

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2015
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. M. Grindrod, Cllr. S. Gibbs,

APOLOGIES

Cllr. P. Fairweather, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. L. Shanks

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr.K. Thornber. Cllr. M. Harris, P.C. Eastwood, Mr. J. Beaumont,
Mr. R. Gayner, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1149. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Grindrod Seconded: Cllr. Gibbs

1150. **MATTERS ARISING**

1124. Cllr. Norris said he was delighted to report the see-saw has been repaired.
BT manhole covers not yet been sorted. Cllr. Gibbs will talk to BT.

1151. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1152. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beaumont asked how we would feel if we lost the Newsagents in the village.
Said we have unloading bays by Montagu Arms and feels we should have a space reserved for people to stop and collect their paper, as they are losing business.
Cllr. Norris said we have done a survey on parking in the High Street and it is an on-going project of the councils.

1153. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood reported that crime is low in Beaulieu – a theft of battery fence.
Said metal theft in the NF is on the agenda and burglaries from non dwellings i.e sheds etc of garden tools and machinery. Been thefts of motor cars in and around Brockenhurst and is aware who is doing it. Said local residents should be aware and not leave ipads, phones etc in cars, trying to persuade people to take these items with them or leave them at home. Said Balmer Lawn Honda have sponsored a vehicle which advertises this. Reported that his area has been extended. Said Lyndhurst Police Station had development work on it as they looked at selling it, but has an underground floor/nuclear bunker, so planning would be difficult. It is closed as a Police Station, just front desk open. Cllr. Norris asked how ‘beat surgery’ was going and he said he holds one every 4th Saturday morning 9-10a.m. in the newsagents and it has been fantastic, non stop and going to continue and said he has collected useful information.

1154. **HAMPHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Said Highways are working on small schemes to include walks, cycle tracks and riding off road routes and a shared lane in Brockenhurst and concentrating on main routes for maintenance. They are improving motorways to get vehicles back on major routes and bring back use of country lanes by locals, by taking HGV's off them. This is their strategy over the next few years. Planning work around Beaulieu to include the carriageway, Buckler's Hard road, Junction of 3054,

Hatchett Lane, junction at Lodge Lane, Furzey Lane. Mentioned parking in the High Street, said he tried to help a few years ago by issuing parking clocks, but this was an illegal practice. Said the survey the council did was excellent and shows lots of spaces being taken up by traders/employees and this is taking income away from businesses. Could try introducing parking restrictions, but doubt would be enforceable as the police are stretched. Opening road to two way traffic would reduce spaces. Asked if the Montagu Arms have a car park behind that staff could use? Boat designers employ a lot of staff but buy them parking clocks. Mentioned the Beaulieu to Buckler's Hard walk, said it was £15 to get into Buckler's Hard, so people park in the High Street for free and walk to Buckler's Hard and there are quite a few walking groups around. Need a special car park for residents and tenant shop keepers, or it will be the death of small businesses. There is a free car park 200 yards down road at Motor Museum. Path to Museum needs looking at and signage needed. Said he could get the appropriate officers in HCC to write a friendly letter to those organisations who are taking up spaces, including the school, Steff's Kitchen, hairdressers and members of the Montagu Arms and ask them to park in car park. 2nd proposal is to work quite closely with the new Lord Montagu and as Vice Chairman of the CET, said he is quite happy to see him formally and ask him to help with pieces of land. Cllr. Norris said 2nd idea is brilliant and would resolve the problem. Feels we should not try idea 1 just yet as it might upset people, but to approach Lord Montagu and ask him to help for the cause of the village. Said he would take advice on approaching Lord Montagu and will report back. Cllr. Norris said this would be extremely helpful and thanked Cllr. Thornber for reading the survey and praised Cllr. Steele. Reported that CC and DC are reviewing Local Government Review Commission. CC cases take number of councillors and divide by 78. 1.009 million voters. Look at divisions + 10% 15,000 – 10% around 11,500. In NF very difficult for some areas to achieve an average. Boundary Commission have come back and proposes 11 divisions and 11 councillors be reduced by one and Eastleigh will increase by one as Eastleigh and Bordon will grow. Said the population will increase by 2,000. His constituents = 11,500 and 4th largest in land terms in county. Will increase by 4,500 – 14,500 and will start at Exbury/Lepe and Southampton outskirts, Calmore, Ashurst and will extend to Burley and would lose Boldre, which would now be attached to Lymington. Fordingbridge would disappear and extended from Lyndhurst to Fordingbridge and be very large. Local Government Boundary Commission do not want constituencies so large to be able to represent. NF loses county councilor, so now 10. Eastleigh increase 7 – 8. PC being asked to comment on Boundary Review. Said communities must not be cut in half, no split parishes. Said Brockenhurst is largest, Lyndhurst/Fordingbridge 2nd largest then Copythorne. 12-15 parishes now split. 12 parishes will share 2 councillors. Cllr. Gibbs asked Cllr. Thornber what he wants us to do. Cllr. Thornber said not every CC have so many other people to consult, whereas here in the NF we have Highways matters, Forestry Commission, Verderers, Natural England, DC, PC and NPA. Said the NF is unique, sparsely populated and producing large

constituencies of one Councilor. Eastleigh do not have to consult 5/6 other bodies.

1155. NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Cllr. Harris said he was interested in the parking issue and went and raised it at NFDC and said transport issues goes to DC transportation people. Said a piece of land would be fantastic for traders etc to park. Said officers have been here before, but really need to make it happen this time. Said the work programme is committed till March. Said they are looking at their figures, reducing expenditure on transport and only funding Health & Safety issues, could we find a Health & Safety reason? Will continue to lobby and find expertise on this matter. Cllr. Gibbs asked if we can get Edward Herson to a meeting. Cllr. Harris said it would be a long haul and need to tread very carefully and need help from HCC, NFDC, NP. Said the village need to thrive. Mr. Beaumont said Lord Montagu understands Ann's problem. Cllr. Norris said he did mention it to Lord Montagu and about the survey. Said regarding broadband, HCC report it is coming out and said done a lot at local level, no magic solution, but progress is being made. Looking at their budgets and 3 ½ million reduction over 4 years. Bob Jackson doing a review of senior management and will not replace himself. Said the report on dementia is that they are keen to see issues in a practical way. In Lymington they are having signs in shop windows saying 'carers/dementia sufferers – staff trained'. Said they need more people to listen and learn and he wants to be involved and asked if the PC has any champions, does not need to cost money, just time to assist some of the 2 million sufferers. Cllr. Norris asked if someone could come and talk to the PC.

1156. PLANNING

Otterwood Cottage – 15/00808

Wooden stables with 3 loose boxes and tack room

Exbury Road, Beaulieu

No consultation with NP. DP22/SPD meets requirement chapter 7-8 core strategy
All councilors in favour

Countryside Education Trust – 15/00821 – Biomass Store

Palace Lane

Close to Arnewood house garden but had meeting with Richard Blythe and has no objections. Concerns are location, woodchip smoke, and noise, which should not be much but should be measured and also smoke levels checked after running.

Clare Ings, conservation office, NP has no objections. Had pre-planning meeting.

All councilors in favour.

1157. FIRE SERVICE REVIEW

Cllr. Knight said he was hoping the fire service would attend and talk to the council, but not allowed and would be subject to disciplinary action. Said they need to reduce funding, 15 million over next 3 years. It will affect every fire station in the county. We will end up with a First Response Van with up to 4 firemen. Said Beaulieu does not have a van yet and it will only hold a small water tank 100-200 gallons, 2 BA sets, whereas now we have 400 gallons and 4

1158. CCTV FOR THE VILLAGE

1159. LIFE SAVING FLOTATION AID

1160. CORRESPONDENCE

General

ICO Renewal

Verderers of the NF – Election 2015

1161. CHEQUE SIGNING

Proposed: Cllr. Grindrod

1162. **QUESTION TIME**

Meeting closed at 8.25p.m.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 17th December 2015 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.