**BEAUMONT PARISH COUNCIL P 533**

Minutes of the meeting on Monday 15th April 2024 in the Macey Room.

Present: Cllrs Roebuck, Day, & Traynor, Clerk Kathy Roebuck

Apologies – Cllr Melloy & Dan Land

1. Minutes of the last meeting 18th March2024 were signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising –still awaiting reply from ECC regarding maintenance at Gravel Wood.

Licence received for the new signage, Clerk failed to submit this before the deadline, so we will reapply in the next financial year.

1. Correspondence: Chair and Clerk attended a presentation on Rural funding. Some may be relevant.

 E10 sports funding (at present no relevant groups in Beaumont.)

E13 – energy efficiency - is for households only.

E16 – extending the season, one off events outside the school holiday period.

Backing Essex Business – offers support and guidance for small local businesses. It was suggested that details of this be put into the Village Magazine.

1. Update on CC & District matters – none to report.
2. Reports
	1. Village Hall – Midsummer Madness on 22nd June, residents invited to picnic on the field and enjoy some summer games and activities for all ages.
	2. Playing field - Hutchby’s continues to do an excellent job of mowing the playing field.

c. Footpaths – still awaiting work on the footbridge repairs.

d. Highways & Transport – Highways has acted regarding the business signage erected at Oak Corner, the smaller signs have been removed and 2 weeks’ notice has been given to the larger sign owners. Some concern was expressed regarding the number of advertising signs appearing at MacDonalds Farm, these might also prove a distraction for drivers.

A recent speedwatch was completed by the team with a police presence, several drivers were cautioned or fined. Speedwatch will be starting up again as the weather improves.

 e. TDALC – no report at present.

1. Planning – 24/00372/FUL Replacement dwelling at The Twiggery, Chapel Road noted no objections raised.
2. Finance – Present balance as of 31.03.24 £5463

AGAR report – Council approved the Annual Governance Statement, which was signed by the Chair & Clerk.

Geoff Macey was appointed as the internal auditor, fee set at £50.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

**Future dates: AGM &PC meeting 20th May 7.45pm**

 **Annual Meeting & Fete Committee Meeting Friday 24th May 7.30pm**