

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2021

PRESENT

Cllr. N. Hubbard (Chairman), Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. M. Grindrod, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Reece, Cllr. L. Dearing, Cllr. M. Dolbear

APOLOGIES

Cllr. M. Harris

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. K. Mans, Mrs. R. Pearson, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

Minute Ref			Action
2061	CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS	Chairman reported that he and Cllr. Dolbear attended the Beaulieu Estate end of year review, at which Mr Russell Bowman provided the key progress and events across the year, taking into account the disruption due to the pandemic. As part of the public participation the Residents Association expressed concerns about the caravanning camping site in Hides Field. The success of the Beaulieu Fete was also noted, as was Beaulieu's growing reputation for musical performance. It was also recognized that it has been a difficult trading year for the High Street and the work the Council is doing in establishing a website and social media to support businesses more broadly in Beaulieu was noted at the meeting.	
2062	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	To be approved at the January 2022 meeting. Small amendment to October minutes proposed by Forestry England were considered and accepted. Proposed: Cllr. Dolbear Seconded: Cllr. Reece	
2063	MATTERS ARISING	BEAULIEU BUSINESSES WEBSITE Cllr. Hubbard confirmed that the website has been launched, and further work is in progress to develop the site. Confirmed he had met Rachael Goldstraw, Head of Marketing and Business Development for Beaulieu Enterprises, who had provided some helpful advice, which will be taken into next series of updates. HIGH STREET SWEEPING	

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	<p>Cllr. Grindrod confirmed that was going to be January and July and he would ensure relevant notices would be issued to move cars ahead of cleaning.</p> <p>BROADBAND UPDATE Clerk requested to arrange for Open Reach to attend meeting in the New year</p> <p>CCTV Cllr. Fairweather confirmed that meetings will be arranged with Central Southern Security as the equipment is not getting out of date and is reliant upon use of the Montagu Arms facilities. A more up to date system with remote access would be more suitable and a proposal will be placed for council review.</p> <p>INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLAYING FIELD Cllr. Hubbard confirmed that the 3rd party and product liability insurance cover that we currently have is adequate and can cover any liability arising from the playing field (as well as the existing play park) provided that a weekly review is undertaken as part of our asset checks. The council considered the matter and agreed that the necessary reviews would be would instigated and Cllr. Dearing agreed to arrange this.</p> <p>On further discussion it was concluded that the equipment was at the end of its useful life, is not used greatly and is unlikely to be economic to repair. It was therefore agreed in principal the equipment would be withdrawn from service. It was agreed there would be a review of the equipment to include Cllr. Dolbear in order to access the likely cost of removal, disposal and making good. The school headmistress to be informed. Cllr. Dearing agreed to undertake necessary actions.</p> <p>LETTER TO MR. FORT Cllr. Hubbard confirmed that thanks had been sent to Mr. Fort for his generous support of the High Street car park.</p> <p>BUCKLERS HARD COMPLAINT Cllr. Hubbard confirmed that a letter had been sent to the owner concerning compliants on road safety for delivery trucks.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Fairweather</p> <p>Cllr. Dearing</p>
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		<p>JUBILEE CELEBRATION PROPOSALS</p> <p>The council would initiate some community meetings to start the planning and preparation for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on 2-5th June and it was agreed that it would pay for the hire of Beaulieu Village Hall for that purpose. It was also agreed that this would be best run under an independently chaired committee. There were 4 aspects that the council agreed to suggest to the community being:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) celebratory party with invitations to everyone living in the parish (estimated 800); 2) A commemorative bench that could be placed in the Beaulieu Twinning Garden, which is in much need of refurbishment for the use of parishioners and visitors; 3) Commemorative mugs for Beaulieu children in the parish (including the school); and 4) Planting trees. <p>Cllr. Hubbard agreed he would pass these suggestions to the organising committee when established.</p>	
2064	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Cllr. Hubbard as Treasurer of Beaulieu Twinning Association	
2065	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	No issues raised.	
2066	REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS	<p>NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL</p> <p>Cllr. Harris not present</p> <p>HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL</p> <p>Cllr. Mans provided an update to say that the annual budget has been set with permitted increases up to 3%. With the onset of the increase in covid risks there has been a reinstatement of covid precautions introduced.</p> <p>Explained that many councils are organising celebratory Jubilee parties and other commemorative items including tree planting. Cllr. Hubbard confirmed that some early proposals are under consideration and will be discussed in more detail at this meeting.</p> <p>There was a general discussion around the provision of charging points for electric vehicles. Cllrs. Mans explained that HCC approach has been to put in the higher quality charging units which could provide a substantive charge in 30/40 minutes, rather than cheaper options which take many hours. The council noted that any such equipment is currently outside the reach of its budget and also dependant on the right power supply.</p>	

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		<p>However this is a matter that will need to be addressed in the foreseeable future.</p> <p>POLICE LIAISON No report.</p>	
2067	A: COMMITTEE REPORTS	<p>PLANNING 21/00932 – 8 Baileys Hard We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. Condition : Underneath of balcony not be to filled in a later stage Proposed: Cllr. Reece Seconded: Cllr. Dolbear 21/00945 – Woodend, Thorns Beach We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. 21/00945 – Monkswell, Palace We are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. Proposed: Cllr. Dolbear Seconded: Cllr. Steele</p> <p>B: ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAYGROUND Cllr. Dearing reported checks completed. Bark raked. Awaiting quotes for kick boards. Arranged meeting with Jenny Graefe to talk about Twinning Garden.</p>	
2068	BPC REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS	<p>SPEEDWATCH Cllr. Grindrod confirmed there had been no specific activity for the month, although concerns continued around people speeding through the village. It was recognised that the ideal solution would be to have a reduced speed limit of 20mph through the village, but the council recognized this has previously been requested but to no avail. Cllr. Hubbard confirmed that we will keep this under review during the course of 2022.</p>	

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2069	FINANCE	CHEQUES approved BVHT - £45.00 Clerk – Stamps - £7.92	
2070	SCHEDULE OF 2022 COUNCIL MEETINGS	To be posted on website.	Cllr. Grindrod
2071	AOB	Cllr. Hubbard wished Council a Merry Christmas and appy New Year.	

All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise reported

Meeting closed at 8.25p.m.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 20th January 2022 at 6.30p.m.