

**BEVERSTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Beverston Village Hall on**  
**Monday 8th April 2019**

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

**In attendance for the first item:** Councillor Stephen Hirst, Richard Ball (Calcot), Caroline Beardwell, Pamela and Brian Blackah, Norman Crownshaw, Gill Fry, David Hurdle, Anna and Stephen Montague-Jones, Jorn Rixen-Osterbro, Sue Stevens, Levent Tounjer, Richard Waldram, Roy Walton

**1 Valley Trading Planning Application:** The proposal by Valley Trading to increase its throughput from 45-75,000 tonnes was the main agenda item for this meeting. The discussion began with County Councillor Stephen Hirst outlining what is being proposed and what the likely process will be for the application's consideration at County Council level. Stephen said that he would be speaking to the Planning officer about the application and that Tetbury Town Council is very aware of the application and the possible impact it will have on the town. There was general agreement that there should be more specific information about lorry movements and it was agreed that everyone in Beverston should be encouraged to object to the application. Richard Ball from Calcot Manor Hotel said that they have employed planning consultants to prepare their objection. During discussions on the application the following issues came up: whether Babdown is the right site for such a large waste business; the speed of lorries through Beverston; vehicle emissions, noise and dust; making other local villages and towns aware of the application; the environmental impact of the application on the AONB; skip lorry chains; and the routing of Valley Trading lorries. The Parish Council is formulating its own objection and it was agreed that the meeting was useful in helping it to gather together the concerns the Parish has about the application. At the end of this agenda item most of those in attendance departed. David Hurdle and Jorn Rixen-Osterbro stayed on for the remaining agenda items.

**2 Apologies:** None

**3 Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were approved

**4 Matters arising not on the agenda:** Precept: for those "in attendance" at the meeting it was explained that the Parish Council has been increasing the precept in recent years in order to build up a reserve in case of large future expenditure requirements.

**5 Road matters:** It was agreed that at the Village meeting in May the issue of re-establishing a Traffic and Roads sub-committee would be raised. It was felt that it would be a good idea for a new team to be recruited to take forward issues relating to the roads and traffic in Beverston.

**6 Planning:** There were no new applications, apart from Valley Trading, to consider.

**7 Financial:** The Clerk reported that there is currently £15,400 in the bank account.

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

## **9 Any other business:**

**Elections:** It was noted that there will be Parish Council elections held in Beverston Parish in May. John Crownshaw is standing down and David Hurdle and Jorn Rixen-Osterbro, who both live at Babdown Farm, have put their names forward as candidates in addition to the remaining four Councillors.

**Village Hall:** It was noted that the Beverston Castle Estate would be going on the market in early May. The Village Hall will not be included in that sale. Full details of what is proposed for the Hall will be discussed at a future meeting.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – AGM followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.