 Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 24th September were approved and signed by the Chairman
- 2 Matters arising not on the agenda:** No matters arising
- 3 Valley Trading Planning Application:** It was noted that Nick Bainton, who had been leading for GCC on the VT planning application is off sick so Richard Mead, the Planning Officer, has taken over from him. It is expected that the application will be brought before the Planning Committee in January. Councillor Rixen-Osterbro will keep monitoring the situation. During a general discussion on the application it was noted that Calcot Manor's second submission was very powerful. It was also noted that when the Planning Committee meets the promoters and objectors only get three minutes to put their cases. It was suggested that the planning consultants acting for Calcot Manor should either present the objectors' three minutes or write it for someone else to present.
- 4 Village Hall: Voting** With regards to the CDC consultation on voting places Councillor McMeekin has submitted an agreed letter on behalf of the Parish Council. He is drafting a follow-up letter which mentions that there is no public transport in Beverston.
Gift of the Village Hall. Councillor McMeekin reminded the meeting that he had written to Rupert Mead to say that the village were supportive of taking on the Village Hall with the garden and parking. There would be a Village Hall Charitable Trust set up with the Parish Council being the sole trustee and under that there would be a sub-committee established for the day-to-day running of the Village Hall.
- 5 Precept.** The Parish Council discussed the level of the parish precept for 2020/21. It was unanimously agreed to increase the parish precept from £5,500 per annum to £6,000. During discussions Councillor McMeekin pointed out that it is possible, with everything that is going on at the moment, that the Parish Council will be required to dip into its reserves.
- 6 Traffic and Roads.** Councillor Rixen-Osterbro reported that the roads sub-committee had not met recently and was waiting until the Valley Trading application was out of the way, then they can move onto speed limits and signage. Councillor Lowsley-Williams said that someone had been to look at the flood on Chavenage Lane.
- 7 Any other business:**
 - a. Quiz night.** It was noted that the village quiz night had been a great success
 - b. Beverston Castle sale:** The sale of the land went to tender and the Castle is now under offer.
 - c. Gigaclear.** It was hope that Gigaclear broadband would be up and running in the first quarter of next year.

- d. Relocation of the War Memorial.** It was suggested and agreed that there should be a discussion about the relocation of the war memorial at the Village AGM.

Next meeting: Tuesday 7th April @ 6pm