

Bearpark Parish Council

At a meeting of **Bearpark Parish Council** held on **Wednesday 15 October** at **7:00pm** at **Beaurepaire Community Hub**.

Present: Cllr M Wilson (Chair) Cllr J Baker Cllr D Cliff
 Cllr J Peart Cllr K Robinson Cllr I Singleton
 Cllr J Turnock

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from: Cllr J Burt, Cllr I Cummings and Cllr O Edwards

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr I Singleton declared that he was one of the 5 consultees relating to Planning Application DM/25/02693/VOC, he would therefore leave the meeting at the appropriate time.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 September were agreed as an accurate record.

4. Police Report

M Wilson reported that reports of off road bikes were down, there had been a couple of perpetrators caught recently. Tree stumps were being put in place near the recreation ground to stop access.

There was a burglary reported in Cook Avenue, however the property had been empty for a number of years so unsure if anything had been taken.

Resolved

That the information be noted.

5. County Councillors Report

There were no County Councillors present at the meeting. Cllr M Wilson would like to know what their plans were for their Neighbourhood Budget money.

Resolved

That the Clerk would contact the County Councillors in relation to their Neighbourhood Budget.

6. Report of the Clerk

The Clerk provided an update to the Council as follows:

a) Update on actions from the previous meeting

Speed Monitoring – A response was received from both Police and Durham County Council to advise that the previous results do not meet the threshold for any further monitoring. The Clerk would look into costings for the PC to fund this.

Extra Neighbourhood Warden Provision – No response from DCC as yet. The Clerk will continue to follow up.

Former Community Centre – No further updates. The Clerk will continue to follow up.

Footpath at Aldin Grange Terrace – Neighbourhood Wardens have agreed to help clear this location with Councillors and residents help. The Clerk would liaise with all interested parties to arrange a suitable date.

b) Training Opportunities

Details of upcoming training opportunities were shared. Councillors would contact the Clerk if they would like to access any training.

c) Audited AGAR

The AGAR was now fully audited. There was one slight comment regarding the publication dates of the electors rights but this had not incurred any fines. The Clerk would declare this in next year's AGAR and endeavour to correct the error in future years. There would be a new requirement for next year's AGAR for the PC to have a gov.uk email address. The Clerk would look into this.

d) CDALC AGM

The CDALC AGM would take place on Saturday 25 October 2025, 10am at Shildon Civic Hall.

Resolved

That the information be noted and if anyone wished to attend, to inform the Clerk.

e) 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

7. Planning Applications

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

Resolved

That the information be noted

8. Beaurepaire Community Hub

Caroline Jackson was invited to attend the meeting to discuss the future of the hub and possible funding. However, Cllr M Wilson had been informed that the application for National Lotto funding was looking favourable and so this was to be put on hold for the time being.

Resolved

That the information be noted.

9. Emergency Plan

The emergency plan had been updated with current contact numbers. A stock take was needed of supplies and topped up as necessary. The salt bin would be installed on parish land at Aldin Grange Terrace in the next few weeks. It was noted that the recorded location of the AED was incorrect.

Resolved

That the Clerk contact Caroline for a stock check and order any necessary replacements and that the Clerk contact the person responsible for the AED to ensure the location details were updated.

10. Recreation Ground

Some Heras fencing had been provided by Gleeson Homes to help protect the pitch but this is knocked down every day. It was felt a meeting was necessary before going any further in the asset transfer process to address some of the repair/maintenance issues.

Resolved

That the Clerk arrange a meeting with appropriate officers at DCC.

11. Community Garden

Cllr I Singleton would start a new group to help set up and run the community garden.

Resolved

That the information be noted and for anyone who would like to get involved to contact Cllr I Singleton.

12. Forward Plan

The clerk had not circulated the forward plan. This would be circulated in advance of the next meeting and discussed as part of the initial budget setting discussions.

Resolved

That the Clerk circulate the forward plan and any comments to be returned to the Clerk in advance of the next meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on **Wednesday 19 November 7:00pm at Beaurepaire Community Hub.**

Signed..... (Chair)

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