

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2020
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Reece, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. L. Shanks, Cllr. L. Dearing

APOLOGIES

Cllr. M. Grindrod, Cllr. M. Harris

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. K. Mans, Mrs. E. Schofield, Mrs. C. Dyke, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1821. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Reece Seconded: Cllr. Steele

1822. **MATTERS ARISING**

None

1823. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1824. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Schofield said have we any update on superfast broadband? Said drain just up from the white gates at Whitehall, the drain water is not carrying on down the High Street, but coming across the road and pouring down that side. Thinks drain blocked, and worried if get cold weather this will freeze and be dangerous. Cllr. Norris asked if this is Highways and Cllr. Man said come to us first. Cllr. Steele said there is a massive pothole on Ropeway Corner and small ones appearing. Has white paint around them. Cllr. Knight said they have been there once and put tarmac in holes where water coming out about 6 weeks ago. Said roadside pipe is blocked. Cllr. Norris said regarding highspeed broadband, Cllr. Harris is not here tonight and he is leading NFDC's attempt. Cllr. Mans said there was one issue 18 months ago, Open Reach were in discussion with Forest England about how to run fiber cable overhead or underground in SSSI's. Open Reach did not obey rules agreed, so Forestry England stopped them carrying out any further work. Meeting on 24th January to sort it, but do not know results, but agreement was reached, so hopefully any holdups should start moving again. Said situation is unsatisfactory, being going on 6 years. Cllr. Shanks spoke to Cllr. Harris and said broadband was in the High Street, but getting to individual properties is the issue. Cllr. Harris was going to check. Cllr. Norris said he thought Cllr. Fairweather had conversation with Open Reach who said doing it in the spring. Cllr. Mans said keep putting the pressure on. Cllr. Norris thanked him. Mrs. Dyke, Beaulieu Residents Association wanted to talk to Cllr. Dearing about drains in Furzey Lane. Cllr. Norris explained that he did not like questions directed to Cllrs. but said you can make a statement and Cllr. Dearing can bring it up at Question Time.

1825. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present.

1826. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans said precept has been set, rise of 1.99% + 2% for social services.

Trying to make savings, need to save £80m over next 2 years, but try and stretch it to 3 ½ years using reserves. Said public consultation of library service going ahead. Had good comments and decision made in June. Trying to keep them open and trying to make them more social centers. Book lending gone down 35% in last few years. These buildings are used for other things and could be community centers. Talking to local parishes, commercial organisations to try to keep them. Their purpose will change, make them relevant to today and for the future. This will be part of our savings programme. Have £5m for roads, potholes. Have machines which repair potholes in one go and also money for better maintenance. A lot of pressure is being put on government re social services. We spend 40-50% of total budget on social care and special educational needs. Said devolved budget has all be used. Cllr. Norris said I have just signed a letter of thanks to you. Said the school were delighted and we are most grateful. Cllr. Norris said on county website it says Hants is the 2nd lowest rated county in the country. Cllr. Mans said while I am Leader I want to remain the lowest and we can do that.

1826. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Harris sent his apologies. Saw him and nothing to report.

1827. **PLANNING**

20/00046 – The Vineyard Cottage. Extension.

BPC recommend permission, No. 1. As this property is required by an estate worker whose family require an extra bedroom and the extension is compliant with DP36. BPC have no objections. All in favour.

Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather Seconded: Cllr. Knight

20/00072 – Harlicks Hill, Hatchet Lane. 2 new workers dwellings, associated access.

BPC recommend permission. No. 3.

BPC fully support this application. The granting of two estate workers small dwellings at the suitable improved location of Harlicks Hill, which would comply with SP30, and makes a positive contribution towards zero carbon, also have some other critical benefits for our community. The granting of the above application is linked to the development of Haywards Field car park (application 18/00439 approved 22/10/2018) which is essential and necessary to strengthen the wellbeing and sustainability of our community. Should this application fail it would seriously effect the long term viability of the shops in Beaulieu High Street.

All in favour.

Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather Seconded: Cllr. Knight

Cllr. Fairweather said in the Planning Officer's briefing, it mentions requirement of Estate plan. Said we would encourage NP to grant permission but condition before houses built have Estate plan. Cllr. Norris asked how long will that take? Said 2 years since Haywards Field was passed. Cllr. Steele suspects one of NP conditions will be that it is used by Estate workers, not let to holiday makers. Cllr. Norris said he doesn't understand as not meant to have houses in isolated area, but security persons cottage at Gatewood went through as soon as house area was reduced from 175 to 125, setting a precedent. Thinks will go through as lot

of consultation. Cllr. Steele agreed. All agreed and will go to committee. Cllr. Dearing heard that a few workers have been made to leave their properties on Estate, why building new ones when potentially selling some. Cllr. Steele said they are not selling them. Cllr. Norris said lot of planning is being granted and only some being built.

Cllr. Steele mentioned the Montagu Arms car park they have put in, is very extensive and a lot of trees have come down, but the trouble is the lighting. Had complaints from people and I can see it from the other side of the river. Lights on tall posts. Plans said no lighting in the car park, but low level lighting along the paths. Throws up a large amount of light. Cllr. Norris said we will contact Mr. Hiley-Jones and ask if permanent.

Decisions

19/00956 – Hides Close, Hartford Heath – 2 storey extension, first floor extension Granted.

19/00969 – The Tukul, Dock Lane – Application for certificate of lawful development of mobile home. Permitted development.

19/00961 – Bucklers Wood, Bucklers Hard – 1 Outbuilding. Granted.

19/00896 – Keeping House, Bucklers Hard Road – Single storey extension and porch. Granted.

19/00879 – Parsons Mead – Single storey extension. Granted.

19/00933 – Land adjacent to Vineyard Cottage – Retention/completion of workshop/store building. Granted

Tree Works

CONS/20/0032 – Tarks Reach, Dock Lane – Prune 3 Oak Trees.

CONS/20/0096 – Dock Head, Dock Lane – Fell 5 Conifer Trees

Tree Works Decisions

CONS/19/0810 – Gardiners Ground, Dock Lane. Raise no objections.

1828. **TRAFFIC, PARKING/HAYWARDS FIELD**

Cllr. Norris said we have discussed this already. Cllr. Shanks said if we do get the car park, how will it be closed off to the public? Cllr. Norris said there will be a barrier and code. Cllr. Fairweather said my question is how long the process has taken, if the house gets permission, how long before the Estate get on with the works. Interesting to know if they have engineer doing drawing and drainage issues and what barrier they will use. We need to make sure they are thinking ahead. Nice to be reassured it is starting to happen. Cllr. Norris said if planning application for Harlicks goes through, we will need to get on to them. Cllr. Fairweather said John Nicholls has looked at it, but lot of levelling work to be done. Cllr. Norris said there is also the traffic scoping which will want to be undertaken, as bigger thing than just the car park. Pointless at the moment, as until car park is done they will not take it further. Cllr. Fairweather said is it in the Estate budget? Cllr. Steele said it is being paid for by the Beaulieu Beaufort Trust. Cllr. Fairweather said for the full amount? Cllr. Steele said a substantial amount has been offered.

1829. **V.E. DAY UPDATE**

Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Shanks is heading this up for us. Cllr. Shanks said getting the school involved in making red, white and blue poppies. Headmistress is very

happy to be part of it. Cllr. Shanks said she will make the poppies and the children will paint them and be put in the garden for that weekend. Cllr. Norris said do this Friday 1st May and stay there all week. V.E Day celebration is the 8th and bank holiday, but school not there on the 8th, nice to have them a week prior to V.E. Day and take them out after that weekend. Disappointing news, the proposed exchange visit from Hautvillers is not now happening. Cllr. Steele said we will need to start planting in April to fit in with the scheme for V.E. Day. Cllr. Norris said we will get press coverage.

1830. **DRINKING/WATER FOUNTAIN**

Cllr. Shanks said had site meeting with NFDC and decided where to place the fountain, on wall to the right. Will be cleaned every day when they clean the toilets. Cllr. Norris said they will take a water sample every week. They will monitor the amount of water used to make sure it is viable. NFDC are very pleased. Signage needs to be thought about and Lord Montagu needs to be involved. Cllr. Norris said this was the initiative by BPC to reduce plastic waste, but glory not going to be ours, but because of this NFDC are purchasing one for Lymington and Ringwood. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllrs. Shanks and Steele.

1831. **PLAYGROUND**

Cllr. Steele said she has done inspection, nothing come up, put load of chippings down. After inspection we needed to increase the level of chippings. New swing is up. The report said the arc in front of swings is not deep enough, so vital we do not put wobbly wobbly in. Have told the Estate because of this problem we do not have space. Quite happy with playground, but would like someone to take on next quarter inspections. Would like all councilors to take on a quarter. Said Cllrs. Fairweather, Shanks, Grindrod and myself have done it. Asked Cllr. Dearing if she would take on the next quarter. Cllr. Steele said it involves monthly inspection and we have a check list and I would come with you on first one. Would ideally like the person to go round once a week and look at general appearance. Said I am in there quite a lot as take general responsibility for it. If you spot something wrong, just let me know. Mark our gardener is often in there as well with his grandson.

1832. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Glasdon Brochure – Cllr. Fairweather said thinks High Street could do with some new litter bins, as very shabby. Estate's responsibility. Clerk to write.

Lloyds Bank – 30th January 2020, £18,688.51

NFDC – Temp Events Notice – Village Hall, Fundraising for Wheelchair

NFDC – Road Closure – Tue 25th Feb, High Street, Pancake Race

HCC – Remittance for £500 from Cllr. Mans devolved budget. Cllr. Norris said that Cllr. Steele spent quite a bit of time on the website completing a grant form and pleased we were awarded £500 for Beaulieu School. Teachers have produced a wish list and many items purchased but some items still outstanding.

Outdoor storage unit £123. PE Trolley and equipment £80. 8 seater picnic bench £179. Total £480 so that takes care of our donation of £500. Cllr. Steele said we have already given them £200. Cllr. Norris said they need the help.

All in favour of writing cheque for £500. Proposed: Cllr. Dearing Seconded: Cllr. Shanks. Cllr. Steele to deliver cheque to school.

Foundation, 24th April
Hampshire ALC – Have your say on ward boundaries for NFDC
Lyndhurst Parish Council – Refund for Cllr. Training course. Cllr.
Shanks said she feels it should be open to 3 councilors from each parish.

Solent News

Lepe Country Park Events – Spring garden talk at The Lookout.

Broxap - Brochure

1833. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

C. Fairweather Ltd - £132.00 – Bark

Proposed: Cllr. Reece Seconded : Cllr. Knight

The Play Inspection Co. Ltd – £120.00

Proposed: Cllr. Dearing Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

Wel Medical Ltd - £283.03 – Defib parts

Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather Seconded: Cllr. Reece

BVHT - £36.00

Proposed : Cllr. Reece Seconded: Cllr. Dearing

Cllr. Steele said she will be organising a defib training course soon, but being held up by school.

Cllr. Norris said the noticeboard is not in a satisfactory state and on reading defib notice on there it mentions a shop that does not exist anymore. Cllr. Steele to check. She said every year we register with South Central Ambulance who send check form that I complete. Cllr. Norris said very grateful to Cllr. Steele and looked at your defib book and it is very thorough. Mrs. Schofield said there is defib training course being run in the hall next Thursday.

1834. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Dearing said as Mrs. Dyke brought up, I mentioned at the Residents Association meeting that top of Furzey Lane in dreadful state as four houses have not been clearing their ditches. A parishioner use to be ditch monitor, but slowed down. Cllr. Knight said it is the householders responsibility, their property includes their ditch. Water covering the road. Cllr. Norris said the pipe goes under main road. Cllr. Knight says it goes to the old gravel pit, said can do very little, but could write to householders saying concerned about amount of water on road and hazardous. Could write to HCC. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Dearing to let the Clerk have addresses of houses not clearing their drains.

Cllr. Reece said the dragons teeth disappeared at Bucklers Spring and now parking on the verge. Inform Estate. Said West Timbers have a convex mirror.

Cllr. Norris said is it a hazard or making it safer? Cllr. Reece said a bit of both.

Cllr. Norris said think let sleeping dogs lie and see if we have any comments.

Said problems in Fire Station Lane with gate and ponies getting in. Cllr. Norris said he would go and look. Said have Minutes of NF Consultative Panel meeting that I can circulate.

Cllr. Norris said on 26th February there is a Quadrant Meeting at 7pm. Cllrs. Knight and Reece will attend.

Cllr. Knight said Church Meadow sluice is not working still. Clerk said she spoke to Mrs. Pearson who will get you and Chris Payne to look at it.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 19th March 2020 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.