

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2015
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

Cllr. Thornber

IN ATTENDANCE

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

1033. **MINUTES OF LAST**

Proposed: Cllr. Shanks Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather

1034. **MATTERS ARISING**

1021. Cllr. Norris said we must ask Cllr. Thornber to update us on broadband rollout. Cllr. Norris went on to advise coucillors to look at Hants superfast broadband website and put in your telephone number and it will tell you when broadband will be installed. What happened when I tried this it said “information not available until January”. It did say that Beaulieu High Street will have a green cabinet, so obviously delivering high speed broadband to High Street area. Suggests councilors put in their telephone number and see what happens.

1027. Cllr. Steele said in minutes regarding civic flags, it actually reads ‘civic flats’ and asked that this be amended.

1022. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Fairweather and Cllr. Gibbs – Thorns Beach planning application.

1023. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beaumont feels safety at the bottom of the High Street is a serious issue. Cllr. Norris mentioned the fatal road accident on the Bucklers Hard Road, at Keeping Corner and said 2 residents had emailed who feel this corner is not well marked, said approaching from Buckler’s Hard there are 6 arrows and from Beaulieu there are only 2 arrows and thinks this is a more dangerous approach. No signs saying ‘dangerous bend or slow’. Been 3 fatalities on this bend, feels signage should be improved, and urges the PC to take this matter up with the local authorities. Another resident wrote about Ashenwood corner and said the bend is not too sharp, but vehicles tend to approach too fast and road is narrow and the verge falls into deep ditch, and if you meet any lorries on the bend you nearly end up in the ditch. Fatal accident some years ago of a motorcyclist crashing into a tree, which makes 4 fatal accidents on this stretch of road. Shouldn’t a big ‘slow’ be painted on the road in both directions. Need to write to Cllr. Thornber and say this stretch of road is causing concern and needs to be looked at by road traffic officers. Cllr. Vickers said this is always done by crash investigators with a death or near death. Cllr. Norris asked if it would help if the PC wrote and Cllr. Vickers said it would. Cllr. Fairweather said if a single tree is responsible for 2 deaths shouldn’t it be removed? Cllr. Vickers suggested asking Cllr. Thornber to share the police summary report investigation with the parish. Cllr. Weiss thought

signage does not really stop reckless drivers. Cllr. Fairweather asked if they can replace the chevrons as soon as possible.

1024. **HAMPHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber not present

1025. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Cllr. Vickers said there was a lot of activity going on, but a lot will not affect you. Community Infrastructure Levy, but in NP area this will not be a big revenue generator, but for the District it is a big issue. Current process – 106 agreement, said you cannot carry money forward, so a flurry of activity over last 6 months to allocate money that has been accumulating, to either amenity or highway works in the District, not the forest. Said only other item, which may cause more traffic is that Marchwood Military Port is up for sale, been for sale for 2 years and is quite an issue on the Waterside. ABP cannot afford anyone else to buy it, as they would not want another port operator near. Down to 2 bidders. ABP have just brought the industrial estate next door, so they now own a large section of the frontage, so would like to turn the Military Port into a car import/export location. Southampton City Council want to move more activity from Itchen, so they can use the location to build expensive accommodation along the river to increase their council tax takings. All this will mean more traffic.

Said the Autumn statement came out, immediately after that they give councils their settlement grants, usually 2 years ahead. Said NFDC will be down another £2m to have to find savings for. Will be into 6th year of no council tax rise, but all getting much more difficult. Done the same to the County. Said bus services cut and new schedule started in January. Said lots of lobbying going on. Said Lymington Bus Station is to be sold by June. They own the yard by the railway Station, so will use this as a parking depot. Said only 2 buses make money, all others loses. Said site of the bus station will be used for houses. Said what a lot of people do not realise is over 3 / 4 years there has been a massive relaxation in turning premises into accommodation. Cllr. Norris said the NP would not let him return the shop to a house as it would create unemployment in the village.

1026. **UPDATE FROM PC YATES**

P.C. Yates not present.

1027. **PLANNING**

The Beach House 14/00986 Replacement Outbuildings
Thorns Beach

Cllr. Norris said councilors had a site visit this morning, said the square footage is less than existing and not providing habitable accommodation. No visual impact from the shore and has had a bat survey carried out. Not in a conservation area
Voted: Unanimous decision to grant permission

Log House, Sowley Lane 14/01053

Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission, Cllr. Norris said this was passed two years ago by BPC. It is a minor alteration and they are trying not to cause any eye sores. It is good the wall has gone.

Voted: Unanimous decision to grant permission

Hides Field/Events Field

Certificate of Lawful Development

Mr. Beaumont, a parishioner, felt that the NP have only approved car parks, not the other. Cllr. Norris and Cllr. Steele pointed out that the CLD had been granted for Hides Field and The Events Field, have 90 days including set up and break down. Cllr. Vickers said there are tighter noise measures as NDFC have to issue licenses. Cllr. Gibbs asked if all conditions could be bullet pointed. The Chairman thought this was a good idea and asked Cllr. Gibbs to carry out this exercise and then pass on for uploading onto the PC Website.

PLANNING DECISIONS

Mariners Quay – 14/00941

Single Storey Infill Extension

REFUSE

Mariners Quay – 14/00942

1st and 2nd storey extension, external alterations.

Removal of external staircase

REFUSE

1028. UPDATE ON DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr. Steele reported that she has the defib here and a gentleman came today from South Central Ambulance Service and trained councilors, staff from Fairweathers, Estate and Montagu Arms. The school did not send anyone as it was outside school hours. It is now on the insurance policy and paying £7.69 extra. Cllr. Steele will put it in the cabinet and will take responsibility of looking/checking it every week. Need to arrange an opening ceremony with Ted Fort, BHF and Lymington Times. Cllr. Norris said it would be good to get publicity in Lymington Times to show we are an active PC. Cllr. Steele said the BHF will arrange publicity. Will have photos on the website.

Cllr. Norris thanked councilors for supporting this project which cost £974.64 for electrics and cabinet. Thanked Cllr. Steele for all her hard work on this project and for bringing to a conclusion.

1029. CCTV FOR THE VILLAGE

Cllr. Fairweather reported that we had a meeting with Complete Central South, talked about a loan camera to see how effective it would be in different locations. Said it became clear if we want good images of number plates day and night we need a number plate camera. Do a trial in a single location. Put on the Montagu Arms above signage, connected by wire to room above Abbey Stores, which has been agreed but not agreed to positioning it on the Montagu Arms. Awaiting another quote, but approx. £3,000, but could be double depending on what we agree on. This would be a good location as not so many residents living around that site, not wanting their front doors filmed. Said we can lease/hire purchase to spread the cost out. Asked councilors if we have the trial camera? Said we are now making progress. Cllr. Vickers mentioned conservation area and listed building. Thought front of the Montagu Arms is not listed, only the back, but it is a conservation area. Do we take the risk and put them up, but some residents will object and say we do not have planning permission. Discussed the cost of maybe £6,000 – Cllr. Gibbs said we want security and that comes at a cost. Cllr. Vickers said he could see no problem with leasing. Mr. Beaumont said there are at least

8 burglar alarms, so does not see a problem. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Fairweather to proceed if price stays at a reasonable level. Said Montagu Arms have CCVT in the car park, could we link into that? Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Fairweather for all his hard work.

1030. **SUPERFAST BROADBAND**

Cllr. Norris said we have discussed this earlier.

1031. **BEAULIEU CRICKET CLUB**

Cllr. Norris said he has spoken to Ian Bowman about their project to replace the shed. Said project cost £2,500 and they have managed to raise £1,500, so if BPC gives them a grant of £1,000 they will be able to complete the project. Cllr. Norris feels in view of the work they are doing for the youngsters of the village we should give them a grant.

Voted : 1 abstention all other councilors in favour.

1032. **CORRESPONDENCE**

General

Rural Opportunities Bulletin – Weekly email news digest and Rural opportunities Bulletin – Fuel Poverty

Glasdon – Products for Local Councils

Clerks and Councils Direct

AON Insurance – Amendment to add Defib to policy

Bank Statement – Lloyds £17,143.11- 8th December 14

NFNPA

Minerals & Waste Monitoring Cases

Enforcement Control

Agricultural Occupancy Monitoring Cases

NFDC

Forward Plan of Key Decisions – 13th January

1033. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Purchase of Flags - £203.03

South Central Ambulance Service - £100

Clerks Salary - £761.50

AON UK Ltd - £7.69

BVHT - £228.00

Paul Harding - £30

Cllr. Steele for flags purchased from Hampshire Flag Co - £203.03

Beaulieu Cricket Club - £1000

Unanimous decision to pass all cheques

1034. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Norris said that as you know we have a casual vacancy on the council approached Mark Grindrod and he has indicated that he is interested and will invite him to the next meeting.

Cllr. Fairweather mentioned the water still coming from Bunkers Hill. Mention this to Cllr. Thornber again and see what can be done.

Cllr. Knight asked if we can write to Hampshire Highways as water is coming off the field by Sheppards Mead, but entrance to drain is too small and causes flooding – can this be enlarged? Also asked if anything can be done about Jude

James and Richard Reeves who have been made redundant from the NF Museum. Said it is a brilliant library and so valuable. Said their salaries at approx. £20,000. Said the Trust have not tried to raise funds, but have been left a sizeable sum of money. Asked if the PC could write and express their deep concerns. Cllr. Norris said he will consult Tony Norris, as an historian and they will draft a letter. Cllr. Steele said can we look at parking in the High Street again, as it is still a problem. Said a parishioner does not get his newspapers from the village shop anymore as parking is difficult, he now gets them delivered from Dibden Purlieu. Can we do anything? 20 minutes parking time? Cllr. Vickers said it was difficult with parking schemes and limits. Need co-operation of traders, who are their own worse enemies. Cllr. Weiss mentioned the wooden posts by Northern Cottages. Any news on these being changed for cast iron posts. Clerk to ask Cllr. Thornber. Also asked when we would be getting the heritage type street lamps in the village and will we get new lamp posts as in Lymington? Said he could not open the traffic survey report. Cllr. Norris said he would forward again.

Meeting closed at 8.10.m.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 19th February at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.