

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2013
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Mr. F. Norris (Chairman), Mr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Mr. C. Knight, Mrs. C. McCafferty, Mrs. L. Shanks, Mr. N. Weiss, Mrs. S. Steele, Cllr. Thornber, PC Tilbury, Inspector K. Willoughby, Mr. J. Beaumont, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

APOLOGIES

Cllr.P.Vickers

806. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Amendment 805 – Mr. Weiss followed up the enquiry regarding the laser gun, not PC Tilbury.

Proposed: Mr. Fairweather Seconded: Mr. Weiss

807. **MATTERS ARISING**

None

808. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

809. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beaumont re Browns Lane

810. **PRESENTATION BY SEMBCORP BOURNEMOUTH WATER**

Martin Doherty, Andy Hunter and Andy Thunder attended the meeting to inform councillors about the work taking place on Lyndhurst Road with renewing the water pipe. This is part of an annual programme of mains renewal, mainly schemes are targeted on burst rate and mains failures. They generally do customer notification mainly by letter, but are looking at how to engage with the customers over the work that they are doing and how customers will be effected and think about how they can interact and explain how they could do the work better, so spoke to Beaulieu Estate about this scheme and were kindly invited to the meeting to answer any questions and take any feedback. When they have highlighted a pipe that needs replacing, they look at methodology as to how to replace the pipe, then go through planning processes, starting with Beaulieu Estate, liaise with Highways, Natural England, Archeologists, the Environmental Agency and get feedback from them as to how to process and progress with the scheme, and then send letters out. Said normally with this type of scheme have to put road closures in, but will have two way traffic at all times. Minimal disruption with mains shutting, but luckily not too many houses along this section of road. Everyone will be notified a minimum of 72 hours before a shut down. Starting work at Blackbridge Farm on 30th September, and hoping to finish before Xmas. Said houses would be cut off for a max of 5 hours. The Xmas fair on 30th November was mentioned, and they have looked at this and hope they will still be north at that time. Contact number will be on the signs 01202 591111, or have a section on the website under 'planning' on the front page – click on this to see where they are working and what they are doing.

Mr. Knight mentioned that he had complained twice about the water leak at Clobb Gorse, they said it would be done, but nothing has happened. Martin said he would follow this up. Mr. Norris thanked them for coming to talk to us and giving us all confirmation that it will be a smooth operation.

811. **UPDATE FROM PC TILBURY**

Reported that she had been up the High Street with the laser gun early one morning and one lad who came flying up the High Street was doing 24mph, trying to beat the lorries going round the outside. Said she was not sure how you would apply for 20mph limit in the High Street. Cllr. Thornber said it was a prolonged process and they are trialing it in various parts of the country. Regulations favour applications in urban areas rather than rural. When they get the results it will be the intention to extend 20mph into places of sensitivity. Mr. Norris mentioned the '20 is plenty' signs and asked if these could be displayed by the school. Cllr. Thornber said that it is a thought. PC Tilbury said that she had mentioned the laser gun to PC Yates and they felt other villages would be interested to come in with the scheme. Mr. Weiss said he had talked to someone in New Milton who runs this scheme and learnt that the police actually facilitate it rather than run it and the equipment cost approx £3,000 which the council would have to pay, or share the cost with other villages. Mr. Norris thanked PC Tilbury for doing the laser and said it had been noted by parishioners, which is good. She mentioned to Mr. Fairweather to be aware of plant deliveries, as had 7 illegals in the back of a van delivery to NF Plants. Mentioned a few issues - at Culverley Old Farmhouse a car caused some damage. At the Autojumble there were 6 crimes reported and pick-pocketing. Asked if we had any feedback on traffic. Mr. Norris said he had heard nothing. Mr. Fairweather said the access on Friday morning from Hilltop was as bad as ever – staff due in at 8am at the garden centre arrived at 9am. There was an accident at Ipley cross which did not help. After that it was normal and acceptable, but would be great to solve the Friday morning back up. PC Tilbury feels making the stopping area inside bigger would help. Mr. Norris mentioned we were concerned about the rapid disappearance of road signs and bus stops. She said she was unaware of this and Mrs. Pearson said that Jenny had reported the signs and will get the emails sent to her. Mr. Knight said he thought the government were going to tighten up on scrap dealers. Said his friend took scrap and they did not even look at contents. Inspector Willoughby asked which dealer and said she would look into this. PC Tilbury said if we notice signs missing to ring in on 101 and this will come to Hythe and PC Yates will be dealing with it. PC Tilbury said she had very much enjoyed her 30 years here, being part of the village and community and had made many friends and will still be in the area. She said she would still be a councilor for Denny and Exbury parish councils. Mr. Norris said he would like to thank her for her outstanding police work in our parish and has been very supportive over and above the call of duty and wanted to say a really big thank you. Mr. Norris asked Inspector Willoughby what is the future for Beaulieu without PC Tilbury. Said she was trying to visit all parishes that she covers and said if we

have any issues please feel free to contact her – katherine.willoughby@hampshire.pnn.police.uk. Said the most important thing tonight is that PC Tilbury only has 3 days left after 30 years and knows it will be a complete life change for her and she has an amazing amount of knowledge about the NF, which we are going to miss. Her replacement Chris Yates will obviously not have this knowledge, but asks that we please support him, but we know that PC Tilbury will always be on the end of the phone. Said it was really nice to hear our appreciation of PC Tilbury and said she has very kindly offered to be a volunteer. Said she feels it is important for PC Yates or PSCO Oli Holt come to our meetings and important that we work together. Mr. Norris said he feels it is very important as it works both ways and thanked Inspector Willoughby for attending.

812. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber said that Boldre, Pilley and Sway are certainly looking at the community speedwatch, where the legwork and equipment are provided by the community and happy to talk to us. Need to talk to Roger Bull at Pilley Bailey. Said if we want 20mph then lets wait until we have had the trials, learn from them and see if 20mph could apply in Beaulieu. The regulations are quite extensive and channeled to urban areas. Asked how the bell bollards are working. Mr. Norris said Mr. Haas was very happy, they are splendid and working well. Some parishioners do not like the mix of post and cast iron. Could we change the post to cast iron? Mrs. Pearson will ask Ralph for his opinion. Mentioned the cycling events and says working with 19 organisations to produce a code of conduct and trying to apply punitive measures if code of conduct is not adhered to. Want to have code of conduct that they will agree to and enforce. If that fails then they could take the drastic measure of traffic regulation order, which would ban/constrain these cyclists to a particular area, Does not want this, but feels forest people are getting more and more apprehensive about these events. Might look at a venue where these events could take place and have a site in mind. Cyclists would not like this, but it is an alternative. Mr. Norris said it was a pity all the tarmac on the airfields had been removed. Asked if we see many cyclists, and Mr. Norris said usually early on a Sunday morning. NFNPA have secured 3.8m for cycling in the forest. Big debate and thinks PC's should take part in this – what cycle tracks/routes there should be. Brockenhurst PC are not happy that they have been earmarked as the 'cycling centre' and have cycles for hire by the station, making it easy for people to come by train and hire bikes. Mrs. Shanks wondered if there is a leaflet that is handed out to these people. Cllr. Thornber said that this would be part of the code of conduct. Mentioned meeting time of 6.30 instead of 7.30pm and said this was fine. Starting times was discussed and agreed on the early time from October meeting.

Proposed: Mrs. Shanks Seconded: Mr. Weiss

Everyone voted in favour.

Cllr. Thornber did comment that the committee room does get very crowded.

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

Cllr. Vickers not present

814. **WEBSITE**

- Mr. Norris said Mrs. McCafferty and Mrs. Shanks have been very enthusiastic about this and thanked everyone for their feedback. Discussed using Juliet Lynn, but decided to continue with Trevor. Said there is a lot of work to do. Will transfer website to new domain, beaulieuparishcouncil.co.uk – when this is registered they can start working on it and training. Mr. Norris said it was incredibly exciting and all about keeping it up to date. Cost £800. Arranging another meeting with Trevor.
815. **CHEQUE SIGNING**
 Village Hall Trust - £72.00 - Room Hire
 Village Hall Trust - £220.00 – Maintenance Grant
 Proposed : Mr. Knight Seconded: Mrs. McCafferty
816. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 Sowley Gate House, Browns Lane – Mr. Norris said Mr. Beaumont has done a tremendous amount of research. Said the land was sold by the Montagu's and the lane was sold with the property. This is close to the Beaulieu boundary and understood to be a footpath and have a map of 1908 showing this. Said there is now little access to the shore line and that Mr. Beaumont has moved the petition to Category A. Mr. Norris has read all the documents and is inclined to support this. Would like all councillors to read the documents as feels there should be access to the shore line for local people.
 SLR has been fairly badly damaged, but the post is OK. Received email from Alan Kemp who saw what happened.
 Emails regarding missing sign posts – Mr. Norris thanked the Estate for reporting these incidents.
 Email from Cllr. Vickers regarding the cemetery – 24 spaces left. Mrs. Shanks asked if a woodland burial ground had been considered.
 Correspondence regarding Navitus Bay, Mr. Norris said not really concerned with this.
- General
 Rural Services Network – Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Transport Sept
 Marie Curie Cancer Care – Free will promotion
 ICO – Renewal due – 21st October - £35.00
 Clerks & Councils Direct magazine
 Lloyds TSB – Balance 15th August - £9,968.13
 - Changing signatories
 Ringwood Town Council – Localisation of Council Tax Support
 - Council Tax Reduction Scheme
 NF Disability – Grant Aid Request
 Glasdon brochure
 CPRE – Discover the Hampshire Countryside
- NFDC
 Discretionary Grants
 GIS Partnership Service Level Agreement
817. **PLANNING**
 None
818. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

New Forest Fruit Co. Ltd

Land adjacent to Penderley Farm
Siting of water storage reservoir

Agricultural prior application not required

Througham Place, Thorns Beach
Granted

Retention of Manege

819. **QUESTION TIME**

Mr. Fairweather mentioned the speed gun and said the problem of speeding in the High Street has been going on for years. Feels we should not spend a lot of money on this.

Mrs. Pearson said the tree in Mill Race has two large cracks in it. Would like backing from NP about this.

Ditches in Furzey Lane – Mr. Norris will talk to Tony Barber.

Mr. Weiss mentioned the rats and said this problem might not be helped by 2 cats living outside in a cage. Clerk to contact Housing Association. Mentioned the missing road signs and broken ones.

Mrs. Shanks mentioned the pot hole pass Leygreen Farm and said this was very dangerous. These can be reported via HCC website which gives you a number so you can follow progress. Said had a very interesting meeting with Mike Glen, Southampton Airport and said we should be getting a consultative document.

Apparently the weather conditions have been making it seem worse, as there has not been anymore traffic. Mr. Norris thanked Mrs. Shanks for attending.

Mrs. Steele mentioned the telephone box and said this is a classic and we should keep it and she is prepared to take this on and try and find someone to sponsor the restoration of this.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 16th October at **6.30pm**, Committee Room, Beaulieu Village Hall.