

BEVERSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th April 2024

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

District Councillor Tony Slater was in attendance.

1 Apologies: None

2 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2023 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising not on the agenda: Re minute 5 – Babdown Industrial Estate, Councillor Preston wrote to DF Sales about their lights but has not heard back so will check with them again.

4. Planning: Nothing was discussed under planning.

5 Babdown Industrial Estate: The issue of the **advertising signs** at the entrance to Babdown Industrial Estate was raised again. Councillor Preston recalled that he had previously spoken to Richard Gray at Gloucestershire Highways who had confirmed that the signs were not on Council owned land. District Councillor Tony Slater obtained some planning guidance regarding the signs and as they are they do not meet planning guidelines. Councillor Slater also saw Gillian Portlock (who has taken over from Richard Gray) who confirmed the signs are nothing to do with Highways. He has spoken to one of the owners of the land, Nicky Randall, who said that she would consult her planning consultant.

It was noted that **Valley Trading** has been taken over by **McCarthy Marland**. It was felt that it is important for the Parish Council to meet the new owners to help build a relationship with them. Councillor Preston said he would write to Mary Davies and Councillor Morris and Councillor Preston would aim to go and visit them.

6 Roads and Traffic: A few large potholes appeared over the winter but due to the fact they were large they were filled in fairly quickly.

7 Approval of the unaudited Parish Council receipts and payment account 2023/24. The Clerk had previously circulated these accounts and the meeting approved them.

8. Bank Balance. £26,929

9. Arrangements for the AGM and Annual Meeting: It was agreed that the AGM would be held at 6.15pm on 14th May and will be followed by the Annual Parish meeting at 7pm.

10. Retirement of the Clerk. The Parish Clerk indicated in December 2023 that she would like to retire and has given the Parish Council a year to find a replacement.

11. Any other business:

Beverston Noticeboard. It was proposed by Councillor Preston that Nesley Farms erect the new noticeboard in Beverston. This was seconded by Councillor Rixen-Osterbro and approved by the meeting.

Local footpath clearance: It was noted that Phil Kinch has spoken recently to Cotswold Parish Warden Sally Nicholas about doing some work on clearing a local footpath.

12. Future meetings: 17th September & 3rd December at 6pm.