

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH JULY 2014
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. Shanks, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. N. Weiss,

APOLOGIES

Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Gibbs, Cllr. K. Thornber, Cllr. P. Vickers, Mr. A. Mills

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk), Mrs. R. Pearson, Mr. J. Beaumont,

940. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Weiss Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

941. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr. Norris said the minutes of last meeting were not an accurate record as Mrs. Pearson was not listed under 'in attendance'.

Cllr. Steele said it is really important that the decisions we make should be recorded as to how we made them. i.e 933 – Events Field – said we should have said 'with conditions', as we did not just grant it. Said it was reported what the public said, but not all that the councilors had said. Cllr. Steele had said that we would appreciate in the future if the Estate did not do their planning through Lawful Development and would like them to go through the proper planning procedures. Mrs. Pearson said they only did this as NPA had asked them to do so. Cllr. Fairweather had said it was important that the Estate did not use Lawful Development as a way of regularizing planning breaches in the future. Also commented at the previous meeting that did not feel that the village shops benefited from events as local customers were put off from travelling to the village.

930. Cllr. Weiss asked if we can pursue the idea of changing the wooden posts outside Northern Cottages to cast iron. Clerk to contact Cllr. Thornber. Cllr. Weiss said he has spoken to East Boldre Parish Council about the Speed Watch Programme. East Boldre also had trouble getting information about this and had given up. Cllr. Weiss said the clerk lives in Pilley and Boldre and Pilley have a SWP. Said there are a number of negatives 1) It is run by volunteers and to become a volunteer is quite a process, there is a detailed form to complete which then goes to the police. In Boldre 10 people said they would volunteer, but only two have completed the process and also volunteers sometimes get abuse from local people. Said it is not a speed gun but a sign on a post on the roadside that flashes the speed and 'slow down'. Said 3 volunteers was an ideal number to do this, as you have to complete a form requiring 5 details i.e make of car, colour, registration, gender and approx. age of driver. If the police receive 2/3 reports of the same person driving that car anywhere in Hampshire, then they receive a letter from the police and if you get more then there is a penalty. Said East Boldre in light of our interest in this scheme would like to pursue this. Boldre and East Boldre take the view that the more schemes in operation in the area the better. Suggested that we

arrange a meeting with them. We have had a quote of £2,500 to get it up and running. Cllr. Shanks asked where exactly is the problem that we are talking about speed wise. Cllr. Norris said the old problem was the entrance to Dock Lane, with traffic coming down the hill. Cllr. Shanks said this problem maybe sorted if they are prepared to move the speed limit further up the hill. She said she felt that when talking about high-vish jackets that we were talking about the High Street. Cllr. Weiss said that others took the view that there was speeding in the High Street, but this was never established. He said he was concerned about the bend at the Montagu Arms. Cllr. Shanks said everyone has different issues. Taking decision on SWP to item 10 on the agenda.

942. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

943. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

John Beaumont on planning and speeding in the High Street.

944. **HAMPHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber not present.

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

Cllr. Vickers not present, but reported that the technical/environmental issues regarding the expansion of the Beaulieu cemetery have all now been resolved, so can go ahead as originally planned. Mrs. Pearson said they still need planning permission.

946. **UPDATE FROM PC YATES**

P.C. Yates not present. Cllr. Norris said he has been contacted by Stg. Debbie Holman regarding a new business watch scheme – NF East Pilot Scheme. Said Insp. Katherine Willoughby will be in touch to advise what will happen next, probably involve attending a meeting to discuss.

947. **PLANNING**

Cllr. Norris said he feels we should not leave planning until the end of the agenda, so has brought it forward, as feels sometimes we rush it at the end and do not give it the consideration we should. Said he is very pleased that councilors here are showing a lot of interest and we are actively site visiting, this is proving very valuable and puts a different light on things.

St. Leonards Grange

Stabling and garaging

Sowley Lane

Had a site visit. Cllr. Norris said he quite liked the whole thing, very good taste. Asked to consider 1) impact upon character and appearance of the area 2) the impact on the character and setting of the listed building 3) whether the additions are appropriate to the existing building and curtilage 4) impact upon the amenities 5) whether the outbuilding will be incidental to the main dwelling house and not providing habitable accommodation. Mr. McGrigor said to look at DP12.

Discussed and agreed to approve the application subject to the condition that it is incidental. It must be incidental.

St. Leonards Grange

Car Port

Sowley Lane

Relevant issues to consider:

- 1) Impact upon the character and appearance of the area 2) impact upon the character and setting of the listed building 3) whether the additions are appropriate to the existing building and its curtilage. 4) impact upon the amenities of the neighboring properties.

Cllr. Shanks felt it totally detracts from the beautiful building. Cllr. Weiss felt having the roof floating on a pole is wrong. Area is very crowded. Cllr. Norris said he liked the roof and would support it, but he is in the minority.

Agreed to refuse it on the grounds of : it detracts from the character and setting of the listed building. The addition is inappropriate to the listed building and curtilage. Bad impact on the character and appearance of the area. Recommend refusal for the reasons listed, but will go with the decision reached by the NPA. Cllr. Shanks felt we should not do that as we are just 'passing the buck'. After discussion agreed to refuse for the above reasons.

Thorns Beach Boat House

Site visit today. Cllr. Shanks declared as interest. Cllr. Norris said we are not discussing this today we are deciding on the action to take as regard to the parish council timetable. Had site visit and had to reply to NP at this meeting, they would not grant an extension. We felt we could not take a decision on the Boat House, in being ancillary to the new main house, which we did not have. Want to consider both applications together. Have to give our comments to the NPA by 7th August, therefore intend to hold an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 4th August at 6.30p.m. It will be open to the public to attend if they wish and they will be able to participate for 3 minutes – Cllr. Norris to check the standing orders and also contact Adam Mills of the Residents Association as that is probably where the majority of interest will come from. Asked Mr. Beaumont if he wished to say anything and he said he had spoken to Rob Ainsley and said comments should be in by 20th August. Mr. Beaumont asked why they want to pressurize the parish council to make a decision. Cllr. Norris said it is because there is a NPA meeting. Cllr. Steele said another site meeting is required and it would be good if more councilors could attend. Cllr. Norris said the Agents are quite prepared to come out again. Said there will be quite a lot of interest in this and he has spent quite a few hours reading through the plans etc.

Taking The Hummicks application over to the next meeting.

Mr. Beaumont mentioned the Estate's application for Lawful Development and Cllr. Norris said he has received a letter from Andrew Dykes saying enforcement action should be taken by NPA re cricket field, also referred to as exhibitors car parking field. Said a permanent sentry box has been erected this year close to the gates by Palace Lane and in several of the events fields loud speakers have been erected, these are solidly constructed on poles firmly in the ground and subject to many complaints over this and last summer. Again they require planning permission. Mrs. Pearson said they go up every year. In addition the evidence

submitted under application 14/415 indicates that even though it is lawful its use and development is not justified and the areas in question have been used for non agricultural purposes in excess of the permitted development rights and such use is illegal until such times as a certificate is granted.

948. **IMPROVING HIGHWAY SAFETY SPEED LIMIT ON THE B3054**

Received an email from Mandy Ware, Team Leader, Traffic Management at HCC saying that it is her view that the 30mph speed limit through Beaulieu could be extended to a point just beyond the CET, but not as far as Hilltop. This would meet the criteria for 30mph speed limit given the popularity of the events that occur in Beaulieu and the traffic turning in the exhibitors entrance and the less frequent events happening at the CET, plus the entrance to Norris' Feed Merchants and Saddlery. She says she believes this short extension to the 30mph speed limit will have road safety benefits. She has added this to the list of potential schemes to be prioritized for 2015/16 Traffic Management Programme through the Autumn Highways Workshop. Cllr. Weiss feels it should be extended to Hilltop House and said by Mill Race traffic has to slow down to come round the corner by the cottage, but you can see them accelerating and feels this is terribly dangerous and said it frightens him that we haven't had more serious accidents, but coming in the other direction that Ropeway frequently got its fence demolished. Cllr. Steele said it was very dangerous by Dock Lane. Cllr. Weiss said if we were to try the SWP, which is different from changing the speed limit, the process would be that the police come out and establish there are locations where it could be done and if they agree we then need to get volunteers. Cllr. Norris felt we should try and get the volunteers first, as thinks that will be difficult. Cllr. Weiss said if you have one trained volunteer, you can have an untrained volunteer with you. Cllr. Steele said can we push to have the 30mph further up the hill. Cllr. Weiss asked what we should do next? Agreed that Cllr. Weiss would have a meeting with East Boldre PC and Cllr. Weiss would probably need to be the 'recruiting officer'. Cllr. Weiss said volunteers do not need to be from the Beaulieu area. Mr. Beaumont said there is also a possibly of the volunteers getting beaten up and said in Netley Lane they have some very good sleeping policemen, could we have similar? Cllr. Steele said the High Street is still a 'B' road, so there would be restrictions, could we get this redesignated. Cllr. Weiss will attend the meeting and report back, but asked if there was anything we could do to move the speed limit further up. Cllr. Norris said we would ask Cllr. Thornber, but said to look at the link on the email first.

949. **CCTV FOR THE VILLAGE**

Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Fairweather was taking the lead on this project and not present tonight, but said he has been talking to Cllr. Steele and thinks the village is split 50/50. Said approx. 10 residents had expressed an interest, half in favour, half thought it was an invasion of privacy. Comments on why only the High Street. Agreed to put on agenda for next meeting. Cllr. Weiss asked if the Estate had expressed a view. Mrs. Pearson said they were worried about signage and it being intrusive. Cllr. Steele said she was amazed that not more businesses were interested. Cllr. Shanks feels it is a lot of money for few benefits. Cllr. Norris said the yacht designers have offered funding.

950. **DEFIBRILLATOR – VILLAGE HALL SQUARE**

Cllr. Steele said she has done the application to the BHF for a grant. Said there are two defibs, one is simpler to use and the ambulance service use this one, but if we get a grant the BHF use the other one. Said we would see if we receive a grant. We do have a private person who will donate and also Cllr. Norris said the PC could contribute towards installation. Mrs. Pearson said she would meet Mr. Montagu to look at possible places to site this, so it does not detract from the memorial. Agreed village hall courtyard is the best site. Felt the courtyard was a bit untidy and needs benches. Cllr. Norris said the PC could adopt the beds. The area could be made more of. Mrs. Pearson to talk to Mr. Montagu. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Steele for her continued work on this project.

951. **OUR PAST, OUR FUTURE – NPA**

Cllr. Norris said a 4.5m landscaping scheme for the NF will undertake a range of projects to restore lost habitats and develop forest skills and inspire a new generation to care for the forest. The PC are being consulted and asked to get involved. The Estate is already part of this. Mr. Beaumont mentioned Paths to Partnership and Browns Lane and said a warden could attend a PC meeting.

952. **BROADBAND IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr. Gibbs not present

953. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

C. Fairweather Limited - £271.47

N. Deering - £773.86

Playsafety - £78.00

Proposed: Cllr. Weiss

Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

954. **CORRESPONDENCE**

General

Rural Opportunities Bulletin – Weekly email news digest – 30 June, 7 & 14 July

Rural Opportunities Service

Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Broadband

Localism in Practice Seminar

Community First NF – ebulletin July

NFALC – AGM 24 July – Broadband Update, not heard anything. Cycling

Liaison Group, Neal Martin from Burley trying to get code of conduct and now gone back to NP. Limit to 1000 cyclists.

Talk on Planning – Thursday 24th – 7pm at Council Chamber, Town Hall,

Lymington, said good if a councilor could attend and network.

ROSPA – Playsafety Inspection Report

HALC – 2014 Service Brochure

Clerks and Councils Direct

Velcourt – Tractor movements

Beaulieu Estate – painting of Pondside Flats

NFNPA

Funding Update

Our Past, our Future landscape partnership scheme

Navitus Bay Offshore wind farm

NFDC

Temporary Events Notice - Treehouses – 26th July – Wedding
Treehouses – 20th September – Wedding
Sports Fiels – 22nd July – End of year BBQ
Abbey – 26th July – Music concert
Electoral Register – Steve Waibe – 7 Baileys Hard – creation
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Hannah, Moonacres, Moonhills Lane –
Creation
Year Book – Cllr. Norris said it would be good if we could get one for all
councilors.
Licensing Act – Beaulieu Organic Farm Shop

HCC

Accredited Community Safety Officers

955. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

Hilltop House	Single storey extension and LBC
Palace Lane	GRANTED

Swinesleys Farm	Creation of swimming pool, plant room
Hatchet Lane	GRANT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

Saltershill Cottage	Ext. to existing outbuilding, detached garage
Saltershill	GRANT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

956. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Shanks said she was disappointed that not many councilors attended the site visits regarding planning

Cllr. Weiss said the posts by the Montagu Arms are getting splintered and the chevrons by Blackwater House are still not put back correctly.

Cllr. Steele said residents are concerned about the small piece of ground by the Learning Garden and heather bales. This area is filling with weeds and asked who is responsible, Mrs. Pearson said Cllr. Fairweather is. Reported that the rat situation seems to be under control. Asked if the telephone box at Hatchet Pond was our responsibility. Cllr. Norris said it is not in our parish but EB.

Cllr. Norris thanked all councilors for taking the time to attend site visits, as these prove very worthwhile and effective.

Meeting closed at 8.20p.m.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 21st August at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.