

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2014
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Vickers

IN ATTENDANCE

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

986. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Weiss

987. **MATTERS ARISING**

985. Bus Shelter – Cllr. Norris is pleased to report that the back wall has been painted grey. Paul also did some work on the picket fence. Cllr. Norris also visited the bus shelter by Pondside and the two notices inside need cleaning, which Paul has done.

Cllr. Steele said we have the chipping for the playground and waiting for Paul to spread them and now have the bulbs. Said Mark has tidied up VH courtyard by cutting back and sweeping. Said when the Twinners come there will be 2 occasion when they meet in the Twinning garden, so will get Mark to tidy it up. Asked if we want the flags flying. Cllr. Norris said yes 2 flags. Cllr. Steele will liaise with Andrew Rawlings and make sure it is done.

976. Cllr. Weiss asked if we had received the traffic survey results from Cllr. Thornber, clerk to chase.

988. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Norris said he was going to have to declare an interest, as has a planning application in, but will explain later why it is being deferred.

989. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beaumont mentioned the ice skating post in the middle of Mill Pond has disappeared and said Mr. Chichester has asked Mr. Montagu several times if it can be reinstated. Cllr. Norris said it was called the ‘Old Grey Mare’. Clerk to write to the Estate.

990. **UPDATE FROM PC YATES**

P.C. Yates not present.

991. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber not present. Cllr. Norris said there were two items we need to notify Cllr. Thornber about. 1) the drains in the High Street are blocked, mostly with Scots pine needles, the right hand side at the top of the High Street are particularly bad. Results in the water running down the High Street, needs a gully gulper to suck out. Cllr. Weiss said can we add Palace Lane to that. Cllr. Knight said that had recently been done. 2) Could Cllr. Thornber arrange to have the SLR post in Palace Lane straighten, as we will probably want to use again.

992. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT**

Cllr. Vickers not present

993. **PLANNING**

Drokes Lodge, 14/00749

Detached single storey studio

Bucklers Hard

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PERMISSION, BUT WITH CONDITIONS THAT IT IS NOT USED AS LIVING ACCOMMODATION, BUT WILL AGREE WITH DECISION REACHED BY NFPN.

St. Leonards Grange, 14/00767

Garage & stable block

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PERMISSION

Thorns Beach, 14/00520

Replacement Dwelling

Thorns Beach Boathouse, 14/00529 Replacement Boat House

These two applications will be discussed at a meeting on 21st October at Lymington Town Hall at 9.30a.m. Cllr. Norris said that on the website NFNPA are recommending 'refuse'. Said the PC have made their decision and will still go with 'refusal' and will not be attending. Mr. Mills said he has read the report and said he still believes the design is not innovative and not truly exceptional and also queries the size, says strong refusal. Cllr. Weiss said he may attend as an individual and would not speak. Cllr. Norris said it would be good to have feedback. Mr. Beaumont said he has reserved a time to speak and said Solent Protection and Mary Montagu Scott may attend.

Beaulieu Estate, 14/00415

Certificate of Lawful Development

There is a letter on the website from the Residents Association and Judith Maddox and spreadsheets with dates and previous cases. Cllr. Norris thinks our view remains unchanged and 'let sleeping dogs lie'.

The Saddlery, 14/00748

Change of use to residential

High Street, Beaulieu

Unable to make a decision because all councilors declared an interest. Deferred to NFNPA

994. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

Tree works

Holt Cottage, CONS/14/0966

Bunkers Hill

RAISE NO OBJECTIONS

River House,

Dock Lane

RAISE NO OBJECTIONS

995. **S.L.R.**

Cllr. Norris said there were several issues. Said we have had complaints about speeding in the High Street. Received an email from East Boldre PC about a SID,

but feels anything involving volunteers will not work, need three volunteers for a SID, it is tripod mounted and registers speed and you take down the details. Said has spoken to the clerk at EB and they said a community van is going round at night on the moment to horse blackspots and will send link to see where it is working, been on the B3054 Lymington turnpike. Said there are also several things NFDC can do, they have a device – a black box that you deploy on the road you have concerns about for a week, NFDC collect it and give you a print out of the speeds. They used this outside EB shops and a car was recorded as going 47mph. Feels this might be useful. Said moving an SLR is approx. £300 each time. You can purchase an SLR through NFDC and they will deploy and move for £80. The Unipart device is £3,500 and can put up ourselves and they will give training. Could go jointly with EB. EB will send all the links from NFDC and we can look and decide. We have the insurance money and feel drivers do need to be reminded there is a speed limit within the parish and if we can move it for £80 that will be better or a free option, the device flashing with the speed from NFDC, but only get it about twice a year. Will put on the agenda for November.

995. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Mr. Beaumont spoke about previous schemes and said Dan Carley has been setting this up and organized a meeting for Tuesday. Cllr. Norris thanked Mr. Beaumont for organizing this and will put on the website. Cllr. Norris unable to attend, but wished him luck and asked for feedback. Cllr. Weiss said he would attend. Mrs. Pearson said the locks on the stores behind the Bake House had been tampered with last night.

996. **DEFIBRILLATOR – VILLAGE HALL SQUARE**

Update by Cllr. Steele – said we now have the defib, but delayed ordering the cabinet, as when she phoned they asked if we wanted a locked or unlocked one. They said if grant from BHF, then they recommend an unlocked one. Said she would raise the issue again but feels it should be unlocked, we would be incredibly unlucky if anything happened to it. Said the insurance company will insure it. Decided to vote.

Locked : 2 votes

Unlocked: 5 votes

Cllr. Steele said that she would make it part of her duties to check it on a regular basis and any passing councillors could also check. Once we have the box we will ask the Estate to do the wiring, then the training. Said we can have a hall full of people wishing to be trained and make a donation. Cllr. Steele will see what the insurance quote will be.

997. **CCTV FOR THE VILLAGE**

Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Fairweather is leading this and not present tonight. Mr. Beaumont said Chris Snell who Patrick has been talking to is in Hong Kong, but felt we need more than one quote. Spoke to Rory at the garage about his system and seeing him tomorrow and also seeing the company the Estate use next week, so will have 3 quotes to consider. Cllr. Norris thanked Mr. Beaumont for his help and said he feels some businesses are going to have to contribute if we go ahead. Charles C-H has written again and Cllr. Norris thinks Cllr. Fairweather will have to consider his points, as he thinks camera position is critical. Best locations would be 1) covering Fire Station Lane at bottom of High Street and 2)

covering the entrance to car park at bottom of High Street. These locations would ensure all traffic would be recoded, whereas cameras in the High Street simply record traffic using the High Street. He also said 'as there is so little crime in Beaulieu, as stated in our minutes, do we actually need cameras'. Cllr. Norris said if we do ahead maybe we need 4 cameras, feels camera positions suggested are very good. Cllr. Gibbs asked 'what are we trying to achieve'. Cllr. Norris said if you run a small retail business in Beaulieu you would understand the amount of pilfering that goes on. Said we are trying to achieve security, safety and to know what is going on in our village. Said we will refer to Cllr. Fairweather to consider. Cost £2,500

998. **CORRESPONDENCE**

General

Received a letter from Mr. Cooke-Hurle who is very concerned about new low energy street lighting being put in around the NF. Said there is some in Lymington and it looks hideous and does not want it in his village. Cllr. Norris said the lighting we are getting in the village is in heritage style. Cllr. Weiss feels in order to deal with the letter we should know what heritage lighting is like. Cllr. Norris said no doubt we will be informed.

Mares Tails planning application – said we have some correspondence but have not received the hard copy yet and the person who was objecting is not really objecting now.

Bank Statement – had cheque from Cllr. Thornber for £1000 for a computer, VAT Refund of £406.92 and Precept of £4,000. £19,258 in bank at the moment.

Looked at accounts at year end, that Mrs. Pearson kindly audits and would like figures to look very similar to last year. Have a liability coming in of approx. £660 for cabinet for defib, if decide on SLR £3,000, CCTV £3,000, Expenses £2,000 = £11,000, then another Precept in April. Can ring fence this money for these proposed projects. Also Grant letters – NF Disability, usually give them £50, should we give £100

Proposed : Cllr. Gibbs

Seconded: Cllr. Weiss

Jelly Tots - £100

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Seconded: Cllr. Weiss

Mrs. Pearson said the Cricket Club are desperate to replace the shed behind their new pavilion £2000 cost. Reported they are doing really well with teenagers.

Cllr. Norris asked if they could write to the PC.

Cllr. Norris said another organization desperately needing money is the VH Trust. They face a very large roof repair bill approx. £2,000. Said feels Steve Green has done a wonderful job with the hall and got a grant of £9,000 for improvements, which have been really good and full of admiration for him and his committee.

Cllr. Norris proposed we match fund him and give him £1,000 for roof repairs.

Cllr. Steele thinks we should support this as it is a building used by all the Community.

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Seconded: Cllr. Weiss

Cllr. Weiss said he would like to see the hall's pricing structure. Cllr. Norris thanked councilors for their support of these local organisations and feels any

donations we do give we should keep them local.
Rural Opportunities Bulletin – Weekly email news digest –
Rural Services Network – Rural Housing Spotlight
HMRC – VAT Refund
Society of Local Council – Clerks book
Wickstead Playgrounds – new products
NF Transition Exhibition
Letter from Steve Green – VHT Grant
Letter from Jelly Tots asking for grant
Lloyds Bank – Balance 30th Sept - £19,258.97
Letter from NF Disability asking for grant

HCC

Admission to schools

NFDC

Suspension of car parking charges for one day

999. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

BVHT - £1,000

Jelly Tots - £100

NF Disability - £100

Cllr. Norris - £33.54 – paint for bus shelter

Proposed: Cllr. Weiss Seconded: Cllr. Knight

1000. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Gibbs said he regrets he has not had time to do anything about wifi for the Hall. Can anyone take this on? Said Steve Green thinks I can get a cheaper deal as work for BT, but its against policy. Said Fire Station Lane corner the wall has gone and cars are seriously parking along there, and making it difficult to get a car down there. Asked if there was anything we can do. Cllr. Knight said ‘what can we do? Sign broken on fire station about no parking.

Cllr. Weiss mentioned the bollards at bottom of High Street. Mrs. Pearson said Colin Hibberd will sort this, if we provide the posts. Also we talked about changing the wooden posts by Northern Cottages to cast iron like the bell bollards. Clerk to ask Cllr. Thornber.

Meeting closed at 8.00p.m.

Cllr. Gibbs mentioned having a Christmas Party after the December meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 20th November in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.