

## Bearpark Parish Council

At a meeting of **Bearpark Parish Council** held on **Wednesday 17 September 2025** at **7:00pm** at **Beaurepaire Community Hub**.

**Present:** Cllr M Wilson (Chair)    Cllr J Baker    Cllr J Burt  
Cllr D Cliff    Cllr I Cummings    Cllr O Edwards  
Cllr J Peart    Cllr I Singleton    Cllr J Thompson  
Cllr J Turnock

Also present at the meeting – Kirstie Robinson

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from: County Cllr Matt Burnard and County Cllr S Healy

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in relation to any items of business on the agenda.

### 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 July 2025 were agreed as an accurate record.

### 4. Parish Council Vacancy

Kirstie Robinson attended the meeting to express interest in being co-opted onto the Council.

### Resolved

That Kirstie be co-opted.

### 5. Beaurepaire Community Hub

Caroline Jackson was invited to the meeting but unfortunately could not attend due to illness. Cllr Marion Wilson advised on Caroline's behalf that the DERIC Project was struggling to continue. However, Caroline had managed to arrange a meeting to hopefully secure some funding.

### Resolved

That the Parish Council consider taking over the costs of running the Communal Hall. The Clerk would re-agenda this item for next month and invite Caroline to attend.

### 6. Police Report

Cllr D Cliff and Cllr M Wilson gave an update following the most recent PACT meeting. Police had given out over 700 flyers regarding off road bikes and had received a good response.

### Resolved

That the information be noted and that residents are advised and encouraged to report all instances of antisocial behaviour.

### 7. County Councillors Report

There were no County Councillors present at the meeting. However, the Clerk had received an update from Cllr Burnard as follows:

- a) In response to Cllr M Wilson's questions about the budget, a report was discussed at Cabinet on 17 September which advises on which schemes had been withdrawn from the Capital Programme. (This report can be viewed on DCCs website via the following link [Cabinet 17.09.25 - Quarter One Forecast of Outturn 2025-26.pdf](#))
- b) With regard to the listed sign, Cllr Burnard had made enquiries and discovered that a specialist company, that has appropriate approval to work on listed items, may be needed to carry out the works. He is going to research further and report back at a later date.

### **Resolved**

That the information be noted and that a further question be asked of Cllr Burnard regarding what the savings, outlined in the Cabinet report, will be spent on.

## **8. Report of the Clerk**

The Clerk provided an update to the Council as follows:

### **a) Update on actions from the previous meeting**

**Speed Monitoring** – The Clerk has been in contact with the Traffic Assets Team at DCC who are liaising with Police.

**Extra Neighbourhood Warden Provision** – An email had been received to advise that this had started up again in July this year and the cost would be £6507.62. This was significantly higher than last year. The Clerk would look into this and report back before paying the invoice.

**Former Community Centre** – The results of the consultation had been published. DCC were unable to provide any further updates at this stage. The Clerk would keep chasing.

**Remembrance Day** – The wreath had been delivered and was given to Cllr M Wilson to lay at the service. The horn plaer had been booked and the PA system would be supplied by Andrew free of charge. Cllr Wilson would liaise with Rev Alan and the School. Cllr I Cummings would arrange repair and display of the poppy decoration on the pit wheel.

**Christmas** – For the light switch on event, the tree and lights would be supplied by Andrew at DK Horticulture. The band had been booked and the PA system would be supplied by Andrew. The Face painter had been booked for the Christmas Fair.

### **b) Training Opportunities**

**New Councillor Welcome Training** – Tues 23 September 6-8pm on Zoom.

- c) **Grounds Maintenance Invoice** – this year's invoice had been received and totalled £3,252.00 this included grass cutting, floral displays and maintenance of flower tubs.
- d) **Footpath at Aldin Grange Terrace** – a request from one of the Neighbourhood Wardens and been received to help with the tidy up of the footpath at Aldin Grange Terrace. The Clerk had received a quote of £750 + VAT to have this done by DK Horticulture and £250 + VAT to add to the annual programme of works. Council decided this was too expensive and instead wanted to clarify what help the Neighbourhood Warden required. The Clerk would find out and report back.
- e) **Proposed Article 4 Direction Consultation** – there were no comments made on this consultation.

f) **Finance Report** – The Clerk circulated a report which detailed all recent and upcoming expenditure.

**Resolved**

That the information be noted, relevant action taken by the Clerk and all costs be approved by the Council with the exception of the Extra Neighbourhood Warden Provision and the Clean up of the footpath at Aldin Grange Terrace. The Clerk would make further enquires on these.

**9. Planning Applications**

There were no comments on any of the previously circulated planning applications.

**10. Cricket Ground** – Cllr I Cummings advised there would be a meeting next week to discuss. The Clerk had received an email to confirm contact information but nothing further received.

**Resolved**

That the Cricket Ground be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

**11. Forward Plan** – Cllr D Cliff had updated the forward plan and this was discussed.

**Resolved**

That the emergency plan be added and updated and the Clerk look at leafleting costs. The Emergency Plan would be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would take place on **Wednesday 15 October, 7:00pm** at **Beaurepaire Community Hub**.

**Signed..... (Chair)**

**Date.....**