

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2014
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. L. Shanks, Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. Weiss, Cllr. C. McCafferty

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Gibbs, PC Yates

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk), Cllr. Thornber, Cllr. Vickers, Mr. J. Beaumont,

861. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather Seconded: Cllr. Steele

862. **MATTERS ARISING**

860. Cllr. Knight has removed 4 lots of wood from the river but feels there is an obstruction further up the river.

863. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Fairweather – planning application for Park Farm

864. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beaumont regarding Neighborhood Watch

865. **HAMPHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber took the picture of the drain at Lodge Lane and said he would ask his engineer to look at it.

Broadband – said when he was Leader he earmarked £10m from reserves for this and did it against a background that it was clear that the contract with BT would probably achieve a coverage of around 91% superfast, but knew there would be hard to reach areas. Said the intention for the earmarked money would be a further extension of broadband. Wrote to the director who will be evaluating the hard to reach spots and then work out a programme for the development of superfast broadband. A combination of satellite, G4 and fibre from cabinet. Hopes extension will bring up to 95% coverage, but it is making slow progress. Wiggle Cycle Events – currently talking with Fawley PC and using Gang Warily as a starting point. Decided that the code of conduct should accompany any of these events and organisers are saying a number of things – 2014 routes will avoid conflict of hot spots ie Ringwood and Fordingbridge areas. A new venue outside the forest will mean no need to put in temporary speed limit on Lyndhurst – Brockenhurst road. Will stick to wider roads avoiding narrow single track roads. The rest stops will have additional portaloos. Numbers of entries will be reduced by 20%. Last year two days at the weekend there were 2,500 cyclists each day. They pay £30 each = £150,000. New considerate riding video specific to the forest will be provided to all entrants prior to the event. There will be roaming motorbike marshalls able to enforce positive rider behavior and will have powers to instantly ban any riders who are seen to be riding without consideration of other road users. Size of bike numbers used for rider ID will be increased. Ride single file signs will be placed around the route. In addition to their continued

support of Prostrate Cancer UK, they will also be financially supporting a NF based charity. Will be placing 'caution horse' signs new stables etc. They hope local residents will greet these new steps and are confident they will make a sufficient difference. The authorities will insist on the code being applied and NFNPA have said 'in the event of the code not being adhered to the NP will consider making an Article 4 direction, removing temporary permitted use rights to hold such events in the NP. Organisers would have to apply for planning permission to host an event within the NF, then allow the authorities to either grant planning permission imposing relevant restrictions or refuse planning permission if the venue is considered unsuitable. Said that we are hoping we are getting more consideration and control over these events. Have made it clear we cannot tolerate the behavior and numbers. Cllr. Norris said he has been kept in the loop by Anne Cakebread. Concerned about Blissford Hill coming to Palace Lane, which will happen. 3000 cyclists on Saturday and 3000 on Sunday and if the Museum have an event on, plus day traffic, then everyone knows to avoid the village and this worries the traders. Fawley PC said it may be hosted in the autumn. Cllr. Vickers said all his parishes are opposed to these profit making events. Said East Boldre Parish Hall maybe the watering station for an event with 400 cyclists, but said at that level people can live with it i.e these are for charity and are tolerated and accepted. Cllr. Thornber said some events are 'sportive' – they are not 'racing', but said what they are clearly doing is cycling against time limits, they are given gold, silver medals etc. Cllr. Thorner said that people living in the NF do not care whether its sportive or racing, what they see is cyclists flying down the narrow lanes, using foul language and being a danger to themselves, to vehicles and to our ponies. But we have to go through a process. Wants the Highways to ban these events on our roads, says his director has the power to apply for a bylaw that would ban these cyclists. Cllr. Steele asked if Fawley PC get a financial gain from this – yes they are paid £3,000. Cllr. Steele said why should one parish be getting the rewards when all the parishes are getting all the traffic. Cllr. Vickers says the District have to change the speed limits etc and they incur a lot of costs, which they do not get back. May need to pressurize the police into being more proactive.

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

Cllr. Vickers said the DC will not be putting up council tax for 4th year running and car parking and clocks stayed the same price. Asked about glass collection, some people have boxes and some have not even had a leaflet. Cllr. Weiss said Palace Lane have had a box for 2-3 months now. Cllr. Vickers will make enquiries. Mentioned changes to council tax rebate system.

867. **UPDATE FROM PC YATES**

PC Yates not present, but sent an email to say he is more than happy to attend some meetings. Said aware of the tramp situation and said there have been no reports of illegal actions. Said he can arrange a time to meet up and discuss this and any other issues. Cllr. Norris said we cannot really ask for anything more as we knew that his area would be bigger and the police that are about are having to do a lot more. Said thought perhaps we ought to do a bit more, so have emailed the neighbourhood watch people to see how they are getting on, as we have had

lead thieves around. Contacted Jo Cooke-Hurle who said it was decided not to set up a formal neighbourhood watch as too many formalities to be undertaken, but a list of telephone numbers and emails of residents and traders who wanted to take part would be compiled. Vicky Roberts undertook to do the traders side and Mrs. Cooke-Hurle to do residents, which has not been completed yet. The police view is just to keep an eye on each others properties, which already happens. PC Yates has asked that any goings on be reported to him. Said we are considered a low risk area and there are only two squad cars covering Lymington – Totton, so response times might be slow. Cllr. Vickers said a debate took place some years ago about putting in CCTV systems, placed in the High Street to catch usual people/traffic. Cllr. Norris said we must do something and agreed to get some quotes. Maybe set up a sub committee and get contractors to meet maybe 5pm before our meeting to discuss this. Mr. Beaumont felt the effect would be extremely good and will frighten off a lot of people who seem to know the village very well. Mr. Beaumont has a quote.

868. **SETTING THE BUDGET**

Cllr. Norris said that all councilors had seen the proposed budget and setting it has to be a collective decision.

Discussed the following:

Support of the Village Hall

Stone Bus Shelter – inside is disgraceful, would Estate help pay for this?

Notice Board – back warped

Garden Maintenance – Twinning visit in May, said garden is looking superb – gone over budget as it was so out of hand and also the gardeners costs include the playground.

Playground needs to be well maintained

Website – have £350 from Common Good Trust, Trevor’s costs will be £800 or a little more

SLR Movements – nothing in budget

Training - £150 – spent £20

Beaulieu Cricket Club - £270 - £170 was ground rent. Young colts team quite successful, should we give £100 to encourage youths?

East Boldre Luncheon Club – no longer running

Citizens Advice Bureau – Worthy cause

Oakhaven £80 and NF Disability £50, Wessex Cancer £100, GIS Partnership £50

Misc - £500 – Spent £228 Bus shelter damage

Jellitots – needs encouraging £60

Phone Box – have reserve money

£8,000 agreed precept – emailed copy and hard copy posted

869. **CORRESPONDENCE**

General

Letter of thanks from Carol Green

Clerks & Councils Direct – Good article in there – Cllr. Steele will copy for all councillors

CPRE – Membership Renewal

AON – Current policy schedule

Lloyds Bak – Balance – 23rd December 2013 - £12,645/09

NFDC

Temp Road Closure – Pancake Event - Agree with

NFNPA

Consulting with Communities - Cllr. Norris said this was a useful document

Minerals and Water Monitoring

Agricultural Occupancy Monitoring Cases

Enforcement and Tree Team – Quarterly Report Dec 2013

Adoption of Revived Statement of Community Involvement

857. PLANNING

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BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PERMISSION

Tree Works Applications

White Hall Reduce height of Birch 25% and shape holly 25%

High Street

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Mill Studio Palace Lane	2 x Holm Oak - Remove lower branches over the water
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Either side of The Gatehouse Gate 1 Holm Oak – reduce crown

Palace Lane 1 Yew – crown lift

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858. PLANNING DECISIONS

4 Baileys Hard Infil Extension

Bucklers Hard GRANTED

Gins Old Farmhouse Greenhouse – LBC – GRANTED

Bucklers Hard Greenhouse – GRANTED

Flue for Woodburning Stove – GRANTED

Replacement Windows, Doors – LBC – GRANTED

Land at Otterwood Change of use from office to dwelling - details not required (prior notification)

Thorns Beach Enforcement Control have told owners to take down the Boat House

859. CHEQUE SIGNING

None

860. QUESTION TIME

Cllr. Fairweather asked if there was any value in writing to the electricity company about power cuts and lines. Needs investigation. Impact at Christmas on residents and traders.

Cllr. Knight reported that the tramp will be gone within a month.

Cllr. Steele said that we cannot have a cash point in the phone box as it is a listed phone box. Have to unlist it and that is extremely difficult to do. Talking to the British Heart Foundation about defibrillator.

Cllr. Shanks asked about Chestnut Cottage. Clerk to write to NFNPA for update. Also bollards at Blackbridge Corner they are all over the place, contact Sembcorp or HCC.

Meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

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