

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2014
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

P. C. Yates

IN ATTENDANCE

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

971. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING & MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Knight Seconded: Cllr. Steele

972. **MATTERS ARISING**

None

973. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

974. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beaumont

- Views on starting a neighborhood watch scheme – Matt Hayman would be interested in starting this.
- CCTV in the High Street
- Lack of Lavatories signs
- Cycle Event – Sunday 21st September
- David from Spalding

Cllr. Norris said he has noted the questions and will consider. Will comment on CCTV – said 50% of villagers did not want CCTV in the village and did not want an invasion into their privacy, but immediately after the murder a police spokesman said there was no CCTV for us to look at, but we were advised by the police that it would be a waste of time putting it in. Said the cycling event on 21st was one we like – the Cycletta for cancer, all lady cyclists. Said regarding David from Spalding, said he is being fed and bathed by the village. Cllr. Shanks said he is not, it is someone from Dibden way. Cllr. Weiss asked what the legal position is? Is he breaking the law by camping here. Cllr. Norris said if he was breaking the law he would be moved on. Said police do not have these powers. He is not making a nuisance, unless he is camping or trespassing. Mr. Beaumont said there are notices saying ‘no camping’. Cllr. Gibbs asked if social services is the reasonable way to go, maybe suggest they talk to him. Cllr. Norris felt that happened in East Boldre. It is an ongoing problem. Cllr. Gibbs asked Cllr. Thornber if this was a way to go forward. Cllr. Thornber will enquire where our powers lie. Cllr. Vickers said if a family/individual wants to register as technically homeless, they have to go through the DC, as they are the Housing Authority. Cllr. Norris said he has sheltered accommodation in Lincolnshire. Cllr. Thornber said we can check with Lincolnshire social services. Cllr. Vickers

asked what Mr. Montagu's thoughts on the CCTV were and Cllr. Norris said he was not opposed to it.

975. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber hoped we had received the grant cheque. Cllr. Norris said we had and we are very grateful and thanked Cllr. Thornber and said we have purchased a laptop. Cllr. Thornber apologised for the mix up and for taking so long.

Regarding broadband, said we have £32m in the broadband pot now, believe 97/98% coverage of Hampshire. Said keen we achieve this for Exbury, Lepe and can spread it to Denny Lodge. Will be spending £750m on capital projects over 3 years. Investing more in extra care, building extra care accommodation for young with disabilities. Putting an extra £6m in. £140m set aside for 8000 additional places in primary schools. There has been a baby boom and more parents are not using private schooling due to the economic climate. Capital programme – said they are selling some land which they invested in 30/40/50 years ago and some unwanted premises. Still has to find £93m from reserves for yearly costs, but said capital programme was very healthy. Building a district energy system in Winchester which will serve the hospital, county council and the prison and hope to expand on that. Said he should be in Winchester now celebrating the 25 year service people, had so many they have had two celebrations. Cllr. Norris asked about phase 2 broadband which was going to be rolled out earlier this year. Cllr. Thornber said from the County's point of view this starts in October. Phase 2 is for the red areas, East Boldre, Beaulieu and parts of Denny Lodge, Exbury has been bypassed at the moment.

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

Cllr. Vickers asked if there was any feedback regarding the village car park over Autojumble. Cllr. Norris said he came to the car park at 6.30am on Saturday morning – no camper vans, 6 cars. Cllr. Vickers said an officer had been there till 8pm on Thu, Fri and Sat and he came on 2 evenings. Thursday there were 4 vans and a camper van, which was clearly clamped to itself and the van owners had been told and acknowledged they had to move, but do not know if they did. Said it prompted the question about extra signage 'illegal to camp overnight'. Asked about the field at the top of the hill, asked if they were charged? Cllr. Knight said it was £10. Cllr. Vickers said the Forestry Commission are a bit unhappy as a lot of people spread themselves out in all sorts of areas. Hatchett Pond was full. Said on Friday morning when exhibitors are trying to enter, the Estate were not managing the traffic flow and it caused severe highway disruption. Have to talk to Mrs. Pearson about this. Saturday and Sunday were fine, but Friday was chaos. Cllr. Vickers said vehicles should be taken off the highway and parked and then dealt with. Said if they have to they will come along next year and enforce it. Cllr. Fairweather said the signage for camping was terrible. Cllr. Knight said all details are on stall holders instructions, but it is probably that they do not want to pay. Cllr. Vickers cannot understand why stall holders are not allowed to park in the museum car parks overnight on Thursday evening. Cllr. Shanks said there was lots of traffic the following weekend, stopping at the entrance and asking questions and causing a traffic hold up. Need to address these issues.

Cllr. Vickers said at EB parish meeting they talked about the SLR, believes we have insurance money. Cllr. Norris confirmed we had. Said they are interested in restarting the scheme but would want a clear indication of operating costs. Historically relocation of the device became a hot topic. They said do not put it in same place as last time as it might get damaged again. They would like to know what our intentions are. Cllr. Norris said we will put on the agenda for next meeting. Cllr. Thornber said he bought the SLR for the three parishes and said Boldre are not inclined to remain part of the group. Need to look at solar panels again. Cllr. Knight said Boldre must have their own device as there was a device outside Pilley Shop. Cllr. Thornber said they have a speed watch group and are sharing with Sway. It is quite separate from the parish council. They will be taking vehicle numbers and communicate this to the police, they will then receive a letter from the Chief Constable warning them. It is very much a volunteer group of residents of Sway and Boldre. It is Roger Bell's group. Cllr. Vickers said there were concerns about speeding by the shop/garage. The DC arranged a speed monitoring device, said people clearly had wrong perception, as 85% percentile, was 32mph, so no serious speeding. Cllr. Gibbs asked was it because they saw the sign, but Cllr. Vickers said most drivers do not see it until late. Police will always say they cannot police the speed limit. Cllr. Norris said if 85% are observing the speed limit then there will be no reaction from the enforcement agency. Cllr. Weiss said we did ask for the traffic survey report which was conducted when the bollards were changed and we still have not received it. Said felt that would give us some indication. Cllr. Thornber said they did find that the speeds were not excessive, more than 85% of vehicles were observing the limit, but will let us have the report. Said it was part of the study to see if we could traffic the HGV ban through Beaulieu, but the whole thing started to fail. Cllr. Vickers mentioned the CCTV and would encourage the council to go ahead with this. Said if we had had a camera that spotted what was coming into the High Street, or even along Lyndhurst Road, the police would have analyzed every bit of that, in connection with the happenings at Leygreen.

977. **UPDATE FROM PC YATES**

P.C. Yates not present. He was coming to the meeting, but had to send his apologies. Asked if he comes to the meetings, can he give his report first and leave. No objections. Sent us a crime report prior to the big crime and it is on the website. We would like to know more about the happenings at Leygreen Farm and any arrests.

978. **PLANNING**

Tree Works

Holt Cottage, Hatchet Lane – CONS/14/0966

Crown and thin red oak, crown, thin and shape hawthorn, reduce height of Norway spruce.

Thanks to Mrs. Pearson for arranging so promptly to have the hedge cut at Chestnut Cottage.

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PERMISSION

River House, Dock Lane – CONS/14/0962

Fell 5 Birch trees

**BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PERMISSION
PLANNING DECISIONS**

Twin Palms, 14 The Hummicks

Retention of cantilevered roof and
Alterations
REFUSE

St. Leonards Grange

Orangery
REFUSE

Land at Grindingstone Cemetery

GRANT

No. 14/00622

979. **UPDATE ON ROAD SIGNAGE**

Cllr. Norris said he attended the meeting with Cllr. Fairweather, HCC, NFDC and the Estate to discuss signage. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Fairweather to give us an update. Cllr. Fairweather said we looked at rationalizing signs at the Montagu Arms and on the corner opposite, particularly as from the survey we needed to know why so many people were parking in the High Street and not finding the car park. Said the signage on the Montagu Arms, particularly the lower sign '100 yards' is eligible and also to an extent if arriving by car into the village it is hidden by the stone wall on the right hand side of the window and second sign on right hand side says 'all through routes' historical sign prior to the village having control humps at the bottom need some kind of reconsideration. Proposed 'all through' traffic sign, should be changed to same size sign but read 'car park' and this will not need listed building consent, as NFDC would be reluctant to apply for this. It is a small change but intention is when people are looking to park they will be directed to the village car park. The little sign at the bottom of the sign on the Montagu Arms with the distance has been removed. That is the first part of the proposal. BPC and the Estate have to respond. Clerk to notify that we would like to go ahead with these changes. All councillors in favour.

Proposed: Cllr. Shanks Seconded: Cllr. Knight

Another issue identified is the finger sign – as you drive towards the car park the sign is very busy. Recommend that HCC change the finger post – top sign to read 'shops & village hall', at the moment it also says lavatories and second posts that specifically says 'car park. At present it is full of little signs that you cannot read very easily. Cllr. Shanks thinks it is very important that it is signed to the lavatories, Cllr. Weiss also agrees. Cllr. Norris said the most frequent asked question in the village is 'where are the toilets?' - probably ease of signage in the High Street would be to direct people through Queensmeade – there needs to be a sign. Mr. Beaumont says the Montagu Arms suffer from people using the toilets and similar problems at the garden centre. It is a problem that needs an answer and I think we should investigate putting up a sign midway down the High Street, directing people through Queensmeade, clearly marked 'WC'. Need to ask NFDC. Cllr. Vickers suggested contacting Colin Reed. Cllr. Fairweather asked how generally people feel the need for a sign when driving then directing them to

the lavatories, rather than make a decision to park and then find them. He thinks you take that decision when you park and it is not a driving decision. Cllr. Weiss said it can be. Cllr. Fairweather said he does not think with what we are trying to achieve by directing people to the car park is going to be as good as having the lavatories sign while driving on a finger post. Said we need to get people to the car park first. Could say 'Car park & lavatories', but if we change the sign size we will have trouble as it is a listed building. Cllr. Norris said at the moment get these signs done and thank them, then ask them about a sign in the High Street. Mr. Beaumont asked what the yellow triangle meant – it means designated route. Chase HCC to get finger post done.

980. **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 9TH NOVEMBER**

Cllr. Norris said last year we made a donation to the British Legion and received a wreath in return. As you know the Beaulieu branch of the British Legion folded and the banners are laid up in the church and we felt to mark the occasion and our grateful thanks to those who died during the 2nd World War we would want to commemorate this with a wreath from the community, as the British Legion are unable to do this now. I wonder if I can obtain support from the council for us to do that again this year. I laid the wreath last year, but if there is a member of the council who would wish to lay the wreath on behalf of the PC then I will certainly step aside. Cost approx. £60. Cllr. Gibbs said he had no problem with Cllr. Norris doing this as he represents the whole PC.

Proposed: Cllr. Gibbs

Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather

Asked Cllr. Weiss if he was still involved, but said he had passed it to Robert Gayner. Cllr. Steele offered to arrange this.

981. **DEFIBRILLATOR**

PC agreed to spend £550 + VAT on casing for the defib. Cllr. Steele gave us an update. Said we had funds from BHF and Ted Fort's Foundation, and the machine has been ordered. Given a picture of the casing to Mrs. Pearson to pass onto Mr. Montagu for approval. Need to talk to Mrs. Pearson about arranging for the wiring, only need a plug. Said we need to add this to our insurance. Cllr. Norris agreed and said we need to take the SLR off it and the asset register. Cllr. Steele said she is a little nervous about leaving the casing unlocked, but agrees due to the nature of the appliance it does need to be unlocked. Check with insurance that this is OK and how much will it add to our premium. Spoke to school about training and they are very pleased and will send 5/6 people, hotel have 5/6, cricket club will send someone and Fairweathers will also. Felt maybe we now have too many as maybe some councillors and maybe residents would want to be trained. Cllr. Norris feels we can never have enough people as we are not always around the village at the same time – the more the merrier. Thinks the Ambulance Service will give one free training session, but may have to pay for a second session, which feels we should do. Need a proposal and seconder to purchase defib casing.

Proposed: Cllr. Gibbs

Seconded: Cllr. Weiss

Cllr. Norris said we will get this all in place and have an opening ceremony, ask Mr. Fort to do this. Ask Lymington Times to attend.

982. **LAPTOP**

Cllr. Norris said tonight we have the new laptop in action – this will be very useful for meeting and the website.

Proposed: Cllr. Gibbs

Seconded: Cllr. Weiss

983. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr. Norris said he attended the Quadrant meeting and said he felt it was quite important that some councillors try and attend the meetings. The meetings show you a completely different light on the community in the forest – gives you a flavor of the forest, there is so much going on in the NP. Need to be connected more to them. They have projects they want feedback on – they have just done an initial draft plan to update the original, which everyone will get a copy of. Also their update of their version of broadband. Talked about the Alabama dog rot – people are blaming the blocking up of drains in the forest, but this is nationwide and more likely the wet weather. Also on planning, there is another proposal coming out from government to say light industrial units can be converted to housing/

living accommodation. NP are opposed. Meeting yesterday with NP and government on funding of £3 ½ m on bikes, decided to reject Boris Bikes. Said one of the stakeholders was going to get £1.9m to set up a bike business. This was opposed and not approved because it was felt a) the project might not be viable and only 4 of the NP supported it. Cycling in general is not popular in mass cycling events. Family cycling is ok. It was put aside, but went to London to try and get an extension on the money offered by central government. Cllr. Fairweather asked if dates of Quadrant meetings are available now. Clerk to write to NP and ask that all councilors circulated with dates etc.

Audit Commission – have approved our accounts and will go on the notice board and website.

Cllr. Gibbs asked what money we have. Cllr. Norris said about £15,000 and we are running fat at the moment, but couple of big cheques to go out.

General

Rural Opportunities Bulletin – Weekly email news digest and Rural opportunities bulletin

ICO – Renewal

Lymington & Keyhaven Nature Reserve Open Day

Lloyds Bank – Balance 6th Aug - £14,618.05

BDO – Audit

BCGT – Applications invited for grants

CPRE – Things are getting critical

New Milton Town Council – details of Cycletta

Clerks and Councils Direct

HALC – Sept E-Update Additions

NFNPA

Minerals & Waste Monitoring Cases

Enforcement Control

NF Walking Festival poster

HCC

Grant for £1000

NFDC

Forward Plan of Key Decisions – September

Temp Events Notice – 29/11/14 Victorian Xmas Fair

Reigister of Electors

984. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Compuco - £570.00

Village Hall Trust - £106.00

C. Fairweather - £271.47 – cancelled, already paid

Ashdown Software - £45.00

Cllr. Shanks - £8.99

Proposed: Cllr. Weiss

Seconded: Cllr. Gibbs

985. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Gibbs said he has been approached by Steve Green about wifi in the village Hall. Cllr. Gibbs said he was getting a price. Mr. Green said they may use it for other village events, but will probably have some costs to pay.

Also as part of the Beaulieu Plan have we ever considered green issues, as becoming a big issue within all communities. We have a big tidal water, can we use that tide for turbines etc to power the village or look at solar panels, bio-fuels. Is this something we can think about. Cllr. Norris said we have to remember it is a privately owned river. The Estate have installed a woodburner at the Motor Museum using pellets from a sustainable source. Cllr. Norris said it needs investigating and we are being asked by the NP for ideas and anything that is being neglected on the Estate and needs taking up, recording and archiving , then we need to think about this. Cllr. Norris said it was a very good point you have bought up and last blog on website. Said the NP will be asking for feed-back on foot paths, green issues etc. Cllr. Shanks thinks solar panels are not a good idea. Cllr. Gibbs agrees but think to harness the tidal water would be very sensible. Cllr. Steele is surprised the Estate have not gone into this. Cllr. Norris said he thinks you will find that in the liaison group with the NP, one of the stakeholders is the Estate. Cllr. Steele thinks we should raise this.

Cllr. Weiss said we own the stone bus shelter and it is in a terrible state and needs redecorating, do we have a plan? Cllr. Norris said he was approached by Paul Harding about doing up the bus shelter and said if he is the man to do it, then we will do it, but need to mention it to councilors. Asked if we are in agreement – everyone agreed. Said we will pay him and we are doing two things

1) maintaining our property and 2) giving Paul some employment. Cllr. Norris asked if any councilor had a talent for renovating bus shelters and would like to oversee the project. Discussed the colour of the back wall, agreed to consult the Estate.

Proposed: Cllr. Knight

Seconded: Cllr. Steele

Cllr. Fairweather mentioned the water still coming out of Rose Cottage at Bunkers Hill as we will soon be into freezing conditions. What action can we take? Cllr. Knight said we complained last year and nothing happened. Cllr. Gibbs asked if it was an environmental health issue? Need to talk about this problem.

Cllr. Steele said the playground has not been maintained recently as Mark is off sick. Said she has weeded, raked and took out the brambles. Does not know how long Mark will be off. Said we need more chippings of a smaller mix. Cllr. Fairweather said he will organize. Cllr. Gibbs said shall we have a weekly rota while Mark is off? Cllr. Knight said Paul could do the job. Cllr. Steele said they were also going to plant bulbs there and in the Twinning garden and is happy to do this, Cllr. Gibbs said he would help. Said need to talk about flags in the Twinning Garden. Cllr. Norris said he wanted to talk about flags, as we have had a letter from the Common Good Trust asking for applications for grants. Asked if it was the councilors wish to ask for money. Cllr. Shanks feels we should not as we have lots of money in the account and there are plenty of charities around that do not. Cllr. Norris thinks we should as we have invested a lot in the Twinning garden and have occasions to mark. Said we should ask as a lot of councilors put a lot of effort in the village fete and therefore feel we should apply. Took vote: In favour = 5, Opposed = 2. Cllr. Norris read out the proposed letter and Cllr. Weiss said we should ask for a certain amount of money, ask for £500 for flag and flag poles need painting.

Meeting closed at 8.10.m.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 16th October at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.