

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2013
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Mr. F. Norris (Chairman), Mr. C. Knight, Mrs. C. McCafferty, Mr. N. Weiss, Mrs. S. Steele, Mr. S. Gibbs, Cllr. Vickers, Mr. J. Beaumont, Mr. Downes, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

APOLOGIES

Mr. P. Fairweather, Mrs. L. Shanks, Mrs. R. Pearson

820. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Mrs. McCafferty Seconded: Mrs. S. Steele

821. **MATTERS ARISING**

Rats – apparently there are two cats living in a cage in the Housing Association Houses, which could attract rats. Clerk to contact NFDC environmental health dept for advice. Mr. Norris said that the Estate had to evacuate a tenant in the village.

822. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mrs. Steele – planning application

Mr. Norris – planning application

823. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beaumont re Mr. Knight retiring from the Fire Service, Community Routes and cycling.

824. **APPROVAL OF AUDIT**

Proposed: Mr. Knight

Seconded: Mr. Weiss

825. **UPDATE FROM PC YATES**

PC Yates not present

826. **HAMPHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber not present

827. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Cllr. Vickers said the cycling events are now causing concern to the DC, as a number of events involve either road closures or changes to speed restrictions. That involves putting out public notices and the accumulated costs of these events is not a trivial matter and they are reviewing the position. Feel a number of these organisations should carry the costs that they are creating.

Cemetery – said they have approx. 2 years space left. Next phase is environmental accessments, which take one year and will cost the DC £32,000.

Sign posting – reported that the stumbling block has been the listed building consent, which is an almost insurmountable problem. There is a solution and as it is on highways land can just be inacted. The proposal is to bring the two wooden posts at the bottom of the High Street closer together and then could put across between the two posts, two separate arrowed markers 1) car park sign and 2) 3 symbols for a brown sign. The highways proposal for through traffic issues is to put arrows in the road with 'through traffic' written in wording and the arrow taking you around the corner. This can just be delivered as it does not need

anyone's permission.

Precept – said we would be starting to think about this and wanted to mention what is happening with council tax benefit system. The government decided that people who are on council tax benefit would no longer be paid by the government, but by the DC. When they made that decision they only transferred to the council 90% of the money, so very large shortfall, as those getting council tax benefit, some goes to county, some district and some to you, so when you set your precept and have someone in your parish who cannot pay, then that money use to come through that system. The government when making that decision were thinking of large council and forgot little parishes existed, so for one year only they gave the DC £400,000 to buffer the problem for the 37 Town and Parishes that make up the NF district. Certain changes were made to try and make up the 10% shortfall. The £400,000 does not exist anymore so DC have decided that they will remove that funding over three years and plug the gap out of DC money. So parish councils will have to fund either by raising the precept to make up the difference or finding some economies. Mr. Norris felt that the charities we support will suffer.

Said they are freezing parking charges again in January.

Mr. Norris mentioned that the SLR has been damaged and Cllr. Vickers said this needs to be returned to the manufacturer.

Cllr. Vickers said some parishes were getting together re a speed gun.

828. **BROWNS LANE**

Mr. Norris said we had received a letter from John Beaumont asking for our support in getting Browns Lane on the definitive map as a public footpath. HCC says it is not a right of way. Some councilors went on a site visit. Browns Lane goes down to Sowley Gate House, then down a little path and then to the beach. Sowley Gate House owns Browns Lane and the path to the beach and to the low tide mark. The owners of Browns Lane have allowed people to go there and on to the beach. Local people regard it as a private lane, but know that if they are sensible and behave then no one will stop them. The reason the gate at the bottom was erected was because they were having major problems with fishermen, 30-40 at a time at night with search lights and endless cars in Sowley Lane. The litter is appalling and sometimes the people are abusive. Discovered these people are not locals. Someone will catch an interesting fish like a stringray and notify people via an internet chat room and then fishermen start arriving from London, the Midlands, all over, parking and blocking Browns Lane. The noise can be quite loud and they walk through gardens. Mr. Norris said it is a very precious and sensitive area and if it gets opened it would have to be 'policed' or it will be ruined. The owners shut the gate at night just to stop the fishermen. Mr. Norris said that Mr. Beaumont has advanced his case extremely well and agrees we need more coastal access, but in this case we will remain disinterested, and should it become a public footpath right away then we become very interested. Feels local existing arrangement is working really well.

829. **WEBSITE**

Mrs. McCafferty and Mrs. Shanks have met with Trevor and the website is

830. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

831. CHEQUE SIGNING

832. CORRESPONDENCE

Suspension of Parking Charges on pm in Dec

HCC

Beaulieu Taxi Share changes

Admissions to Schools – Sept 2014

NFNPA

Local enforcement control

Enforcement control – Agricultural occupancy conditions

- Minerals and waste site monitoring

Enforcement parish list

833. **PLANNING**

Beaulieu Abbey Church

Replace painted timber ½ glazed main
doors with oak paneled doors

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS PERMISSION

Tree Works

West Timber House

Monterey Pine – Fell to ground level
and grind out stump as tree in decline

Bucklers Hard Road

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS PERMISSION

The Lodge, High Street

Fell Holm Oak and Fell False Acacia

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS PERMISSION

Oakdene, Furzey Lane

Replacement dwelling and conservation
area consent

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL REFUSES PERMISSION

834. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

Old Forge Stores, High Street

Bike Store

GRANTED

835. **QUESTION TIME**

Mr. Knight said water was still running down the road from Rose Cottage. Clerk to write to owners and Highways. Water board not doing anything about Clobb Gorse as it is the owners problem. Mentioned cycling events – Mr. Norris feels there will be more control as a consultant group has been set up.

Mr. Gibbs asked if there was anything we can do about the cycling, Mr. Norris said there is nothing we can do but attend Quadrant meetings. Mr. Norris to draft letter to Cllr. Thornber.

Mrs. Steele said we need to get the telephone in the High Street working. Mr. Gibbs to look into this. Mrs. Steele will try and find someone who might fund this project.

Meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 20th November at **6.30pm**,
Committee Room, Beaulieu Village Hall.

