

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2015  
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT**

Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Shanks, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. Knight, Cllr. Weiss, Cllr. Grindrod,

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Norris, Cllr. Gibbs, PC Eastwood

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk), Cllr. M. Harris, Mr. J. Beaumont, Residents from Browns Lane

1073. **MINUTES OF LAST**

Proposed: Cllr. Steele      Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

1074. **MATTERS ARISING**

None

1075. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1076. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beaumont regarding Browns Lane

1077. **UPDATE FROM PC EASTWOOD**

PC Eastwood not present.

1078. **HAMPHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber not present.

1079. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Cllr. Harris said he has been elected and been in his role for 14 days. Said he has a meeting with Colin Reed from the Marsh Lane depot about the dog waste bin along the riverside walk at Bucklers Hard and will ask if we can have one installed. Said he has sent an email regarding the cricket club licensing issue. Feels this will be a private members pub and inappropriate and has made clear his objections. Cllr. Fairweather thanked Cllr. Harris for his support.

1080. **REPORT FROM PC EASTWOOD**

PC Eastwood not present but sent his apologies. Cllr. Fairweather has spoken to him about David and nothing conclusive, but he had attended a meeting with David, a lady who accompanied him and Brian Byrne from NFDC. Been told he cannot live where he is living and how he is living. PC Eastwood says he does not accept this. The lady who accompanied him has 'thrown in the towel', so good he is losing support. She was feeding him, taking him shopping etc. Now apparently she says she feels her generosity has been abused by him. He has been told there are more serious consequences ahead if he does not move on. But clearly the police have not quite worked out how they are going to actually do this. Cllr. Fairweather said police presence has been better and quite significant in the village and they have been trying to deal with complaints from parents and residents living opposite the bus shelter. Quite a number of complaints have been lodged on the police file. PC Eastwood told Cllr. Fairweather that his superior

has told him he needs to do whatever he needs to do to move him on. Said they have a photo of him at the Autojumble buying goods for hundreds of pounds. He has been getting sympathy from locals, because they think he has no money, so we need to get the message out there that he does have plenty of money. Reported he has been on a bus with school children and was throwing money around. Cllr. Fairweather feels the police are being proactive and not sure what more we can do, other than encourage local people who are experiencing first hand the abuse or problems to report them to the police. Cllr. Shanks asked what is happening with his assisted living house? Cllr. Steele said Ann from Queensmead has noticed that sometimes cars stop, someone gets out and goes behind the bus shelter and it looks like some sort of transaction takes place. If Ann or her husband go out there the person wanders off and pretends he is not part of any transaction. Is he trading something and is this where his money comes from? Cllr. Shanks said that he had told Cllr. Norris that he had come to Beaulieu to find a wife as he was not good at looking after his own money. Cllr. Weiss heard that he had inherited a house and sold it. Cllr. Steele thinks we should tell the police that some activity is going on, it does seem rather strange. Cllr. Fairweather said he would call PC Eastwood and update him. Cllr. Fairweather thinks we should feel assured that the police are being proactive and trying to sort the problem out, and we need to understand how we can help them, and hopefully through PC Eastwood we can get advice as what that help is.

1081. **PLANNING**

Tree Works No. CONS/15/0486  
 Furzey House, Furzey Lane  
 Prune Scots Pine, Monterey Pine, Spruce  
 All councillors agree to this work being carried out.

1082. **DECISIONS**

Tree Works - CONS/15/0371  
 Bird Cherry Front of Palace House  
 Raise no objections

1083. **CCTV FOR THE VILLAGE**

Cllr. Fairweather said he has made 3 calls to Deborah Slade our planning officer and had acknowledged that they were meant to be giving us feedback by 25<sup>th</sup> April. Not heard anything so will ring Steve Avery and ask him why we have not heard and what course of action to take. Cllr. Norris has also tried to communicate with her. Cllr. Weiss asked if there was anything on the camera about David that might be useful. Cllr. Fairweather will try and get a copy. Cllr. Steele said it would be useful if the camera was pointing at the bus shelter. Cllr. Fairweather will talk to Central Southern Security. Said there is due to be put cameras in that direction.

1084. **BROWNS LANE**

Cllr. Fairweather said the council have received notification from HCC that an application for a map modification order to record a public footpath has been made and the council have been asked to give comments on this application tomorrow, so intends to discuss this now and give HCC our feedback. Said before we start a discussion amongst councilors I would like to invite members

of the public to speak. A lady spoke on behalf of her family, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips who live at Sowley Gate House and Cottage. Said her parents are elderly and there are young children there and at present it is a secure place for them. She said it is a private beach down to the low water mark. It would be very inappropriate for this to be a right of way and said in the interests of the residents, would ask the council to support their right to privacy. Mr. Beaumont said he has been involved in this application and there is evidence that there was a coast guard station at the end of Browns Lane, proving that it has been a right of way for many years. Said the footpath at the top comes across the field which also indicates that it has always been a right of way. When Pearl Pleydell-Bouverie sold the property in 1964, it said the land should not be closed. Cllr. Fairweather said he has a document that Mr. Beaumont gave us prior to the last meeting and this has been reviewed by Cllr. Norris, Cllr. Steele and myself and anyone else who looked at it at the last meeting. Cllr. Fairweather asked if any councilors wanted to offer their views on if the council should or not offer comments on this application. Cllr. Steele said that Cllr. Norris and herself had been through this in detail and visited the site and shown round. Said thinks the most important document is from HCC, dated 9<sup>th</sup> June 2006, from a group wanting to open up Browns Lane. HCC said they have checked on the map the definitive rights and confirm that no public right of ways are recorded on Browns Lane. Our records do not show any private rights of way were ever established on Browns Lane, nor does the Area Rights of Way Officer in that part of the country recall there ever being a public footpath on Browns Lane. This was the last document and was left languishing on a list and nothing been done about it until Mr. Beaumont took up the case. Cllr. Steele said if you look at the map there is a dotted line that goes down Browns Lane, which could be mistaken for a footpath, but in fact is the parish boundry, so thinks when people look at the map they are making this mistake and if people go down Browns Lane, it is private and there is no where they should be going. The problem that we discovered are the fisherman down there, they fish by searchlight and if the lane was made a right of way then you would have a major problem – they leave huge amounts of rubbish, are quite abusive, and quite a serious parking problem in Sowley Lane, where Browns Lane comes into it. Cllr. Weiss asked if we are now debating if it should be made a public footpath or are we deciding if it ever was. Cllr. Fairweather said the application is to modify the current map – the map not showing it as a footpath. Cllr. Steele said it was originally fishermen using it and said it is not a public footpath and they are down there illegally. Cllr. Fairweather said the recreation that comes with the footpath is important, but the fundamental thing we have to decide is whether there is evidence that we should or should not be supporting the modification of the map. The other consideration we have also to bear in mind is the consultation about rights of access to the coast and what the implications are or could be for that part of the shore, whether or not this is modified. Cllr. Steele suggested proposing that no decision on this should be taken until the coastal path work has been done. From the autumn it is going to be walked and decisions will be made where access points will be. Cllr. Weiss said he felt the council should make a clear cut decision at this stage. Said he would take the documents as the

definitive answer and if HCC cannot get it right, then who can? Cllr. Knight said why create a private right of way if the beach is private. Cllr. Weiss said if the coastal access question comes up we make a decision then, maybe we will be forced to change our decision and will be guided by that and turn down any application to switch it to a public footpath. Cllr. Fairweather said if we all agree, then we will put in writing that we agree and uphold what HCC put in writing in 2006 and turn down the application. Clerk will send our response to Harry Goodchild tomorrow.

**1085. CORRESPONDENCE**

Application to grant club premises to Beaulieu Cricket Club – we have received a letter saying the period of consultation was finished, then NFDC wrote to advise us that conditions agreed – all standard licensing requirements, followed by ‘as there have been no representations from any other responsible authorities ie environmental health, planning etc, I therefore write to ask if you now want to withdraw your objection and if this is the case please correspond within 5 days’.

Cllr. Fairweather said we made our objection and we have stood by that.

Subsequently received a notice that the application will be heard on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 10am at a hearing and are invited to attend. Cllr. Harris said he cannot attend but has written an email saying his objections. Cllr. Fairweather said he could attend, but suggests we wait for Cllr. Norris to return and liase with him, but we stand by our original decision. Graham Baker who lives in the Annex has also objected.

Letter from Pensions Regulator asking us to enroll in automatic enrolment for all employees, but as we do not have employees, as clerk is self employed. Clerk to write and ask them why do you think we are an employer.

HALC invoice – at the last meeting we queried this £100 + VAT additional invoice for HR service subscription. Now have clarification of what this is. It is their need to offer specialist advice through specialist advisers and that is what the fee is for. Said we have access to employment advice and do not have an employee and it seems a lot of money, so agreed to tell them we do not need this extra service.

Computershare – redemption of British government stocks, we are required to fill in our bank details to be paid.

Renewal of Insurance – 1<sup>st</sup> June. Need to get a breakdown of what is covered, check defib is on there. Before we pay, would like to check with last years and ask Cllr. Norris to look at it. Cllr. Fairweather said as long as we have everything covered is everyone happy Cllr. Norris and myself make the decision to renew.

Beaulieu Cricket Club – this years fixtures. Cllr. Steele thought maybe they would have come and talked to the PC about why they want the license, said it has not done them any favors that they have not.

Letter of complaint from Ann at Queensmead about David. Said cars stop and some sort of dealings go on, and David puts something in the persons pocket and they shake hands. Ann has number plate of car, which Cllr. Fairweather will ensure PC Eastwood has. Said tourists are wary of him. Has a photo that he will also let PC Eastwood have.

General

Rural Services Network - Rural Opportunities Bulletin

Weekly email news digest 20/27<sup>th</sup> April, 11/18<sup>th</sup> May  
Rural Vulnerability Service  
Rural Transport – May  
Rural Housing Spotlight - Mar  
Fuel Poverty

Community First New Forest – May eBulletin  
Bank Statement – Lloyds, 30<sup>th</sup> April - £17, 495.01  
Zurich Municipal re Insurance  
New Forest Disability – Info  
Kompan – Play for Health  
CPRE – Field Work, Countryside Voice, Hampshire View  
BDO – Annual return  
NFNPA  
Park Life  
NFDC  
Precept £4,000  
Temp Events Notice – Weddings – Treehouses – 6<sup>th</sup> and 20th June  
Info Bulletin – April  
Electrol Register changes

1086. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Mark Young - £90    Proposed: Cllr. Steele    Seconded: Cllr. Knight  
Cllr. Steele said the playground garden is looking quite good and new chipping are holding up quite well. Maybe Mark just needs to look at courtyard garden, could do with a couple of shrubs now the creeper has been trimmed.

1087. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Shanks mentioned the bollards still down near Saltmarsh. Clerk to report again.

Cllr. Steele said on the village green on the quay she wonders whether in the past there was a life belt, in case someone falls in, as at the moment we have nothing. Is this something we really ought to have? If someone drowned, how would we feel knowing we do not have one, She thought there use to be one on the bridge. Cllr. Knight said there is a rope and throw line in a red box there, on post by foot bridge, owned by the Estate. Said there was one on the other side, but got smashed off. Asked how effective are they, would a life buoy be better. Cllr. Fairweather said shall we write to the Estate and ask if this can be replaced or shall we research it. Cllr. Steele said she would look at what we have and report back. Said she feels we have a duty of care to have something there.

Cllr. Weiss asked if we have any news on changing the wooden posts to cast iron ones at Northern Cottage. Clerk to contact Cllr. Thornber.

Cllr. Knight said that on the bridge down pass the cemetery in Lodge Lane, the concrete post has disintegrated on the corner and is stuck out on its own. It is one of the posts that stops you going off the edge. Also a manhole cover and hydrant cover on Ropeway corner has sunk and needs attention. Clerk to report.

Cllr. Fairweather reminded us that at the next meeting we have representatives from East Boldre PC attending to chat about the SLR and the defib.

Meeting closed at 7.35p.m.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.