

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

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr. K. Mans

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. M. Harris, Mrs. R. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Keetong, Mrs. R Gabzdyl and Mr. M Hawker

Minute Ref			Action
2028	CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS	The Chairman welcomed everyone back from summer break.	
2029	EAST BOLDRE POST OFFICE	The Chairman introduced Mrs. Rebecca Gabzdyl and Mr. Mike Hawker who were attending to provide an update on the plans for the EB Village Shop, as it is an important facility for Beaulieu parishioners. Mrs. Gabzdyl outlined the current plan which had recently been amended. The intention is to establish a Community Store that would acquire the entire premises now to include the upstairs flat, which requires additional temporary funding of £340,000. which will then be sold to recoup some money. Mrs. Gabzdyl explained £480,000 of funding will be required (excluding the temporary funding to acquire the flat element) and this will be funded through a number of routes, including a Community Share Offer (£15 per share) and which would be matched pound for pound by the Government Community Aid Fund if the funding application is successful. Lottery Funding, the Community Shares Booster Programme and other local funds would provide the balance. The aim is for the shop to open in March or April 2022. Mrs Gabzdyl explained that the shop will be larger, extended from its current footprint and there will be a focus on locally sourced and ecofriendly products. Given the recent change in the plan it is anticipated that the fundraising will not commence before the end of October when a Prospectus for the Community Share Offer will be issued. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Gabzdyl and Mr. Hawker who confirmed that they would keep the council briefed on developments.	
2030	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	Proposed: Cllr. Dearing Seconded: Cllr. Reece	

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2031	MATTERS ARISING	<p>1. PARKING Mrs. Pearson provided an update on parking. Whilst there are more users, there is still capacity and the High Street shopkeepers will be further encouraged to use spaces. Mrs. Pearson confirmed that more permits had been issued (in excess of spaces available) to encourage both shopkeepers and residents in the High Street to use the car park. The council agreed that it would review future parking restrictions.</p> <p>2. LITTER UPDATE Cllr. Fairweather confirmed the requested usage information had not been provided by NFDC. It was therefore agreed there would currently be no further action.</p> <p>3. PLAYING FIELD Cllr. Dearing confirmed that she had met with representative from Beaulieu School, who had agreed that they had responsibility for upkeep on the playing field. Cllr. Dearing confirmed that appropriate action is being taken including the removal of certain play equipment. She had mentioned to the school representatives the possibility of obtaining a community grant to construct an adult gym, and left it to the school to consider further.</p> <p>4. BEAULIEU BUSINESS WEBSITE The Chairman reminded council they had approved proceeding with the website (with Cllr. Grindrod dissenting) at the last meeting. The Chairman distributed the following initial cost proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Website design £250 (one off payment) * Maintenance of site £30pa * Domain £14.39pa * Hosting £60pa <p>The Chairman commented there will no doubt be further costs and the council will be updated as the project develops. The council approved the expenditure (with Cllr. Grindrod dissenting) and also agreed to make a grant application to HCC for £500 to assist with this ongoing work. The Chairman distributed an initial outline for the website and requested any comments are sent to him. It was agreed that we would start to talk to businesses to explain the website and commence the process of design.</p> <p>5. BUCKLERS SPRING PARKING Cllr. Reece confirmed that the parking restriction lines still needed to be completed. Agreed that Cllr. Reece will take appropriate photographs and give to the clerk, who would notify HCC Highways to request for the work to be undertaken.</p>	Cllr. Reece/Clerk
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		<p>6. HIGH STREET – HGV SIGN The council acknowledged that the HGV restriction sign has been put up in the High Street. It was noted by council that we have taken the opportunity of using an existing HGV signpost which is conveniently located at bottom of the High Street. The council expressed thanks to the Beaulieu Estate for their help in this matter.</p> <p>7. HIGH STREET DRAINAGE PROBLEM The Chairman asked whether this drainage problem had been resolved and asked clerk to contact the resident concerned and chase HCC Highways as necessary.</p> <p>8. FLOOD SIGNAGE Council discussed issues of occasional flooding which can be quite severe on the road outside Beaulieu Garage. Mrs. Pearson explained that land drainage work has been agreed and in progress which should help address the issue. It was also agreed that flood warning signs would be stored near the garage to assist in putting warning signs out as soon as possible. In the event of a flood Cllr. Grindrod confirmed that he would keep the position under review and report back to council.</p>	Clerk
2032	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	With respect to the Twinning Garden to be discussed under Item 9 of the agenda, the Chairman reminded council that he is on the committee and treasurer of the Beaulieu Twinning Association.	
2033	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	Mr. Johnson brought the council's attention to a recent lapse in collection of glass for recycling in Hatchet Pond area. Cllr. Harris was not aware of this and will investigate and report back.	
2034	REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS	<p>NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL Cllr. Harris confirmed that NFDC has approved the development of employment land at a site in Ringwood for industrial and office space. This is a substantial undertaking in which the NFDC has itself undertaken construction and development of the site. NFDC will now be exercising its recently received powers for compulsory purchase where residential properties are vacant and fallen into disuse. Cllr. Harris explained that there has been some early progress in relation to a number of sites. Cllr. Harris reminded council that the NFDC will be running the High Street event in support of promoting businesses coming out of the lockdown/pandemic. He will provide details, but this is anticipated to be an on-line event on 20th October 2021.</p> <p>POLICE LIAISON No report.</p>	Cllr. Harris

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2035	COMMITTEE REPORTS	<p>A: PLANNING</p> <p>21/00673 – Keeping House, Bucklers Hard Road – Extension Cllr. Steele reported that this is a single storey extension to form a garden room and boot room on the N/W side of the existing house. These plans replace planning application 19/00896 that we passed in 2019 that will now not be built. Plans conform with DP36 as it now adds only 19% to the 1982 floorspace. Main issue to assess is whether new addition is in keeping with the existing house and cartilage. The original arts & craft house has been much altered over the years and the new addition's external finishes are to reflect the existing multi mix red brick and critall windows with leaded glass. It would appear to reflect the existing house style and cannot be observed by neighbours. Beaulieu Parish Council recommends permission 1. Proposed: Cllr. Dolbear Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather</p> <p>21/00770 – Moonwood House, Moonhills Lane – Extension Cllr. Steele reprted thatthis is an extension to existing outbuilding used as a double garage to form a workshop. Workshop extension of Douglas fir cladding and tiles to match existing garage. Key issue to assess is whether extension conforms with DP 37. We turned down a three bay garage for this property a few years ago as too big for the property. This workshop extension is more modest and appears subservient in appearance to the existing garage and to the main dwelling. Beaulieu Parish Council recommends permission 1. Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather Seconded: Cllr. Dolbear</p> <p>21/00800 - Pine Ridge – Replacement dwelling and outbuilding. Cllr. Steele confirmed that a site visit has been arranged on 6th October 5pm.</p> <p>B: ASSET MANAGEMENT</p> <p>PLAYGROUND Cllr. Dearing confirmed that there had been a substantial delivery of bark, which has raised the bark level as required by ROSPA. The council thanked Cllr. Dolbear in providing the necessary equipment. Cllr. Dearing confirmed that it would be opportune to replace the kick plates and she will obtain the necessary quote.</p>	
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		<p>Cllr. Dearing confirmed that the individual who provides gardening support for the Twinning Garden and playground will not be available for the foreseeable future. It was agreed that we should identify a replacement to undertake the work.</p> <p>Cllr. Grindrod asked about the status of what expenditure had been approved by council. The Chairman suggested that a summary is tabled at the next meeting to confirm the position.</p> <p>TWINNING GARDEN</p> <p>The Chairman updated council on the BTA meeting the previous day at which the state of the garden was discussed. It is proposed that Cllr. Dearing arranges a meeting to include Jenny Graefe (Chair, BTA) to discuss the state of the Twinning Garden and agree a plan for the necessary work to bring the garden back to a good standard. Cllr. Dearing confirmed that the Beaulieu Horticultural Society may be interested in providing support for necessary work. In her capacity as a BTA committee member, Mrs. Keeton confirmed to council that the BTA would be prepared to pay 50% of the agreed costs to refurbish the garden.</p> <p>NOTICE BOARD</p> <p>Chairman confirmed that the refurbished notice board is now back up and operational. The council gave a vote of thanks to Graham Reece for his work on this.</p>	
2036	BPC REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS	<p>SPEEDWATCH</p> <p>Cllr. Grindrod confirmed that speedwatch had been operational the previous day. It was noted that speed continues to be an issue. It was agreed he would contact HCC Highways to obtain guidance on their current speed restriction policy.</p> <p>The council noted the recent animal deaths at Hilltop and Chairman noted that a petition to encourage the council to bring in average speed cameras (for those interested go to www.change.org/rememberjuma).</p> <p>Chairman reminded council that the SE Quadrant meeting is being held in Exbury 6th October 7pm.</p>	Cllr. Grindrod
2037	FINANCE	<p>CHEQUES</p> <p>BVHT - £45.00</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Grindrod</p> <p>Seconded: Cllr. Reece</p>	

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2038	AOB	Chairman reminded council that Forestry England has agreed to present at our next meeting and also asked for any suggestions for presentations for future meetings that would be helpful in council undertaking its business.	
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All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise reported

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 21st October 2021 at 6.30pm.