

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 15TH APRIL 2021

A virtual meeting held on zoom due to the coronavirus pandemic HM Government regulations.

The Chairman opened the meeting asking the councillors to remember and give thanks for the life of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

PRESENT

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Reece, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. M. Grindrod, Cllr. L. Dearing

CO-OPT NEW COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Hubbard was co-opted as a new councillor. Cllr. Norris said he is highly delighted to welcome Mr. Hubbard to BPC. Said he has signed the book of governance and can participate in this meeting. Reminded Cllrs. of good governance. As a Cllr. you have a responsibility to attend meetings when summoned to do so, it is lawful and you have a duty to attend. Consider in advance of meeting the agenda and any related documents which were sent to you. Take part in voting and respect the decision made by those in majority at the meeting. Ensure with other Cllrs. that the council is properly managed.

APOLOGIES

None

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. N. Hubbard, Cllr. K. Mans, Cllr. M. Harris, Mrs. R. Pearson, Mrs. E. Schofield, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1978. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Cllr. Steele said she has some corrections on the Mallards planning application. 1971. BPC also have concerns as to whether the proposed palladium mansion and light render is a suitable replacement. This should read 'whether the proposed palladium mansion built predominately of stone and lime render is a suitable replacement. As whether the design and material are characteristic to this sympathetic stretch of the Beaulieu river'. Should read 'as whether the design or material are characteristic to this stretch of the Beaulieu river'.

Amendment to minutes.

Proposed: Cllr. Dearing Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather
Minutes of Last Meeting

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1979. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

1980. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

1981. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Schofield said have concerns with parking at weekends with the amount of

people who are coming into the High Street. Both sides of the road being packed with a lot of 4x4's being a lot larger than they use to be and very hard to get up the High Street on first section where it is double parking and when you get to Queensmead and Norris' if those cars are parking on the sleeping policemen you cannot see anybody who is going to walk across on the gravel from the car park and feel there will be an accident and emergency services will not be able to get up there. Cars also parking very close to the entrance of school car park. Concerned if child/dog walk between a car or people who are not paying attention there will be an accident and something needs to be done with parking and believe one side parking would be the answer. Cllr. Norris thanked Mrs. Schofield and said this is an ongoing project of the PC to sort the parking out in the village with BE in trying to relieve the High Street. In touch with HCC who are responsible for scoping, period of consultation when your concerns can be brought forward. These matters are a concern to everyone. Said Cllr. Mans may have some words of wisdom for us. Said if any Cllrs. feel this should be on the next agenda, please email the clerk.

1982. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present.

1983. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans said was very saddened by death of Duke and with Lord Lieutenant on Saturday to laid a wreath in the Great Hall. Met him on many occasions, was Patron of the Air League, promoting aviation that I was chairman of for many years. He was patron over 50 years and remained patron until he died. Had real success in getting children back to school, those attending are higher than national average. Do commend all teachers and support staff for their hard, complicated work. Hopefully moving steadily out of pandemic, numbers going down. Number of patients in hospital with Covid has reduced sufficiently. On track for recovery. From Monday starting to open up facilities. Issue of numbers of visitors coming to our forest is something we have to be careful of. Fly tipping is a problem, keeping a very close eye on this. Said be careful who you give your rubbish to and try to take to recycling centre. Re waste bins, thinks a matter for DC. Cllr. Harris confirmed.

Said meeting with NP soon where certain to discuss visitor numbers. Need to give straightforward info about taking litter home. Parking in High Street, one possible solution would be to ensure bays on one side are not available to 4x4's. Might increase width of carriageway, points about obscured vision is important. Will take that back to our planners. Said if PC produce plan, it will be taken seriously. Said EBPC had a representative from BDUK to talk to them, more enlightening than anyone we have talked to. Happy to talk to other parishes. He is the Partnership Manager, and ensure all the permissions are sorted out. The clerk could contact EBPC and ask for contact details. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Mans. Said we use to have a cluster group for BT broadband, met as a group, but this broke up. Maybe re establish as other forest parishes have same problems. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Mans how would you stop the 4x4's parking on one side of the High Street. Cllr. Mans replied just thought about it, but if possible you narrow the while lines and give advice that this side of the road is only for cars of

a certain width. Think when dual parking in High Street was made, I do not think they realised how big some cars would be. Will raise all these points at NP meeting. Cllr. Fairweather said re litter, believe County have policy of having no bins in parks. Lepe only have one outside café. Queen Elizabeth Park has no bins. Re the walk from Beaulieu to Bucklers Hard, wonder if best policy is to take bins away and try and make people take litter home. Cllr. Mans said that is a very good point. Probably argue we have to encourage both, need bins, people buying food and want to dispose of packaging, but create culture where people who bring rubbish take it away. Said NP Chairman talked about more technology, signs at entrances and exits of forest telling people what they should and should not do. Use digital technology better and encourage visitors to be responsible while here. Cllr. Grindrod said having worked at Lepe and no bins, they have volunteer litter pickers, who encourage visitors to take litter home. If no bins in Beaulieu, would need litter pickers. Bournemouth are tripling size of their bins along the prom. Cllr. Norris reminded Cllr. Mans that next meeting will be in person in the village hall.

1984. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris said following his election, Cllr. Edward Heron has been confirmed as Leader of NFDC. Confirmed me as a member of his cabinet, expanded my portfolio, includes support for NF businesses, economic development strategy, high streets funding and bidding opportunities, Go New Forest. Said broadband meeting with EBPC was with someone from BDUK, slightly different from Open Reach. Simon Harris set out his intentions for role out of broadband in Beaulieu and East Boldre 2022/23. Beneficial if you invite him to one of your meetings. Grants for businesses been key priority for the team. Restart grants which are being distributed to businesses to help reopen, retail, hospitality, sports sector, gyms. Those businesses who pay business rates. These grants close on 30th June 2021. Form available on the website. For those businesses who are not in business premises, there is the additional restrictions grant, closing on 23th April for businesses that are in hospitality, events, supply chain. Re influx of visitors, NFDC, NP, Forestry England are working together to try and be united controlling, being aware of the difficulties, but difficult to control. Re litter bins, on agenda report from Cllr. Fairweather about meeting with Stewart Phillips, meeting I had hoped to attend. Agree about taking your litter home, but a lot of people do not. NFDC team working hard to empty bins as often as possible. Said Cllr. Fairweather found bin that compacts and will forward this to those in charge. Said look forward to meeting in person, but zoom meetings are good and get better attendance. Cllr. Norris said the start up grant payments come through very quickly thank you. Cllr. Hubbard said how do we get this information out to people. Cllr. Norris said on NFDC website and they do send a newsletter out, just subscribe. Cllr. Harris said weekly email goes out, very proud of website and easy form to complete. If businesses not sure if they are suitable, please complete form and if team do not understand they will be in touch. Encourage people to fill in form, we are there to help. Cllr. Hubbard said do we have a network of these businesses so we can push this out? Know businesses have survived through the pandemic with the help of these grants. Cllr. Norris said if you are talking about

BPC, apart from putting on website and notice board, but not directly communicating with businesses within our parish. Cllr. Norris asked Mrs. Schofield if she had a grant, replied unfortunately no grants, but do get emails and do send to other businesses in Beaulieu that I am in contact with. Some have said they are now on the mailing list. Cllr. Fairweather said thank you to the council as payments been very prompt and very helpful and share the knowledge. Idea of mailing list the council have to alert businesses is a good idea. Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Hubbard raised a good point and asked Mr. Dolbear about the agriculture world. Replied that fairly well self sufficient, will look at this now. Cllr. Reece said the bin on the Timbrells on Saturday was overflowing and on the ground, how often are the bins being emptied? Said I know it was half term, but things will only get worse. Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Fairweather had meeting with Stewart Phillips. Cllr. Fairweather apologised he did not get Cllr. Harris to the meeting. Met in village and looked at every bin and discussed our concerns with frequency of emptying. The local round supervisor was there and he said NFDC bins are on an adopted highway are emptied 7 days a week. Challenged him to certain bins as to if on adopted highway that included the Timbrells and bin on green opposite garage. He was a little unsure as whether to let me know if these were on the highway, advised him that if they were not, we would move them closer to the road, giving us the commitment that they would be emptied 7 days a week. Raised concerns as to why they were overflowing on certain weekend days and he wonders if some operatives misinterpret the emptying frequency as not on highway. He is updating his plan and will issue to PC and agree which bins he believes NFDC have a commitment to empty and reissue to operatives. The weekend team is different from weekdays and weekend emptying has been early morning, will try to move till middle of day and if bin half full, it is emptied. Cllr. Fairweather said walked to top of Fire Station Lane, he had seen photos of overflowing bin at Baileys Hard. Asked him about the commitment NFDC had to the PC to empty the bins on the Beaulieu to Buckler Hard walk and he said none, these bins are not on an adopted highway. Said they are being emptied but not as frequently as we would like, he said it would appear you have benefited from inherited informal arrangement that the previous and current NFDC Cllrs. have put in place at our request and believes they are being emptied by household refuse collection team, not street scene team. Cllr. Fairweather said is this not a public footpath that the NFDC should be servicing, he replied no, they have no commitment to emptying bins on footpaths. We left it that he is going to produce a map. His assistant walked the Beaulieu to Bucklers Hard footpath last weekend making a note of all bins and locations. Will report back to me the bins he believes they have a commitment to empty. Said I would speak to the council to discuss our way forward. He said he could not be spending tax payers money on bins that are not on the highway, not in his remit. Cllr. Fairweather said we need to think what our strategy is. Notice HCC are removing bins from parks, wonder if we consider removing bin at Baileys Hard, possibly installing a better bin at end of Fire Station Lane and Bucklers Hard. Consider getting a quote for contractor to empty them on daily basis. He said it could be less than that, could be seasonal and start a campaign of signage along footpath 'Take your litter home'. Cllr.

Norris thanked Cllr. Fairweather for his report, done a lot of work and time. Cllr. Reece said been noted that not all operatives stop at bins to see how full they are, some just drive by and have a look. What warrants a bin being full enough to empty. Cllr. Fairweather said I did raise this with him, lack of consistency with different operatives. Think when we have a plan, think he will make sure it is passed down to all the team. Cllr. Harris said I will take this up with Mr. Phillips. There is pressure on finances and understand digging his heels in about emptying bins not on the highway. Feel if there is litter, no matter how much, it should be emptied. Feel we are making progress. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Harris. Cllr. Fairweather said NFDC have a campaign 'Take your litter home'. Seaside/Crabbies. As it's a riverside walk, I wonder if we would be able to adopt this. Cllr. Norris said an extremely good thought. Cllr. Knight said the public footpath is the responsibility of HCC, their department for footpaths should be looking after this. Cllr. Norris said very good point, asked clerk to contact HCC, ask for any help from them. Said some years ago Lord Montagu used to have a group of litter pickers which was very popular as they had the chance to walk and chat with him. Consider forming a group of people who would like to be 'parish litter pickers', as a community project, as there are people in Beaulieu who do want to do something. Opportunity for them to have a role. Cllr. Steele said re bin at Baileys Hard, could some of that be caused by Liquid Logistics. Could we talk to them or maybe the Estate could make it clear they should take their litter home. Also litter ends up in the river, forever picking water bottles etc out. Mrs. Pearson will speak to them. Cllr. Fairweather said might we ask them if they would manage the bin there, I will speak with them and see how we can work together. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Fairweather if he can continue to run with this and if you need help, please say so. Cllr. Fairweather confirmed and said as soon as I get plan I will distribute. Said do we put more bins in, or do we try and limit it to beginning and end of walk and have educational campaign. Said let's keep an eye on the operatives. Cllr. Harris said he will talk to Mr. Phillips and move this along and come to satisfactory conclusion. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Harris if have any interest in public transport re 112 bus. Cllr. Harris said this is HCC. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Harris.

1985. **PLANNING**

12/00192- Sandpit Lane, Field Store

Erection of new building for ground maintenance purposes, storage of a small boat. We refused and said BPC recommend refusal, but would accept decision of NP. Said it should be re-sited to existing concrete base. Cllrs. Reece and Knight looked. Cllr. Steele said perfectly good unobtrusive base where original shed was and think they wanted to move it and have better view of Solent and in the sun. Feels it will be used for purposes other than managing land. Think it is reasonable to say it should be in original location. A parishioner has been affected and wrote a long letter in.

Proposed: Cllr. Reece Seconded: Cllr. Dearing

21/00310 – Little Marsh – application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 20/00489. Have come back to planning 2 or 3 times to make minor revisions. Point was raised regarding ground level solar panels, east of the site. Cllr.

Fairweather looked at it, concerned by visibility of the polytunnel, when you walk back from east end of Park Shore towards the house, it is quite visible. On reflection I think the land drops to quite a low level, to position where solar panels are to be located. Visible from the sea, might be visible from the beach.

Concerns that this drawing shows a lot of planting density against the fence which would screen it, but does not exist at the moment. My feeling is give OK, but screening has to be put in place. Cllr. Norris agrees and thinks as a condition, could ask for a 'glint and glare' assessment study to be carried out, prior to them being installed. The owner has said everything taken out would be going back in and conservation was a watch word with their architect. Cllr. Hubbard said two 20m long x 3m arrays is a big area of solar panels. Cllr. Fairweather feels it is a big site and shame the siting of these is not a place where many people walk and enjoy, natural landscape and think we support in principal, relocation is something to be considered. Other concern is air source heat pumps make a constant noise. At the moment you can walk on the beach at 8am and do not hear a thing. If constant background noise I would question the location. Cllr. Knight said possible they will replace fence along where footpath is, as in bad condition and do not think you would see anything over it. Do we pass and put a condition on or refuse and say we would pass it providing solar panels are relocated and air source pumps are baffled. Cllr. Reece said would not want this to go through and felt we need to research heat pumps. Cllr. Norris suggested a refusal. Date back for comments is 5th May. Cllr. Hubbard said cannot we have a site meeting? Would rather have a talk to Mr. Buckland than refuse. Cllr. Norris said if you have a meeting it is one Cllr. and outside socially distanced.

21/00328 – Furzey Lodge – Porch

Permitted development. Cllr. Dearing said she cannot see this being an issue. Will not make a huge amount of difference visibly to the property. Cllr. Hubbard said absolutely fine.

Agreed No. 1.

Proposed: Cllr. Dearing Seconded: Cllr. Hubbard

Decisions

21/00165 – Sowley Cottage, Sandpits Lane – Replacement garage – Granted

21/00123 – The Tukul, Dock Lane – Greenhouse - Granted

1986. **ENHANCED 112 BUS SERVICE MEETING**

Cllr. Grindrod said he attended this meeting regarding Saturday service of 112 bus service, which was disbanded, as felt not enough people were using it. Meeting was held with Helen Bradley, Parish Dev. Officer for Hythe and Dibden, EBPC and Fawley Cllrs. Want to get service reinstated, people want to use it to go to Hythe, Lymington and Southampton. In summer when had beach bus, lots of people were using it to go shopping. Want to go back to bus company and HCC and get bus reinstated, linking it with cycling/walking objective. Looking at places like Exbury and Beaulieu to maybe get involved. People coming off ships use it, try and expand on this. Cllr. Norris asked if they mentioned parish funding. Said no, looking at people paying a nominal fee, if you have bus pass pay £1.00. Looking to try and get money from P&O, Tesco, Waitrose and Exbury Gardens. Cllr. Norris said last time this came up, survey on bus showed no one

got on or off bus at Beaulieu, looking for annual contribution of £3,000 from each parish. Seems they are taking a different approach. Asked Cllr. Grindrod to keep attending meetings and reporting back. Said EB use the service, often comes through Beaulieu and is empty and fills up at EB.

1987. **AGM**

Cllr. Norris said this maybe physical or virtual. Said asked Cllr. Grindrod and the Clerk to ensure hall is covid secure, link on website. Cllr. Grindrod said he spoke to Sarah and the hall will be cleaned prior to us and I will clean door handles, light switches and set up. Sarah said we do not have to do anything when we leave. Leave tables and chairs out. Proposal if going back to the hall we should hire it from 6-8.30pm and say we do not want anyone in the hall prior to 6.00pm. Said clerk and myself go in at 6pm and set up and do not have to wait for ballet class to leave. Think offer hall more money, think £45.00, give us leeway to have extra half an hour before we begin. Need to get hand gel and wear face masks. Cllr. Norris said that was excellent. Said email from HALC on 9th this month, 4/5 links to website on covid regulations regarding holding meetings in council and village hall premises. Going to have to think about members of the public wishing to attend. Cllr. Grindrod said we need someone on the door ensuring everyone who comes in wears mask and using hand gel. Said anyone coming to meeting needs to give clerk 3 days notice. Cllr. Norris said are you going to take temperatures on the door? Replied we can if we buy the equipment. Cllr. Reece said you cannot stop the public coming in, but put a notice on notice board, website and doors. Cllr. Grindrod said I do not think booking people in will work, would we turn someone away who turns up on the night? Or does the Chairman decide on the night. We can open windows and doors. Cllr. Norris said he is happy for Cllr. Grindrod to go back to the hall and establish we have it from 6-8.30pm, pay an increased fee of £45.00 for not taking the hall down at end of meeting and hall will be cleaned prior to our meeting. All Cllrs. agreed. Cllr. Hubbard asked how people turn up and how many does the hall hold? Cllr. Grindrod said 20 people socially distanced, can use stage. Cllr. Hubbard asked how many people turn up for AGM? Cllr. Norris said very few unless there is a controversial planning application. We get good people like Mrs. Schofield and Mrs. Pearson from the Estate. Need proposer and seconder for Cllr. Grindrod to talk to Sarah about booking the hall on the basis we discussed.

Proposed: Cllr. Reece Seconded: Cllr. Hubbard

Cllr. Fairweather raised the question of if not obliged to meet in person, what are your views of continuing to meet on-line. Whilst I think meeting in person creates an environment, we could anticipate more public participation, as you said we would get more participation from NFDC and HCC doing it like this and maybe should be a mix of virtual and in person. It will make for a better level of governance. Good they attend as Cllrs. Man and Harris have gone back with our problems and will get something done. Have meetings in village hall and visitors come in on zoom? See what legislation happens. Cllr. Grindrod said if things go pear shape again, we ought to pay the village hall some sort of retainer, because we want to keep hold of our slot and think if not going to meet should pay them a retainer as a backup plan. Hall is suffering financially and maybe we can help a

bit. Cllr. Norris said thanks, noted and minuted. Cllr. Grindrod shall I tell Sarah what our thinking is. Cllr. Fairweather said we have to wait and see what government advice is. Feels AGM and next meeting should be held in person, then up for review. Cllr. Norris said good idea.

1989. **CORRESPONDENCE**

NFDC – May Forward Plan

Temporary Events Notice – BBC Gardeners World Event 28-30th May

Beaulieu Common Good Trust - £500 cheque

Glasdon Brochure

Letter from Mrs. Pearson re waste bins

1990. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Clerks Salary - £750.00

HMRC - £2.48

Proposed: Cllr. Knight Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod

Cllr. Hubbard asked who the signatories were at the moment. Cllr. Norris said myself, Cllr. Fairweather and the clerk.

1991. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Reece raised the issue of the scaffolding building in Dock Lane. There was a discussion whether aspects of this building had been extended. Cllr. Steele will review the site and report back. The field is owned by Dock House, rented by gentleman who keeps horses and has boat there.

Cllr. Knight said Graham Reece went to go the notice board but is locked. Clerk has key.

Cllr. Fairweather said re riverside house development, received comments from someone at Baileys Hard asking what he should do regarding bad lighting and lights being left on overnight in a property opposite. Suggested contact owner direct. Said reading policy document no reference to lighting and its an important issue with properties on the river. Needs to be thought through, if have security lights not left on all night, respect environment. Maybe something to feed back. Cllr. Steele said very good point. Think Lord Montagu in his letter concentrated on lighting and when NP are looking at things, lighting does figure strongly with them. Landscape officers report on both Gilbury and Mallards lighting was discussed and too much light on the edge of the river is not good. Hazard for people using river at night. Said Ken Robinson's report was really to try to get it established the fact there are modern properties on Baileys Reach and that does not make a precedent for new houses on that side of the river.

Cllr. Fairweather said to Cllr. Norris that this is the last meeting we will see you at. Cllr. Norris said this is the last meeting, but would like to thank you all very much for your very loyal support to the Chair over the last 8 years. I really need to hang my boots up and fresh blood coming into council, encourage because quite a lot of issues coming up, issues on the river, parking in the High Street. Needs a good leader. Cllr. Fairweather said there has been no better leader than you, we will all be very sorry to see you go. You have shown great leadership, a great sense of order has been in place under your chairmanship and your commitment to Beaulieu despite no longer being a resident and a shop keeper at the moment has been unprecedented. We will very much miss you and

think apart from your outstanding local knowledge, we shall miss your style and panache and sense of humor and will miss your moustache! Thank you for your commitment to the council, we shall miss you and may well see ourselves referring to you. Cllr. Norris said thank you Cllr. Fairweather that is very kind. Thank you all very much.

Meeting closed at 8.36pm

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 20th May 6.30p.m. in Beaulieu Village Hall.