

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2014
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. L. Shanks, Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. Gibbs

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Fairweather, Cllr. Weiss, Cllr. McCafferty, PC Yates

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk), Cllr. Vickers, Mr. R. Gaynor, Mrs. R. Pearson

874. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Knight Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

875. **MATTERS ARISING**

860. Cllr. Norris said the pot hole by church entrance was promptly dealt with, but bollards by Blackbridge Corner have not been done.

Cllr. Shanks said no progress has been made with Chestnut Cottage, but we have had contact with NFNPA.

Cllr. Norris said he had circulated the budget, and presume everyone happy with this.

Cllr. Steele said she had contacted the British Heart Foundation and local Ambulance, who thought the idea of the defibulator in the phone box was a very good idea and has been done before. Said the defib needs to be kept warm and needs electric for the alarm. Apparently BT have provided electric free of charge. Need to find out if anyone else local has a defib. If none the BHF and Ambulance will help fund. They are £1,200 new, but from BHF or ambulance service will be more like £800. Ambulance service will do the training. Will now go back to the BHF and find out how we fund this, is there a maintenance cost, conditions it need to be kept in, insurance and BT about electric. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Steele and said we were all in agreement with this. Mr. Gaynor asked if the Fire Brigade were trained and Cllr. Knight said they are but do not have one.

876. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

877. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

878. **HAMPHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber not present

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

Reported that the Wiggle event have changed the start and finish location – now at Matchams, just outside our boundary. Recognised that we were going to make life difficult. Still intended for 12/13th April to cycle through the NF. Applied to NFDC for Traffic Control orders for A35 and A338, which they want to cross without being squashed, which means NFDC have to slow traffic and put signage everywhere in order to allow them to do that. 3,000 participants. Cllr. Norris felt

they would come through Beaulieu twice – there and back, which will cause problems. Said Wight Wiggle will be coming out of Gang Warily in mid summer, about 800, maybe using EB Parish Hall. Cllr. Vickers said there would be a number of traffic orders they could be contravened with their cycling, i.e speeding and due care and attention. Encouraging a high level of visible policing. Said in debate with Fawley about starting there for the October event. Said number of us are trying to persuade them on the fact that it is unfair on their neighbours. Cllr. Norris said he was due to speak at the meeting on behalf of BPC but at short notice the meeting was cancelled. Cllr. Steele feels it is very wrong they are making money out of it and putting the rest of us at a serious disadvantage.

May Elections – said the polling station will be the Church Hall not Village Hall, 1st Thursday in May. Signage will need to be put out at Village Hall saying election is in Church Hall.

Discussed the fact that the insurance company will not pay out for our claim on the SLR as we have no details of the lorry driver who hit it. Cllr. Norris said he felt we had a proper claim and asked the question as to why we are insuring it. Clerk to write to insurance company and if no result will appoint a loss adjustor and they will probably claim for a lot more money than we would.

880. **UPDATE FROM PC YATES**

PC Yates apologized for his absence, but sent a report. Said PC Hulse had spent the day at Beaulieu visiting businesses in the High Street. Very little crime has been reported. A boat at Gins had damage to the canopy and steering wheel. Luggage was stolen from outside a house at St. Leonards. Lead flashing was removed and roof tiles damaged on the Old Forge Stores. Electrical equipment was stolen from a yacht moored on the Beaulieu River.

881. **SPEED LIMIT REMINDER**

Discussed in Cllr. Vickers report

882. **SECURITY/NEIGHOOD WATCH**

Cllr. Norris said he had contacted various people involved with Neighborhood Watch and they have not really got very far. Talked about some sort of community surveillance equipment, monitoring people/vehicles coming in/out of the village. Cllr. Fairweather volunteered to take this forward, which he has done and spoke to a security company in Lymington. Unfortunately he is not here tonight, so will put the item on the agenda for next month. Cllr. Norris said he wished the community would be a bit more proactive and traders need to help themselves as well and not rely on the PC. Would be interested to know if other parishes have CCTV and how it is working. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Vickers if we could link in with the NFDC's monitoring system, but Cllr. Vickers felt this would be too expensive.

883. **LOCATION OF MEETING**

Discussed moving to Church Hall as committee room is very crowded, hot and the dancers are in the next room. Cllr. Norris said the cost of the church hall was more at £15 for a min of two hours and it is not available on a Wed night. Said he would talk to Margaret Marshall about availability. Clerk to write to councillors who were not present to ask their views. Cllr. Norris felt we should be supporting

the village hall.

884. **GRANT TO BEAULIEU CRICKET CLUB**

Agreed to give the Cricket Club £100 to encourage younger members

885. **PARISH WEBSITE**

Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Shanks has been working very hard on the website and it was going live tonight. Cllr. Shanks asked all councilors if they could take a look and check the content i.e. clubs, societies and businesses and let her know. Said Trevor Smith has been wonderful in building the site and is extremely reasonable. Cllr. Norris said he would like to pay his invoice now it has gone live £845 to build it and includes hosting plan for 1 year and domain renewal. Cllr. Shanks will be managing it. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Shanks for all that she has done to bring this together. Mr. Gayner asked how we were going to publicise it. Cllr. Shanks thought we should talk to John Pockett, and asked if it could go out to Beaulieu Residents Association via a link on an email. Mr. Gayner said that will pick up just over a third of the households. Said will give a plug at the AGM and suggested the notice board. Said there would be an 'alert service', which people could subscribe to, so when we know about something that everyone else does not, we can pass this on i.e. suspicious happenings etc. Another way to advertise would be the Estate newsletter.

Proposed: Cllr. Shanks

Seconded: Cllr. Norris

886. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Beaulieu Residents Association to Beaulieu Estate asking we have three ways meetings with BRA, BE and BPC once or twice a year to talk through events and associated concerns. Feels if anyone has a complaint they should also lodge it with the PC as well as the Estate, as PC would keep it as a record. Mr. Gayner said the Hartford Wood Residents should use the PC as a vehicle to pass on information. Mrs. Pearson said the Estate are having discussions with NFNPA about licences and will report back when she knows more.

General

Community First NF – Feb ebulletin

Rural Services Network - Rural Opportunities Bulletin Feb 2014

Weekly email news digest – 17th Feb

HALC – Information Update

NFDC

Forward Plan of Key Decisions 3rd Feb – 17th Feb

Info Bulletin January 2014

887. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Clerks Salary and Allowance £761.50

Proposed : Cllr. Knight

Seconded: Cllr. Steele

888. **PLANNING**

None

889. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

None

890. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Steele said she had received an email from Ian Strathcarron re: New Forest Plants and the fact that there is a lot of litter along the Exbury Road, near their

entrance. Clerk to write.

Cllr. Norris said there is a training course on 5th June on footpaths and open spaces, Cllr. Norris keen that some councilors attend, please let him know.

Also HALC have a course on basic planning for parish councils, can have own one day training or attend a course £30 per person + VAT, angled to NF planning. Cllr. Norris to pursue this.

Meeting closed at 8.25p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 19th March at **6.30pm**, Committee Room, Beaulieu Village Hall.