

BEER ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on **Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 6.30pm** at the Mariners' Hall. Copies of minutes and reports are available on request.

Present: Cllr T Stevens (Chair) Cllr S Whitelock Cllr J Heath
 Cllr K Stevens Cllr M Shobbrook Cllr M Finney

Minutes were taken by Tess Nishino (Clerk)

In attendance: 1 member of the public was present, but they left on hearing it was not the Full Council Meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were given for Cllr M Westlake due to health issues and Cllr C Arnold due to travel. Cllr J Morrow was absent.
2. **Welcome and introduction by the Chairman of the Parish Council:** Cllr Stevens welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked the Clerk and Councillors for their tireless work and encouraged continued commitment in the year ahead with the upcoming Local Government Reorganisation and the additional responsibilities that could bring. He then summarised the Beer Parish Council Chair's report, which had been circulated ahead of the meeting and is available on request.
3. **To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 14th May 2025:** The minutes were approved as a true record and signed and initialled by the chair. Proposed Cllr T Stevens, seconded by Cllr M Shobbrook, resolved all in favour.
4. **Open Forum:** There was no one present.
5. **Reports:**
 - **Parish Council:** Cllr T Stevens presented his report during his introduction
 - **East Devon District Council:** Cllr Heath's monthly reports can be viewed on the Parish Council Website. A summary report was not provided.
 - **Beer Primary School:** The Primary School report had been circulated prior to the meeting and is available on request. Cllr K Stevens noted what a fantastic job they have been doing with the new outdoor garden area.
6. **Annual report and Treasurer's report from Mariners' Hall Committee:** The report was circulated prior to the meeting and is available on request. It shows a stable position, with income marginally decreased and expenditure reduced providing an increase in retained funds.
7. **Annual report and accounts from Baroness Rolle Welfare Trust:** The report was circulated prior to the meeting and is available on request. Councillors commented on how well the Trust looks out for villagers in need.

The meeting closed at 6:55pm