

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH JUNE 2015
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. P. Fairweather, (Vice Chairman) Cllr. L. Shanks,
Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Gibbs, Cllr. M. Grindrod

APOLOGIES

Cllr. N. Weiss, Mrs. Pearson, PC Eastwood

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk), Cllr. M. Harris, Mr. J. Beaumont

1088. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Shanks Seconded: Cllr. Knight

1084. Remove the word 'private' in the sentence 'Cllr. Knight said why create a
'private' right of way if the beach is private.

1089. **MINUTES OF LAST AGM**

Proposed: Cllr. Shanks Seconded: Cllr. Knight

1090. **MATTERS ARISING**

1087. Cllr. Steele raised the subject of the buoy, confirmed on far side of the bridge
there is a box with two life lines, very rusted up, and nothing else. Previously
there had also been a floatation aid if someone went in. Said the life lines will not
keep anyone afloat, only for pulling someone in. She phoned the Estate and they
said they had not given it any thought for a long time. Cllr. Norris said is that for
the Estate to fund and do it? Cllr. Steele said or their view on it. Cllr. Norris said
perhaps the good stewardship of Peter Marling-Roberts of BRSC, they might
like to donate. Cllr. Steele feels lots of families use the green and there are
children running around and there is a risk someone might fall in.
Feels if something should happen, how would we feel in hindsight. Said lots of
places do have a floatation aid. Cllr. Shanks said if the Estate will not fund, nor
BRSC, then feels the PC should. Cllr. Norris agrees and said perhaps BRSC
would like to contribute and put their logo on it. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Steele
and said on Victorian Christmas Evening it is always a worry. Cllr. Steele will
talk to the Estate. Cllr. Norris asked if anyone knew why temporary barriers were
along the bridge. Cllr. Knight did not know, but Cllr. Norris said it is pretty
rotten.

1091. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1092. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beaumont – delighted to say we have a first class police officer in Jason
Eastwood and highest regard for BPC and NFDC. Said he would be interested to
hear the view of the PC. Cllr. Norris said he has a communication from PC
Eastwood and will bring it up under Item 9.

1093. **HAMPHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber not present.

1094. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Cllr. Harris said the council is getting on with its work and setting out the agenda for the next 4 years with renewed enthusiasm in what we have to do to keep council tax the same. Said sorry the cricket club licensing did not go our way, but did try. Said Edward Heron has taken over the cycling issue and will put pressure on him to keep pursuing this. Cllr. Norris said we did write to NFDC after the last Wiggle event and said we supported the adoption of the code. Cllr. Harris said what we need to do is lobby government, but feels they do not want to take this on. Cllr. Norris said in view of the fact that Cllr. Harris spoke about licensing he will continue with this. Said attended on behalf of the PC a meeting for the application for the license for Beaulieu Cricket Club, two members of BCC attended. Said NFDC were very thorough in questioning the CC to why they want a license, the protection of miners. The CC were surprised as they did not really want a license for Monday and Tuesday. Cllr. Norris said membership could change and the nature of club change, they said regarding that if it happened you will have to come back and appeal and he said he was just trying to get things right at the outset. Said the club is closed from 31st October to 31st March. Not allowed to have lorries delivering because that constitutes a nuisance. If objecting it would have to be for the reasons listed and in fact I was objecting to something that might happen was not in their criteria. Laid it down about nuisance aspect to local residents, having a bar shutting at night time. Police have put mandatory conditions down, so in some ways not as bad as we thought, so almost a pub license for the playing season. Cllr. Gibbs said why did they get the extra time and Cllr. Norris said he thinks it is just the system.

1095. **POLICE LIAISON**

Cllr. Norris said he quite agreed with Mr. Beaumont's comments regarding PC Eastwood. Regarding the matter of David the vagrant PC Eastwood reports that he believes David is due to collect more of his belongings and return to Lincolnshire once again. Noticed a pattern that he returns for the weekend, probably because he receives more handouts from visitors and tourists. Had meeting last week with NFDC who have no grounds to establish a platform and no powers, as local businesses did not want to make a complaint. Has been in contact with Force solicitor and as it stands we have no powers unless the Estate take out an injunction or stop him from attending the Autojumble (which they have informed me they are not prepared to do), then there is nothing that can be done. Of course if he commits a crime, then I can deal with that. Said for every foe, David seems to have a friend, however there are some who have helped him that are now doing their best to avoid him as he becomes extremely needy. People need to be educated to the fact that he lives this way voluntarily and has money, quite a lot of money, I asked him why he takes food from some people who I am sure have far less than him, he replied 'my dad told me that if anyone offers you anything, you take it'. David clearly has no integrity or simply does not understand, but either way people need to be discouraged from providing him with goods. Cllr. Shanks felt in the case of East Boldre he was camping on Crown land and had to move on. Cllr. Steele said is that why PC Eastwood says it has to be the Estate? Cllr. Norris says we have very little power in these matters, apart from making representations through our connection with the police

and NFDC. The people who are responsible for moving him on are the police and NFDC and or the landlord, not the PC. Cllr. Norris said he has emailed the Estate but no reply yet. Said very difficult to get him on anti social behavior. Said he

has papers which I am going to give to Mr. Beaumont, which is an anti social and crime diary, who as an individual can keep if you are having nuisance in the community. You keep this diary and then it goes to Safer NF Partnership which is the police and NFDC and other bodies. Parish councilors are not part of that process. Anti social behavior is as follows and you have to make your own minds up as to if you think he is doing any of this:

Nuisance neighbours/yobbish behavior and intimidating groups and taking over public spaces/vandalism/graffiti/fly posting/dealing and buying drugs on the street/people dumping rubbish/abandoning cars/begging and anti social drinking/misuse of fireworks. Thinking in the mindset of the district council, if it is not on that list then they will do nothing about it. Cllr. Steele said he is taking over a public space – the bus shelter. Cllr. Norris said since he has been warned, he hasn't. Cllr. Knight said he was in there one wet afternoon. Cllr. Steele said Ann Marcer is still convinced there are strange goings on and she was told by someone else about these vehicles that stop and some sort of transaction is going on. Cllr. Norris said for the council to act, a paper trail has to be started and unfortunately these people who keep coming and telling us things are not supporting us when we do then go to the DC with letters etc. This has got to be started by the community and a diary kept. Cllr. Norris said they need to build a case. Cllr. Steele said should we get copies distributed then? A hard copy is available from NFDC, or download from the Head of Public Health and Community Safety. Cllr. Norris feels this is the correct procedure for a community is to keep a diary, keep reports, post them online as they happen or keep a hard copy and then run for several weeks and go to the police and say here it is and this is what has been happening. Cllr. Shanks asked if she can come with this from a different angle, what concerns her is the guy is simple, has a huge amount of money and in that case is incredibly vulnerable, surely there must be some way social services should be protecting him. Cllr. Norris said he was inclined to agree and knows that he has been self-harming. Cllr. Shanks says he needs help, but Cllr. Norris says they like them to be in the community and talking to a retired policeman, he said would have happened and because laws changed, there use to be a thing called rouge and vagabond act and police could get that person put him in a car and take them to wherever and leave him, but they cannot do that now. Cllr. Steele said we have had him assessed and she wrote a ridiculous report and said he was perfectly OK. Cllr. Norris thinks the idea of a community diary is good, but do have a lot of confidence in PC Eastwood. Cllr. Fairweather said he needs either a crime or more evidence and does not understand why people like Ann. who have complained to the police and NFDC is not willing to follow it up. Cllr. Norris said we have had no response from Brian Bryne, apart from the initial one after we wrote on 10th May complaining. Cllr. Fairweather said PC Eastwood was implying that shop keepers who had problems and now were no longer willing to put words on paper. His impression is he is not being a nuisance in the High Street, but still sits outside the school. Cllr. Norris said two policeman were

up at the school making sure he was not there and does not know what was going on with him and the police this morning. Cllr. Shanks said do we know who is helping him. Cllr. Norris said he came back through Beaulieu last evening and he was nowhere to be seen, but trolley by side of road and there was a mature woman hanging about, who was obviously looking for him, did not recognize her at all and does not believe she is a resident. He is getting support from outside our community. Cllr. Norris said who are these other people who are talking to him. Cllr. Grindrod thinks he pays people to get goods for him and that is what the transactions are, which is a relief. Apparently seen in Totton with an attractive blond and goes to Lymington regularly. PC Eastwood said another problem with him, is if he is arrested and they took him in, they would turn him around and send him straight out again as they will not take him with his medical condition. Cllr. Steele said should we see what social services in Lincs say, he must have a record, have we done that? Cllr. Knight thought Cllr. Thornber had done that. Cllr. Fairweather said is not our best route to try and put more pressure on the Estate. We have a landlord who cares about this village so much, and feels he would have thought that the reputation was a stake having someone like this living here. Simply do not understand why they are not willing to take a harder line. Cllr. Norris said also the reason he is here is because of them, because of the Autojumble, he could be banned. Asked Cllr. Harris if NFDC can put anymore pressure on this, as we seem to be getting nowhere. Cllr. Harris said he would go and see Mr. Bryne and tell him we are keeping a diary. PC Eastwood went to a meeting with him and as a result David moved out of the bus shelter (which belongs to the PC) and moved onto Estate land. Said we are very small fry in this matter other than wanting to voice the concern of parishioners. The power to solve this lies with NFDC and the police. Cllr. Norris said to Cllr. Harris that we are making representations to you and saying please help us. David has been here nearly 3 months.

1096. **PLANNING**

1 Baileys Hard 15/00394	Infill extension, replacement external staircase
All councilors in agreement to this application	
Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather	Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

Bergerie Farm 15/00396	Single storey extension to outbuilding and addition of dormer window
All councilors in agreement to this application	
Proposed: Cllr. Shanks	Seconded: Cllr. Steele

Tree Works	Reduce height of Douglas Fir
Mares Tails, Furzey Lane	
All councilors in agreement	

PLANNING DECISIONS

The Log House, Sowley Lane 15/00424

Replacement dwelling

Raise no objection

1097. **CCTV**

Cllr. Fairweather said he has spoken to Deborah Slade and the Montagu Arms is a listed building, so need to put in full planning application. Sent photographs of cameras etc and positions and downloaded a form. When we get some feedback will work through the form. Said there is permitted planning on a listed building, so might be able to do that instead of full planning. Have made progress but rather slow. Cllr. Norris said at least we are underway and that is the main thing. 5 cameras on the Montagu Arms and not too intrusive. Cllr. Fairweather said we have all the costings. Cllr. Gibbs said is there some process we need to go through to lease/borrow money and Cllr. Norris said we are not allowed to borrow money, but he will find out. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Harris who he needs to speak to at NFDC regarding meeting procedure, Cllr. Harris said Rosemary Rutins and the other is regarding finance and are we permitted to enter as a PC into a hire agreement, Cllr. Harris said talk to Bob Jackson and also asked about if we wanted to revalue our asset register who do we speak to, again Bob Jackson.

1098. **SE QUADRANT MEETING**

Cllr. Norris said we need to vote for SE Quadrant Elections, Clive Maton, who chairs the meetings is retiring. Need to return our voting papers by 30th June. Cllr. Norris said there are two candidates and very clear who we should vote for. Candidates are Christopher John Harrison, PC for Hythe and Dibden and George William Bisson, PC for Lyndhurst. Cllr. Norris read their statements and feels the candidate we should vote for is George William Bisson. All councilors in agreement. Reported that the New Forest Tour Bus is now re-establishing and now self funding. New bus service running across the forest from Moors Valley to Hythe, and the Beach bus is running. Talk on Management Plan and if anyone interested need to respond by the 22nd June if you want anything included, as soon as done will start work on local plan, which needs updating which is done every 5 years. There is a lot of new permitted development coming in. Talk about designated villages, Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst saying they are full and no building for us here and want communities to think about the future, if you think there is a little parcel of land that might suite a couple of houses. Said under the south/east development plan, which does not exist anymore, the forest was meant to have five new properties a year. Have a policy on care homes, a lot of hotels being bought up in forest run as hotels at the moment, but owned by care home companies and suspect will change. On the 17 or 22nd Sept the NP will run planning courses and it would be good if some councilors could attend. Also on agenda was 'family tree' – they want to plant some spinneys and opening it up for people who want to commemorate something, need 200/300 sq.m plots. Will be planted with native trees, oak trees and underplanted with ones like hawthorn. Also introducing an award, for PC to nominate any planning applications they have considered, that is of good design and an award will be made possibly at the New Forest Show. In the new year there is going to be an Arts Festival. Said some councilors from Fawley were talking that they are trying to do something

with Fawley Power Station and it came up about the traffic through Beaulieu, so something to watch out for.

1099. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr. Norris said NFDC are running a course on Tuesday 30th June 2-4pm in the Parish Hall, West Street, Hythe on understanding and commenting on planning application.

ROSPA Inspection – Playground has passed inspection. Only thing to watch out for are little slivers. Low risk and in good order so must congratulate Cllr. Steele for all her work. Cllr. Steele will read the report.

Mutual Exchange – Cllr. Fairweather said we were asked for our opinion about someone exchanging one of the Housing Association houses with a resident in Hythe. We asked for the criteria on how they judge someone is local. Officer replied that this applicant only has tenuous links, son worked in village, but may not move with parents. Feels does not meet the requirements and links are tenuous.

NFDC

Licensing Act – Beaulieu Cricket Club and letter regarding their application
Info Bulletin – June

Rural Services Network – Weekly Email News Digest – 1/8/15 June

Spotlight on older people in rural area

Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel Poverty June

HALC – E-update June

Realise Future – Eco Furniture

AON – Employers Liability Insurance

Lloyds Bank – Balance 6th May £17,225.01

1100. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Clerks Salary - £761.50

GIS Partnership - £100

ROSPA - £78

Cllr. Norris said all councilors have received a copy of the Annual Return and copy of bank statement. Cllr. Shanks queries the discrepancy in the staff wages.

Cllr. Norris said it was due to the clerk not drawing her salary in that period.

Cllr. Norris said the Internal Auditor has signed them off and I will also sign.

And also signing off of Annual Governance Statement, Minute Number 1101

Proposed: Cllr. Gibbs

Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

1102. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Steele said like to bring to notice the drain at end of Dock Lane, Mr. Paul Nicholas is having problems, both drains that drain the main cattle grid and his property are not draining away, because basically collapsed. Feels Mrs. Pearson has been to look at it and feels road will need to be dug up and quite serious. Also saw Dr. McGinn in the village and said the loud speakers in the rally fields were incredibly loud and Cllr. Steele said she could also hear every word. She said we promised to take note of that and said she thinks when we did the planning on the Estate we would monitor this. Cllr. Norris thought the environmental people were

there. We did say we would get on top of these noise issues for residents. Cllr. Norris asked if he had complained and reported it on the complaint telephone number. Clerk to write to the Estate and say the noise levels from the rally field on Sunday 14th June were unacceptable and caused local residents concerns. Cllr. Gibbs mentioned that Mike Squire from Grindstone Cottage has raised the fact that NF Activity have moved the whole of their area for playing war games into the copse at the bottom of his garden, which is causing him and his wife lots of problems at the weekend, non stop noise. He has written to the Estate and being very good about it. Cllr. Norris said there is a sign going out in Cripplegate Lane at the weekends and we all know about signs. Also last week in Fire Station Lane, visitors had parked so far out in the lane that no one could have got up there if there had been an emergency. Needs something on the corner bit, one small sign saying 'do not park here'.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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

Minutes of Meeting between Beaulieu Parish Council and East Boldre Parish Council.

Councillors Kevin Holmes (Chairman), Brian Mulhall (Vice chair) and Kim Penna (Clerk) attended.

Cllr. Norris welcomed EBPC and introduced the councilors. Cllr. Holmes asked if there should be a 3rd parish involved in this? Cllr. Norris said he has been chairman here for 2 years, previous people have gone and asked if they have come to talk about the SLR, joint traffic management scheme or the defib? They would like to talk about SLR. Cllr. Norris asked where do you think we are on the SLR? They asked what history do we know about it? Cllr. Norris said the previous council who were involved in the scheme with the SLR said EBPC did withdraw from the scheme, they no longer wanted it in EB, as Mr. Dovey did not have the correct insurance for working on the highways and it seemed unlikely that they will have the SLR again. Did however keep their 3rd interest in the SLR as did BPC, who also no longer wanted it. Both want a different type of speed restrictor device, which would not work in Beaulieu as we have no long road with line of sight. They said they know it was set up by a grant from Cllr. Thornber and partially matched by Cllr. Vickers, shared between the three parishes. The SLR was purchased, each parish arranged posts and Mr. Dovey was involved with moving it, then Mr. Dovey dropped out and the SLR was damaged and the solar panel never recovered after the accident. It was sent to the manufacturer and they said £2,600 + VAT to replace it. They said they are not too enthusiastic for the three parishes to continue and it seems not worth repairing. Cllr. Norris said we

have the insurance money and feels it should be shared as it was given to the three parishes. Cllr. Norris asked what do you want to do, you obviously have issues with the main road in EB, by the garage and shop and they drive too fast near Hatchett. Said we are having a 30mph signed moved in Palace Lane and not sure some of these schemes would be able to operate i.e ones using volunteers, said we do not have the man power for them. Asked councilors if speeding car through the village at the moment are a big enough issue. Cllr. Steele thought the High Street was and often breaking the limit. Cllr. Gibbs said the limit in the High Street was 20mph, and Cllr. Grindrod agreed, but Cllr. Norris said if it was there have to be markings. Asked if councilors are interested in some sort of device. Cllr. Shanks said not in the High Street but the bypass. Cllr. Steele said bypass and Hilltop are dangerous. Cllr. Gibbs feels Palace Lane does not work as they come down the hill fast to see if they can put the sign on. Kim said you can get a free deployment of SLR from the NFDC and they have had it twice and can pay them if you want extras. Had SDL and gives you data which is very interesting which they had for a week. Cllr. Shanks said can we put one of the bypass for a week just to see the results. Cllr. Norris said we need to have a discussion as also parking is an issue at the moment. Cllr. Norris said you probably want to know if you can have the money, and asked what they are thinking of doing. They said they would like NFDC to do it, depending how the money was split. Seems BPC are not interested. Cllr. Norris said they are entitled to a third of the money and said we need to speak to someone from BPC and asked the clerk to email details of the scheme from NFDC as we might consider that. Said £830 would be their share. They said they will put it on the agenda at the next meeting.

Cllr. Steele gave them info on the defib and how we had it funded and gave the all the details.