

BEVERSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held via Zoom on 27th May 2020.

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

1 Apologies: None

2 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2019 were approved and the Clerk will visit the Chairman to get them signed.

3 Matters arising not on the agenda:

- i) **Village Hall Polling Station.** Dermot informed the meeting that he had not had an update concerning the polling station consultation.
- ii) **Beverston Castle Sale.** It was noted that Beverston Castle Farm has been sold to Phil Kinch a farmer from Lechlade.
- iii) **Gigaclear.** It was noted that Gigaclear is now up-and-running in Beverston but there had been problems with running the fibre cable to Babdown which have been resolved. Babdown residents are now waiting for the cable to be laid, hopefully as a priority as there are two key workers living there. Jorn will get onto Gigaclear.

4 Village Hall: Dermot McMeekin reported that the Village Hall Land Registry document has now been signed by PC Chairman, Caroline Lowsley-Williams and the Clerk, Fiona Gunn. A proposal that the Parish Council should be the sole trustee of the Beverston Village Hall Charitable Trust was proposed by Councillor Preston and seconded by Councillor McMeekin and the remaining Councillors supported the proposal so the Parish Council has formally accepted that role.

The meeting discussed the possibility of the Parish Council making a gift, not a loan, to the Village Hall Charitable Trust. It was suggested and agreed that £5,000 should be given to the Trust subject to appropriate legislation and guidance. This money would go into the Village Hall Charitable Trust account rather than the Village Hall Operations Account.

Following this Parish Council Meeting the first Village Hall Trust meeting will take place and at that meeting it will be discussed what the role of the Parish Council is going to be.

5 Valley Trading Planning Application. It was noted that the Determination Deadline for the application is 17th June and the last update that the Clerk received about the application was that the GCC are waiting for further information from Valley Trading. It was noted that their business has been very busy during lockdown and that it would appear that many of their vehicles are speeding through the village.

6 Planning other than Valley Trading. A recent application from Woodlodge relating to their extension relates to their previous application and is not contentious.

7 Covid 19 and Parish Council business. The Clerk reported that because of Covid 19 the need to hold an AGM can be deferred until 2021. A motion to defer the AGM was proposed by the Chairman, Caroline Lowsley-Williams and seconded by the ViceChairman David Morris and supported by all Councillors. Caroline Lowsley-Williams will therefore remain as Chairman and David Morris as Vice Chairman until May 2021.

8 Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed that it would probably not be feasible to hold a meeting this year so the Parish Council will prepare an Annual Report. The Clerk will action this.

9 Finance. The Statement of Accounts was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and their acceptance was proposed by David Morris and second by Jorn Rixen-Osterbro and approved by the remaining Councillors. The balance in the bank account is £24,122.

10 Any other business:

- i) **The Beverston Bugle:** The meeting wanted to put on record their thanks to Sarah Spain and Lee Peglar for thinking up the idea and producing The Beverston Bugle throughout lockdown. Councillors agreed that it was a very good idea and was very interesting and helpful.
- ii) **The Village list:** The Clerk informed the meeting that Norma Crownshaw would like to hand over the production of the village list to someone else. She felt that there may be a GDPR issue with producing and circulating it. Councillors discussed this and it was agreed that Fiona should contact everyone on the list to check that they want to remain on it. The Councillors also wanted it to be noted that it is a very useful list.