

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH JUNE 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. N. Weiss, Cllr. S. Gibbs

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Keeton, Cllr. P. Vickers

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk), Cllr. K. Thornber, Nicola Morecroft, Mr. J. Beaumont, Mr. A. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Dykes, Mr. S. Rigby, Mrs. H. Phipps, Mr. M. Norman, Mr. S. Jackson, Mr. R. Montagu, Mr. R. Blythe

924. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Weiss Seconded: Cllr. Gibbs

925. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr. Shanks is pleased to report that scaffolding has gone up at Chestnut Cottage, ready for thatching. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Shanks for making the NP A aware of this endangered listed building.

926. **SIGNING OF ANNUAL RETURN**

Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather

927. **SIGNING OF GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather Seconded: Cllr. Knight

928. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

929. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Presentation by Nicola Morecroft from South Central Ambulance Service on defibs. Cllr. Steele said this could be located in the courtyard outside the village hall, needs a power source. Would like to get as many people as possible trained to use this – staff at the school etc. Cllr. Fairweather said his first aiders could do this. Said BHF will divide the cost of purchase with us, but Sara said a private local donor will fund this entirely. Nicola said anyone can use a defib, you do not need training, you are talked through the whole process, but need to call 999. Nicola will let us have details of boxes to house the defib in.

930. **HAMPHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber said HCC have no problem with changing the wooden posts outside Northern Cottages for cast iron posts. Felt double yellow lines at the top of the High Street are not necessary and not too many cars park there. Regarding the exit from Palace House, said very little can be done as not a traffic hazard. 30mph by Home Farm, he is very aware of our concern and this needs a swift survey to find out if this is a real danger. Said all these issues can be discussed at the signage meeting being arranged and also the signage at the bottom of the High Street. Said NALC have issued guidelines prohibiting councilors from talking to the press. Cllr. Weiss asked about have a 20mph speed limit in the High Street and moving the 30mph higher up Palace Hill. Cllr. Thornber said they are doing

trials of 20mph in rural areas, these are usually only for urban areas. Said trials will be completed end of year and then a policy will be made.

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

Cllr. Vickers not present

932. **UPDATE FROM PC YATES**

P.C. Yates not present – but sent report.

2 reports of theft at Autojumble, identified and arrested members of a Polish pickpocket team. Theft at Bucklers Hard, gent left expensive watch on a table and it was taken. Shed at Furzey Lane was broken into and fruit netting taken.

933. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLANNING**

Certificate of Lawful Development – Beaulieu Enterprises Limited

Adam Mills said the Residents Association have concerns about this and are having a meeting on Saturday to discuss this further. Said there are legal issues and will be seeking advice from experts.

Mr. Dykes – Hartford Wood Association – said they will be badly effected by overuse of fields, there has been a tremendous increase in use of the events fields, meaning more noise and feels Beaulieu Enterprises should apply through a normal planning application and not through a CLD. Requests that BPC reject the application.

Cllr. Thornber declared an interest.

Mrs. Dykes feels 'without limitations' should be removed from the application, if not the Estate will be able to increase activities which will mean loss of privacy, trespasses, more rubbish and noise.

Mr. Rigby feels 'the fields' should be treated as separate applications. Said Hides Field this week has been used for agricultural use, there is also a quarry there.

Mr. Blythe is worried about 'change of zoning' not change of use.

Mr. Norman supports others concerns, says commitments have been made by the Estate and then ignored. Concerns of use of Palace Lane entrance.

Mrs. Phipps worried about 'without limitations' – says it is a step too far.

Mr. Jackson worried, unbridled discretion.

Mr. Montagu said the application for the CLD has been made because asked to do this by the NP in order to regularize the position with respect to our existing use. It does not result from any plan to intensify use of these fields for events or car parking. The CLD would not give the Estate any rights that they do not already have. Said they now have an annual liaison meeting to look at how events affect residents and try to get it right next time. Now have a hotline 01590 614622 or email – residents@beaulieu.co.uk

Cllr. Norris feels the PC should recommend refusal on Hides Field planning unit as not certain that a breach has occurred. Said a document dated 2005 states the land of Hides Field as agricultural. 2014 less 2005 = 9. It has therefore not run the 10 years. The development would appear not lawful in terms of planning and could be subject to enforcement. There also appears to be conflicting evidence about whether use over the number of days for alternative use have been met (28 day rule).

Events Field – Cllr. Norris feels the PC should recommend permission as there is good evidence that a breach has certainly occurred. Our comments would be

1. Ask NPA to check the application documentations are true and correct.
2. A more robust enforcement policy by NPA regarding planning breeches by the Motor Museum to avoid an increase in disruption to local residents and spoiling their quiet enjoyment of their properties.
3. Conditions on the certificate that take into account the concerns of local residents and do not permit increase in activity and look to reduce activity where possible.
4. We would ask the Motor Museum to apply for proper planning permission and not use a CLD to gain lawful planning permission.

Cllr. Norris asked councilors to vote

Hides Field – unanimous – refusal

Events Field – all but one councilor agreed to grant permission, but agree with the decision reached by the NPA’s officers.

934. **PLANNING**

Hilltop House

Remove garage and construct single storey

Palace Lane

addition + Listed Building consent

CLLR. WEISS HAS CONCERNS ABOUT THE PITCH OF THE ROOF, BUT BPC RECOMMENDS PERMISSION.

Salterns Hill Cottage

Alterations to existing brick/timber barn and

Salterns Hill Lane

construction of new garage

BPC RECOMMENDS PERMISSION

935. **PATHS TO PARTNERSHIP**

Summary by Cllr. Knight. Said 100 people attended and every parish in Hampshire was represented. Said it was a very worthwhile and informative day and had the opportunity to attend different workshops. Said they have rangers and a good team of volunteers to help clear overgrown footpaths, as these have to be kept up together. Said this is not a problem on the Estate. Said they are changing stiles for gates as not wheelchair/pushchair friendly. Cllr. Knight said we have one or two on the Estate and could we consider changing this over. Mentioned the small grants scheme and Mrs. Pearson said the Estate had received a grant to do the path from the Motor Museum to the village.

Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Knight for offering to attend.

936. **TWINNING GARDEN AND PLAYGROUND GARDEN**

Cllr. Steele said the Twinning Garden is looking **good** and now on maintenance. Said unfortunately there is no room for the vines that the French visitors recently gave to the Twinning Association. Cllr. Fairweather has supplied the shrubs and done the work. The gate needs a spring on it so that it shuts. Mrs. Pearson said Cllr. Knight will look at putting a weight on it. Invoice needed from Cllr. Fairweather. Everyone is happy that Mark the new gardener has been doing. Cllr. Fairweather said Mark needs to check the playground equipment weekly, rake the bark weekly and check the astroturf. The climbing plants and wires need to be removed. Do a visual check of the wood for splinters. Need to combine the signs, Mrs. Pearson to check this.

937. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

E. Young - £105

Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather

Seconded: Cllr. Gibbs

938. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Speed Watch – East Boldre PC are now not pursuing this as found it difficult to obtain information. Cllr. Weiss said he also had the same problem and will contact East Boldre PC.

General

Lloyds Bank – Balance – 30th May - £16,510.25

Emails regarding CCTV from Julie Tatchell

AON – Insurance renewal

Navitus Bay – Proposed Wind Park Order

Rural Services Network – Spotlight on small businesses and the rural economy

Rural Sounding Board

Seminar – Sustainable Tourism Strategies

Rural Opportunities Bulletin

Weekly email new digest 19 May, 2nd June, 9th June

Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel Poverty and Broadband 2014

HARAH – spring newsletter 2014

Community First NF – ebulleting May

HALC – June e-update

NFALC – Minutes 17/4/14

NFNPA

Enforcement Parish List – 2nd June

Enforcement Control Agricultural Occupancy Monitoring Cases

Enforcement Control Minerals and Waste

Funding update

Out past, our future landscape partnership scheme

NFDC

Temporary Events Notice – Beaulieu Village Fete – 19th July

Wedding – Treehouses – 21st June and 28th June

Concert – Church

Security mark your tools

Commemorate D-Day anniveray along Lym-Brock railway line

Info Bulletin – May 2014

Electoral Register

Public Events Notices – re: cycling events. Cllr. Thornber said the NP meets next week regarding this and said a code of conduct had been written and rejected by Wiggle organisers. Said they want numbers on back and front of cyclists and a reduction in numbers and a planning application made every time for these events, which probably would not be granted.

HCC

Accredited Community Safety Officers

939. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Fairweather reported that the netting between the school and the garden Centre needs some maintenance as holes are appearing. Needs dealing with before it gets too bad. Will obtain a quote.

Cllr. Norris asked if we had received the ROSPA report – clerk to chase. Cllr. Norris thanked councilors for taking the time out for site visits and for considering the planning applications.

Meeting closed at 8.25p.m.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 17th July at 6.30p.m. in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.