

BEVERSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd September 2021

Present: Mr Oliver Preston (Chairman), Mr David Morris, Miss Caroline Lowsley-Williams, Mr Dermot McMeekin, Mr Jorn Rixen-Osterbro, Miss Fiona Gunn (Clerk).

1 Apologies: None

2 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2021 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising not on the agenda: None

4. Planning: There were no planning applications to be discussed at this meeting.

Councillor Rixen-Osterbro raised the issue of the start time of lorry movements from Babdown Industrial Estate, sometimes as early as 5am. It was suggested that photographs could be taken of lorry movements and these could then be submitted to Cotswold District Council planning department.

5 Financial: The Clerk reported that the total in the bank account stands at £24,828.

6 Babdown Hare Coursing bunds: A response has been received from the Environment Agency regarding the quality of the soil used to construct the bunds. The Agency has inspected the bunds and the constructors were instructed to remove “excess material to an authorized site without compromising the integrity of the bund” and to “hand pick the bund to remove any non-conforming material”. After a further inspection the Environment Agency is satisfied that these actions have been completed and the bund is now suitable for use.

7 Village Hall Update: The Village Hall is now registered with the Land Registry in the name of the Parish Council and a bank account has been set up for the trust. Registration with the Charity Commission is the next requirement. The Councillors agreed a loan to the Beverston Village Hall Trust account of £3,000. This was proposed by Caroline Lowsley-Williams and seconded by David Morris and approved by the Council.

8 Any other business:

Woodchip building at Babdown: It had been noted that work was being undertaken at the woodchip barn at Babdown. Apparently there was an asbestos roof which was causing problems so this has been removed, a new roof is being put on and then it will be used again for wood chipping.

Footpaths: The issue of overgrown footpaths was raised and also the issue of parishioners being allowed to walk from the village to the Macmillan Way. The Chairman agreed to discuss footpaths with Phil Kinch.

Sarah Spain email. Sarah Spain sent members of the Parish Council an email raising a number of issues, including 1. overgrown footpaths, 2. walking and 3. care of our local environment. The first two issues had already been discussed at the meeting and It was suggested that Sarah should be invited to expand on point 3. The Chairman will respond to her email.

Noisy drain cover and breaking up road surface road. Both these issues should be brought to the attention of the County Council.

9 Future meetings: Tuesday, 12th April, Tuesday 17th May – AGM & Parish Annual Meeting (TBC)