

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of **Beaworthy Parish Council** held at 1930 hours on **Thursday 16th July 2026** in Beaworthy Parish Hall.

Councillors present: Cllr Rendell (Chairman), Cllr Darling, Cllr Wonnacott, Cllr Sanders, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Curtis, Cllr Balsdon

Also present: A. Braidwood (Clerk) (Via zoom), Cllr Southcott (WDBC) 2 members of the public

1. **Chairman's welcome.** Cllr Rendell welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Mott
3. **Public Forum** – one member of the public spoke on item 7.1 to clarify details of the plans.
4. **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda** – Nil
5. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the **18th Jun 2026** were a true record and were signed by the Chairman
6. **Clerk's report** – received. **Annex A**
7. **Planning.**
 - 7.1 **1712/26/FUL** - Excavation works to floor of barn, Tutchenor Farm, Patchacott, EX21 5AR. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the application.
 - 7.2 **1620/26/VAR** - Outline application with all matters reserved for development 17 holiday chalets and 1 reception building with associated car parking and amenities. Former Site Of Astra Salvage Yard, Patchacott. The council **RESOLVED** not to submit comments.
8. **Patchfest** – It was **RESOLVED** to contact the Parish Hall Charmian with details of the concerns raised regarding parking, traffic and noise related to the upcoming festival. Cllr Hayes to draft the list and clerk to send via email.
9. **Councillors Reports – reports on meetings attended and matters brought to the attention of councillors.**
 - 9.1 **Highways** – It had been noted the potholes have been marked up and work to be completed in due course.
 - 9.2 **Parish Hall** – verbal report received
 - 9.3 **West Devon Matters** – NTR
 - 9.4 **Defibrillator** – It was reported the defib checks were completed. The defib and bleed kits were to be advertised. Clerk noted that the new website has a designated page for the defib which shows its location on the map.
10. **DCC and West Devon borough Council Updates:** Cllr Southcott advised the Government had made their decision on the Local Government reorganisation.
11. **Finance:**
 - 11.1 **The RFO** presented the Finance report and full budget update to **29 Jun 2026 - Annex C**
 - 11.2 **Grant application** – The council considered the grant application for £500 received from Patchacott Village Hall for the Patchfest on 1st August 2026. It was **RESOLVED** to not to approve the grant in this instance , The decision was based the Grant Policy directions and that a grant for a festival is not meeting the outcomes laid out in the policy. It was agreed that the PC would review the grant at the next meeting in September with the view to awarding it for a particular project such as the tarmac being laid in the car park. The PC require evidence of value for money when considering a grant of public money and would suggest that evidence is given by the Village Hall obtaining 3 quotes for the work.
 - 11.3 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments as follows:

Parish Online website set up and annual cost

£200 plus £40.00 VAT

12. **WDBC Enforcement** – No Updates available.
13. **Items for the agenda for next meeting**, additional noticeboard for Beaworthy, separate to Council, Social media or newsletter for residents.
14. **Date of next meeting** – 17 Sep
15. **Meeting closed at: 2050 hours.**

Annex A - Clerk Report July 2026

Finance:

We have received the Localities grant from WDBC towards our payment to St Albans Flower Festival £100

Our new website is up and running, it will take a while to update it all but please feel free to let me know anything missing or ideas for improving it.

Training – NTR

Resolutions - All resolutions from the June meeting have been actioned.

Outstanding issues: new noticeboard for Beaworthy – I am looking into the value for money options for this.

Correspondence – all correspondence has been forwarded to councillors via email.

To note: Please see your emails for the decision by the Govt on the local Gov reorganisation.

New email accounts: Please can you ensure you are up and running with your new .gov email accounts as soon as possible. Once you are, please let me know and I can then stop using your gmail account for forwarding emails.

If anyone has problems with their new email account, please contact me as I have admin rights apparently and can reset passwords etc.

Receipts

Total	Precept	Grant	Bank Interest	VAT Refund	Misc		
3,302.03	2,975.00	200.00	-	127.03	-	-	-

Payments

Total	Clerk's Salary	Grants and Donations	Admin and training	Office Costs	Insurance	Asset Maint	Election Costs	VAT
1,861.65	722.79	300.00	105.00	268.15	188.85	209.85	-	67.01

Bank Summary

Cashbook

Balance at	01/04/26	6,969.82
Receipts	to date	3,302.03
Payments	to date	1,861.65
Balance at	29/06/26	8,410.20

Bank Reconciliation

Balance per statement **29 Jun 2026**

Outstanding cheques

Chq No	Amount
411	70.00

Current
Acc
8,480.20

(70.00)

8,410.20

Difference

of which is earmarked reserves	7969.82	includes working reserves of	5684.53
current balance remaining after reserves	440.38		
expected additional income	3275	includes £300 localities grants yet to be received	
expected additional expenditure	3188.35		
Actual y/e balance (less all reserves)	527.03		