

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL 2013

Present: Mrs. C. Green (Chairman), Mr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Mr. A. Dovey, Mr. S. Gibbs, Mr. F. Norris, Mrs. C. McCafferty, Mr. C. Knight, Cllr. Thornber, Cllr. P. Vickers, Mrs. R. Pearson, PC Tilbury, Mr. P. Garrett, Mr. J. Beaumont, Mr. R. Gayner

Apologies: Mr. N. Weiss

Minutes of last years meeting:

Proposed: Mr. Fairweather Seconded: Mr. Norris

Matters Arising:

None

Chairman's Report

Mrs. Green thanked the parishioners for attending and introduced the councillors.

Mrs. Green spoke on the following matters.

- Diamond Jubilee – we organised under the leadership of Mr. Weiss a Diamond Jubilee Party, which was very successful.
- Localism Bill – was introduced, which allows more lenient planning for local communities.
- Cricket Club – applied for and received a grant for the pavilion and work has started. The parish council and the Estate have amended the lease so the cricket club now holds 50% of the lease and is responsible for rent etc. The parish council will maintain an interest and in the event of the club closing the parish council will take over the full lease.
- SLR – the council is still very happy with this and feels it does slow the traffic. Still in discussions with East Boldre and Boldre.
- Broadband – the government scheme for introducing fast broadband in rural areas is underway, implemented here by HCC, who have chosen BT as the supplier. With NFNPA, Exbury, East Boldre and Denny Wood have been looking into ways for the last 10% of rural properties to get fast broadband.
- Gardens – taken on the responsibility of the Twinning Garden and this is going well. Fortunate to have received a grant from HCC to help maintain our gardens this year.
- HGV – continuing talks with HCC regarding HGV's through Beaulieu.
- Website - now up and running and there is an events calendar on there.
- Resigning – Said that Mr. Dovey and herself were standing down from the council and thanked Mr. Dovey for all his years of hard work. Welcomed Mr. Norris as a new councillor, who has been busy and an excellent member of the council. Thanked all the councillors for their support and hard work and in

particular thanked Mr. Fairweather for all he has been doing regarding parking, signage and traffic problems. Thanked Mrs. Deering for all her work. |

Speakers

Mrs. Green said that Beaulieu Parish Council would like to thank the following speakers for very kindly giving us an update.

Cllr. Ken Thornber – Beaulieu Parish Representative from Hampshire County Council.

Cllr. Paul Vickers – Beaulieu Parish Representative from New Forest District Council
PC Alison Tilbury – our local police representative.

Mrs. Rachel Pearson – Beaulieu Estate Resident Land Agent.

Hampshire County Council Representative's Report

- Ofsted report - levels of attendance and the need to raise teaching from good to outstanding.
- Broadband - signed a 23.8m broadband contract with BT to get 25mb to 90% and 3mb to the 10% of hard to reach areas.
- Roads – in poor state of repair and has 1½ m for roads in the NF and Test Valley. Have two extra crews busy filling pot holes. Will start patching when the weather improves.
- Countryside Education Trust – said it is difficult to get them funding as they have no business plan, but has put them in touch with a ‘business angel’ who will help with the plan and does not want paying.
- Wiggle Cycle Event - maybe another one in June
- Council Tax – frozen again for 2013/14 for the 4th year.
- Apprentices – looking to taking on 1000 apprentices over the next 5 years and will guarantee each a job.
- Care Units – will build more.
- School places – 800 more.
- Capital Programme – £600m over next 3 years – hopes to stimulate economy.

John Beaumont mentioned the cattle grid at Bull Hill. Cllr. Thornber said this has never been right and is under consideration. Thinks it might be easier to completely start again.

New Forest District Council Representatives Report

- Council Tax – Frozen again this year, but challenges are getting bigger.
- Premises – finding ways to make better use of them.
- Staffing – employed 190 less people than 3 years ago.
- Glass Recycling – moving into this in a bid to improve waste collection system.
- Council Tax Benefit Scheme – been resolved re discount on empty and second homes.
- Formula Grant – will probably lose this grant, but being replaced by new homes bonus, which means more houses built – more money.
- Business Rates – affected by the final closure of Fawley Power Station.

PC Tilbury's Report

- Retiring – said this will be here last Annual Assembly as she retired in October. Being taken over by Andy Smith from the Marchwood area.
Mrs. Green said that we would be extremely sorry when you go, as you have always been an excellent in looking after Beaulieu and all you have done for the Parish Council. PC Tilbury said it has been an honour to look after Beaulieu and all the events.

Mrs. Rachel Pearson's Report

- James Bond Exhibition – has been very successful and extended until December.
- Top Gear – various changes on going.
- Awards – the attraction has won various awards.
- Bucklers Hard – Shipwrights been refurbished and the Maritime Museum had the rededication of 50 years.
- Events – much the same as last year. Hopes to hold the Boat Jumble as last years was cancelled.
- Jubilee Beacon – assisted with this event
- The Mill – scaffolding down and has listed building consent to fit out 3 areas for Redman, Whiteley and Dixon.
- Roadside Ditching will begin.
- Sea Defences – repairs will begin.
- Streams/Rivers – working with NFNPA and Defra on pollution issues – a studies will be undertaken to identify problems.
- Estate Newsletter – has been changed to an e-letter.
- Parkland Plan – being discussed to improve landscaping.

The Chairman thanked all the speakers and the public for attending. Mr. Fairweather endorsed this and also thanked Mrs. Green and Mr. Dovey for all their years on the council. Said we would miss their knowledge and thanked them for their commitment.

The meeting closed at 9.00p.m.

Date of next meeting : Wednesday 16th April 2014.