

**Beeford Parish Council**  
**Chairman's Annual Report 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Firstly, I would like to thank Anne (Parish Council Clerk) for her continued dedication and commitment to her role as Parish Council Clerk especially over the past 15 months which has been an unprecedented time for everyone with the onset of COVID 19 and the subsequent lockdowns.

I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank each and everyone of the Parish Councillors for their continued commitment and contributions over this period which has been an incredibly challenging time for all concerned, bearing in mind the guidance issued by the Government advising Self Shielding during the Lockdown period.

My thanks also go to our Ward Councillors Jane Evison & Jonathan Owen for their continued support and advice to the Parish Council, I would also like to personally thank Councillor Paul Lisseter for his valued advice and support during the past 15 months to both the Clerk and myself.

I would also like to thank the residents who have attended the Parish Council meetings when we have been able to have them and their contributions.

The past 15 months have been both frustrating and rewarding to say the very least with the onset of COVID 19 which resulted in a National Lockdown, that being said the Parish Council resurrected B.E.P.A.R.T. which certainly lived up to its aim.

The Parish Clerk set the wheels in motion to provide a weekly food parcel service to both the Elderly and Vulnerable residents of Beeford village, to this end Anne contacted various organisations seeking support.

Contributions from Hey Smile, Fareshare and Tesco Groundworks along with financial support from the Parish Council and the LWFF quickly saw the need for such a service, this coupled with the local LONDIS store supplying Fresh Milk @ cost to the project.

Initially both the Clerk and I delivered the parcels to around 25 residents however, the news spread very quickly, and we reached around 75 residents who were very appreciative of the little extra help, it became quite apparent that obtaining food supplies either by direct delivery or by visiting local supermarkets and wholesalers then making up the parcels with just the Clerk and I that this was becoming a mammoth task.

The Clerk sought help from two residents, who both volunteered their time to help by delivering the parcels along with the Clerk to the residents of Beeford village on a weekly basis with the Clerk seeking to offer a different theme or variety each week especially when it was the Queens Jubilee and of course Yorkshire Day.

The overall project was a success and when the Government announced the lifting of the Lockdown in August, we brought the project to a close, during the time of the project the Clerk along with her two volunteers and myself delivered in excess 1100 parcels to the residents of Beeford Village.

I would also like to thank the Church for allowing us to use the Village Reading rooms to make up and distribute the parcels from on a weekly basis to this end it was agreed by the Parish Council a suitable donation should be made which has been duly done.

On a different note, the Clerk has been instrumental in obtaining funding via the LWFF for a project which was agreed by the Parish Councillors for the replacement of one of the slides in the Children's Play Area with a new piece of equipment which offers a variety of activities for the younger children whose visit and use the Play Area.

During this unprecedented period, the planning applications along with the day-to-day Parish Council business continued and to facilitate this it was agreed the both the Clerk and I should be given delegated powers to continue the duties of the Parish Council, to this end the Clerk continued to update the Parish Councillor's on a monthly basis.

The Parish Council also agreed to adopt the BT Phone Box located outside of the Londis Shop / Post Office with full agreement being made by the Parish Councillors for the installation of a second Defibrillator within the village. It was felt that this would an ideal use for the Phone Box rather than lose a piece of the village's history. The Clerk has put out tenders for the refurbishment of the Phone Box but unfortunately to date no quotations have been received, the Clerk continues to seek quotes for the necessary works to be completed.

I believe that this Pandemic has helped to re-ignite the community spirit within the village and sincerely hope this continues for the future, to this end it was noted by the Clerk whilst reading comments on the local media site that once again the village was lacking the Christmas spirit with having no Xmas Lights anywhere.

The Parish Council quickly seized the moment and arranged for a Xmas Tree to be put within the Children's Play Area for the children to decorate themselves which proved to be extremely popular with one kind resident putting lights on the tree. To keep this seasonal spirit going the Parish Council contacted Bridlington Lions requesting a visit from Santa Claus which they very kindly arranged at noticeably short notice.

Word quickly spread about the impending visit and on the eve of his visit he was greeted by residents both young and old, with a good evening being had by all. Santa enjoyed his visit so much he has put Beeford Village on his annual visit list for the future. Hopefully, this year we may be able to Light Up the village for his visit.

Finally, the mission statement of the Beeford Parish Council is and will always be to provide the best possible service to the residents of Beeford Village and to improve the facilities within the village for the benefit of everyone to enjoy/appreciate.

With the above in mind, we as a Parish Council Have had to and will continue to make some decisions which will not always sit well with some of our residents but the decisions we make are and will always be in the best interests of both Beeford Village and its residents.

The Parish Council website is updated on a regular basis by the Clerk and includes the latest information available and suitable contributions are always welcome and should be forwarded to the Clerk.

In conclusion it is my belief that we have as a Parish Council along with the Clerk continue to serve and show our commitment to the residents of Beeford Village and will continue to seek new ideas and if required the necessary funding of how to improve the village at every opportunity that may arise both now and in the future.

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