

BEVERSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th December 2022

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 20th September 2022 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising not on the agenda: The Chairman has written to the Council about Dean Antiques setting up in the wood chipping barn at Babdown and the signs at the entrance but has not had a response. He also asked Stephen Hirst about the signs. It was noted that Dean Antiques is much quieter now than the wood chipper.

4. Planning:

- **Grain Store.** Dermot McMeekin spoke to Rick Morgan about the delay in the grain store decision. Apparently the Planning Officer dealing with the application is unwell and her casework has not been passed to anyone else.
- **Beverston Castle.** It was noted that the new owner of the Castle, Evan Hamlet, began building works on the cow barn behind Pilgrims Barn without planning permission. The Parish Council and apparently others in the village reported the work to Cotswold District Council who very quickly stopped it and instructed the Castle owner to submit a planning application.

5 Babdown Industrial Estate: It was reported that DF Sales at Babdown have four lights that are on all the time. Councillor Preston will write to them. It was noted that the Woodlodge lights are "better".

6 Roads and Traffic: It was noted that grants are available from Speedwatch for speed monitoring equipment and VAZ signs. It was agreed that the Clerk would submit an application.

There has been no progress regarding the existing VAZ signs. Apparently the County Council sent someone out to look at them but there is not enough money to repair or replace.

7 Financial. The bank balance as of 7/12/22 is £25,254.

8. Precept. After a lengthy discussion about the level of the precept for 23/24 the Council voted 3/2 in favour of a 3% increase taking the precept to £6,300.

9. Parish Council elections. It was noted that there would be Parish Council elections in May 2023.

10 Village Hall. Councillor McMeekin informed the meeting that he has completed the application to the Charity Commission for registration of the Beverston Village Hall Charitable Trust. The Chairman signed the document for submission which was seconded by the Clerk, Fiona Gunn.

11 Cotswold District Representatives to GAPTC. The Parish Council voted for Kevin Painter and Sandra Mitchell to be the two representatives on GAPTC.

12. Any other business: None

13. Date of next meeting: 4th April 2023