

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

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Weiss, Cllr. Vickers

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk), Cllr. Thornber, Mr. J. Beaumont, PC Yates

1016. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Knight

1017. **MATTERS ARISING**

None

1018. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1019. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

1020 **UPDATE FROM PC YATES**

PC Yates gave us an update on the crimes in the last month. There was a forced entry into an outhouse in Sowley Lane. Theft of an outboard motor. Vehicle left unlocked in Furzey Lane and items stolen from it. Burglary in a holiday let. An outhouse at Otterwood was entered and electrical items and diesel taken. Theft of clothing from party in Dock Lane. Asked if anyone was having issues with furry Dave. Cllr. Norris said we are and we aren't, says he seems to have moved on. Cllr. Fairweather said he had been in the village about three times in the week. Cllr. Norris said he has been in the bus shelter at East Boldre and suspects he is camping around Hatchet Pond. Said thanks to Cllr. Thornber we have had social services come to see him and they are quite happy with him, he is clean and mentally competent. Cllr. Norris said he tries to speak to him when he sees him, to see what he is doing. Thinks he will be here to end December. Talked about him being outside the school and parents encouraging him. Cllr. Norris said that the headmistress does not want to give advice to parents and could be accused of being discriminative. Said her duty of care is to keep children safe at all times. All children are collected by an adult and once they leave the school they are in the care of that adult. Said never found him to be an issue. PC Yates said he has no powers to move him on, could only look at trespassing if on the estate. He is not breaking any laws and have asked him not to sit outside the school gates and move further down. No previous history. Cllr. Fairweather said he was quite aggressive when he spoke to him in the café. Cllr. Thornber said what worries him is that a parishioneer found out the identity of his social worker in Lincs. Has asked his Director of Social Care to check that. Worried that he does have a named social worker allocated to his case and wonders why, but if not breaking the law, making a nuisance of himself or trespassing then legally entitled to walk

the highways. Cllr. Fairweather asked PC Yates about his views on CCTV cameras. Said the decision to make is, do we aim to catch number plates or people or both. PC Yates said it depends on the budget. To capture number plates and people is a lot of money. Cllr. Fairweather asked if you had to choose between the two and PC Yates said number plates will give you a clue which vehicles are around and if you get good footage of the person, then that cannot be argued with and you need to get a balance and the best your budget can afford. Cllr. Steele asked if they are a good thing and PC Yates said he wished more people had them and are good deterrents. Cllr. Thornber said Brockenhurst Parish Council are also looking at cameras. Cllr. Steele felt there was quite a few small petty type stuff happening. PC Yates said everyone is suffering just before Christmas, it is to be expected.

1021. **HAMPHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Two things to comment on – one is to ask councils advice. Said last year reduced animal accidents in forest to 83, from high point 5 years previous of 120. This year up to last week the 83 had become 105. Probably 3 or 4 remedies 1) to fence in the forest, but this is against the forest way and destroys visitor and locals experience 2) 30mph limit throughout the forest, this is being achieved bit by bit, but not in a concerted way, but then the police are unable to police it, but can do spot surveys etc. 3) speed humps at short intervals and/or chicanes. Can we do it financially – that is another matter – need to address this problem. Biggest problem is educating people. 105 animal injuries/deaths of which 75% are caused by locals. Do we want more signs around the forest. It would require a lot to change attitudes. Said he would appreciate what the PC thinks. Could we think about it and other ideas and discuss at January meeting. Cllr. Norris said have cut outs of animals near the road saying beware. Boldre parish council suggest leaving the dead animals in the middle of the road, people say it might have the right effect. Cllr. Shanks remembers that when they resurfaced the road from Hatchet to Brockenhurst, which now looks like a race track with dark tarmac and should be resurfaced in a lighter grey. Cllr. Thornber said he takes the point and hopes to have a meeting with HCC and the Verderers. Said the surface dressing is not the correct colour, but it is very hard wearing, but it may encourage speeding. Said about the raised humps on Beaulieu High Street, but some people see how fast they can go and launch their cars airborne. Cllr. Steele says so many goods are ordered online and need delivery by vans and these are the worse offenders. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Knight what he thought as a commoner, he said the chicanes seem to work, and would not want the forest fenced. Said chicanes seem better than humps. Says animal collars are good, but they try and pull them off, said 70% have collars. Do not think the 30mph speed limit will work. Said the speed camera has been very proactive over the last few weeks. Cllr. Norris said surely this must be having an effect. Cllr. Knight said it would be interesting to hear what other parishes thought. Said commoners get a lot of money for a dead animal. Cllr. Knight said a lot of them are also killed by hit and run and you do not get anything. It has been suggested putting reflective paint dots on the rear of animals as they often stand that way to the road. Said Nigel Matthews at the NP produced a black spot area and Mr. Beaumont has tried to encourage him to put

this in the Lymington Times. Cllr. Norris asked councilors what they recommend. Cllr. Fairweather felt the reflective paint spots, Cllr. Knight said chicanes. Cllr. Norris said we do not want to alter the nature of the forest too much – fencing will fragment the forest. Said people should act responsibly and keep to the speed limit. Also Mr. Beaumont's idea of identifying black spots will help locals. Cllr. Steele said couldn't we do something to the road in those black spots, chicanes or something, put fencing up just at the spot. Cllr. Thornber said if we have any other thoughts please let him know.

Said local authorities government settlement is 8.8 cut. In Hants case last 4 years we would have seen 51% of total government grant taken. Government said we have the council tax. Council tax frozen for last 5 years and remain frozen for next 2, which we are very proud of. These cut mean if leadership we cut £130m in the last 2 years, reduced staffing by 1,800. Need another £100m now in this settlement and £103m and another 1000 staff to go. Will not cut at the point of delivery or services to children or the vulnerable and not reduce spend on road maintenance. It gets tougher. Going to have to take 1 or 2 unpleasant decisions 1) budget for parents of disabled children to allow parents some respite, have to be cut, not mandatory statutory requirement, also libraries – looking at the community to help us to keep them open. Credited community safety officers have gone – with regret, they did a good job and thinks still have a job to do, have to look now to the police.

Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Thornber about superfast broadband, as not heard anything. Were told January. Cllr. Thornber said same problem in Sway. One of the difficulties is that BT underestimate the number of agencies with whom they have to deal with i.e. county, district, parish councils, court of verderers, Natural England, forestry commission and NP. Said one part of Brockenhurst is getting superfast broadband and not the other part. Said meant to be delivering that to Brockenhurst in March, but does not look like it. Cllr. Norris said the second phase roll out was meant to be January. Cllr. Thornber said what they have in the kitty should be enough to cover 97% of county by 2017. Various authorities are having a deadening effect. Said if we want to press this further then I will happily arrange for a couple of officers to come. Asked if Beaulieu was ever in the 'not spot'. Cllr. Norris said we do not really know, we were in the 'red' area for funding. The 'not spots' we thought were Exbury and parts of Bucklers Hard and fizzles out by the coast. Said looking at satellite or wireless beams from IOW for Exbury and Lepe. Imagined Beaulieu was reasonably well catered for. Cllr. Norris said it was, but just that we do not know anything. The problem when first talking to BT, they had a Japanese firm who wanted to do a million households, have 600,000, so BT were saying wanted to roll out from urban areas, where they have coverage and have a mass of consumers and then extend that into rural Hampshire. Cllr. Thornber will enquire of the officer concerned and if does not get any satisfaction then lets get him to attend a meeting. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Thornber for the prompt action on issues that the council have had this year and said we really appreciate the support for our council and you are a very good friend to us.

Cllr. Vickers not present

1023. **PLANNING**

Cllr. Norris said he was leaving the Beach House until next meeting as would like a site visit and have Mrs. Bennett's details.

Mariners Quay, Bucklers Hard Enclosed stairwell extension and porch
14/100942 and 14/00941 Extension to form boot room
Change of ownership – was known as Clobb Copse. Cllr. Norris said they have had 30% and asking for more. Cllr. Steele said if it was not for the 30% issue then what they are asking is pretty sensible. 1) to remove the very ugly outside stairs and take to inside of the property. Would improve the look of the house. Looking for 4 – 4.5% extra space. Loth to start giving these big houses more space. If rule is 30% then it is 30%.
**CONTRARY TO NP POLICY CANNOT SUPPORT APPLICATION –
THEREFORE REFUSE UNDER DP11 POLICY. REJECTED.**

Greenclose Hotels Biomass boiler system
14/00847

Cllr. Steele visited the site and it is a container that comes purpose built. Timber clad. It is on site before they got planning permission as it is a scheme to put one in with government subsidies and had to be done by a certain time. Asked NP advice and they suggested going ahead. Issues are chimneys are much higher, because machine not running properly, when it is chimneys will go to correct height and need to make sure cladding is done. No smell, plume relatively modest, very silent. Access down lane same as oil tanker does deliveries, but will be less frequent.

**BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMEND PERMISSION ON
CONDITION CHIMNEYS ARE REDUCED IN HEIGHT AND THE
STRUCTURE IS CLAD.**

Olde-Oaks, Furzey Lane Replacement Shed
14/00647

Demolishing the old barn will tidy the place up. Proposed new shed is slightly higher to allow easy access

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PERMISSION

1024. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Tukul Five Bay Garage
GRANTED

1025. **CCTV FOR THE VILLAGE**

Cllr. Norris said he has some dates from Cllr. Fairweather as we need to meet outside council, perhaps for an afternoon to talk about CCTV for those interested. Several things we need to address and get it clear in our minds exactly what we

are

going to have. Could say have Cllr. Fairweathers idea of putting one camera in now if councillors agree. Needs to be in position for a while, then see if it

works for us and then make a decision early January, or ask Cllr. Fairweather to go back to the firm and say yes to a free trial and take their advice on location. Cllr. Fairweather said we do need to make a decision on what images we want to capture, do we do number plates or faces or both? Trial will allow us to identify if a camera can do both – look at a weeks worth of images and see if we think they are good enough. Some firms say a camera can do both and others say it will not and will the quality be good enough? Have costings for up to 12 camera, but Cllr. Fairweather said the key thing is the quality of the camera to get the quality of image that we require. Thought probably use the High Street as the trial location. If dual camera run for a week on faces and a week on number plates. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Fairweather to proceed. Proposed meeting on 14th January at 2pm in the committee room. Before Cllr. Fairweather left the meeting, Cllr. Norris said we would be having a meeting in February with EBPC to discuss SLR. They are available anytime and can use EB village hall. Cllr. Fairweather away week commencing 16th February.

1026. DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr. Steele said the cabinet is up and the training is on 15th January at 4.30pm in the village hall. Everyone aware of training date and coming back with numbers. Mrs. Noble said she would have liked the training to be done in school hours, but expects they will attend. The training officer will then commission the defib, check it and put it in the box.

1027. PURCHASE OF CIVIC FLAGS

Cllr. Steele said she now has a quote from Hampshire Flag Co for a Union Jack, French flag and Cross of St. George. Slightly extra cost for making them less fray able - £203.00. Paul Harding prepared to paint the flagstaff's. Cllr. Steele will get the paint and new rope. One flagstaff is in Estate yard. Cllr. Norris to ask Claire Gregory that when they take the Xmas tree down they put the flagstaffs together. Said we had £500 from CGT, so will be well covered. Cllr. Steele wondered about refurbishing the benches with the remaining funds. Ask Paul Harding to strip down and do up.

Resolved to purchase 3 flats for civic occasions.

1028. BLACK BOX SPEED DEVICE

For use in the High Street to monitor speed of traffic. Cllr. Norris said we cannot get this free of charge. NFDC have no money left in their budget. If we want it we have to pay £140 for one weeks deployment. Cllr. Shanks asked what we get and why the High Street. Cllr. Norris said some parishioners are worried about speeding. If we feel it is not worth deploying the black box in the High Street, then we will not do it, but would be nice to know speed motorists are actually doing – some go terribly fast and it is dangerous. Cllr. Shanks asked how that intertwines with the SLR. Cllr. Norris said if we find everyone going up the High Street at speed then there is a great need for the SLR. Asked HCC through clerk to find out cost of putting post on Beaulieu Bypass. Cllr. Steele said we have funds. Cllr. Shanks worried we spend the £140 and then do nothing. Matter unresolved.

1029. BEAULIEU CRICKET CLUB

Cllr. Norris read letters from the club saying they would like to build a storage

shed, as they have a commitment to Ralph Montagu to get rid of the dilapidated one and replace with new one in keeping with pavilion. Cllr. Norris feels inclined to help them as they are doing something for the youngsters in the village. Cllr. Steele said it is very important to have the cricket club. Cllr. Norris would like to give them £1000. They have accepted a quote for £2,187.00. Cllr. Knight asked how much they have. Cllr. Norris said we supported the village hall for roof repairs and feels cricket club is doing so much for children. Cllr. Shanks is worried about how long it will take them to raise the remainder. CGT gave them £500. Cllr. Shanks asked if we could lend them the remainder? Cllr. Knight said can we ask them what they have and what they need. Cllr. Norris will phone them. Mr. Beaumont said they have received substantial grants. Cllr. Norris said he understands, but said he knows what they are doing for the youth of the village.

1030. **CORRESPONDENCE**

CPRE – Renewal of membership. Cllr. Norris said some publications are very useful.

General

Letter of thanks from Jelly Tots for grant. Cllr. Shanks said it would be good if they had a shed to put the wendy house in when they have functions.

Rural Services Network – Weekly email news digest 24 Nov, 2 Dec, 8 Dec

- Launch of the RSN Manifesto for 2015
- Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel Poverty Dec 2014
- Rural Opportunities Bulletin

CGT Grant

SLCC – 2015 Roadshow

Lloyds Bank – Balance 25th Nov - £17,076.25

Statement from Fairweathers

HCC

Correspondence regarding David

NFDC

Info Bulletin Nov 2014

Temp Events Notice – BA Church Hall – 20 Dec – Christmas Music Event

NFNPA

Enforcement Control – 28 Nov

1031. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Wel Medical - £648

RJS - £326.64

Proposed: Cllr. Steele

Seconded: Cllr. Knight

1032. **QUESTION TIME**

None

Meeting closed at 8.25p.m.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 15th January in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.

Cllr. Norris wished everyone a Happy Christmas.