

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

A virtual meeting held on zoom due to the coronavirus pandemic HM Government regulations.

**PRESENT**

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

**APOLOGIES**

PC Eastwood

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr. K. Mans, Cllr. M. Harris, Mrs. R. Pearson, Mrs. E. Schofield, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1949. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Dearing      Seconded: Cllr. Steele

1950. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

1951. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Fairweather – Planning application for Garden Cottage, Thorns Beach.

1952. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Schofield said new bins look very nice in High Street and no rubbish, looks nicer. Cllr. Norris said joint action of Beaulieu Estate the BPC.

1953. **POLICE LIAISON**

Cllr. Norris said no report from PC Eastwood. Mrs. Pearson said problems with lurchers across the Estate. County Watch have told us to ring them and quote numbers and they will be there immediately. Cllr. Dearing said at Rans Wood there was an attempted dog-nap.

1954. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans said have council tax budget setting and probably an increase of just under 5%. 3% for social care, educational needs amongst youngsters and elderly. Said government seem to be kicking can down road re funding of social care, that is why we are trying to take some of the burden. Will write to the chancellor about importance of coming up with long term solution. In the south we have an increasing number of elderly. 1000 reaching the age of 85 more every year. Said the vaccination programme going well. Need to persuade those who have concerns about the vaccination to come forward. Do not want a small % of population to continue to be carriers of virus. Under 70's starting to be vaccinated. Hope to get schools, particularly primary back on the 7/8<sup>th</sup> March. Then need to focus on things needed to revive businesses, retail and hospitality and the need to reduce business rates for retailers, ensure they are on same level as online sales. Government have given money for our climate change programme, £30m for double glazing in most primary schools to reduce emissions and reduce costs on electricity bills, so budget will be spent on teaching and not

Cllr. Norris said we agreed to application 19/00831 for the cottage and one substantial outbuilding for machinery and car. In granting planning permission condition 9 states 'in granting permission outbuilding can only be used for purpose of the dwelling on site. The application letter 20/00955 clearly states that three new outbuildings are for the storage of equipment of Thorns Beach, not only the Garden Cottage. Condition broken and number and size of buildings within the curtilage of the cottage are inappropriate and breach condition, although they have been put up. Cllrs. all agreed. Cllr. Fairweather declared an interest. Cllr. Steele said we need to hold our ground, know it is for use by another property and this is a retrospective planning application. Buildings are there and are to service another property and should be sited there and should be

dismantled. Cllr. Norris said that is up to enforcement and there is one on there. All opposed.

Proposed: Cllr. Knight

Proposed: Cllr. Dearing

20/00943 – Mallards – Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement dwelling

Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Steele to talk about her site visit to the outside of the property. Has had emails and conversation with Clare Ings and no issue about demolition, its in a shocking and not original state, looks dreadful. Garage, sheds and greenhouse tumbling down. Issue is about the replacement, clear they are using space from the coach house to make the new house bigger. Existing house has used the 30%, house should be rebuild on existing site, exactly the same size. There is not comparable footage and hoping Clare will provide figures. NP says once house has the 30%, that is all you are allowed. DP36 says you cannot use habitable space from other buildings to make main property bigger. The wing and attachment are the space that has come from coach house, that will not be rebuilt. NP not happy about this and would like to hold the line. If allow this to happen other big houses would want to do the same. Feel proposed house is probably 15-20% bigger than should be. NP said they do not like stone and turned down application in Exbury and Moonhills Lane and had to become brick. Stone is not a local material and very white. Centre section is stone and wings lime render, similar colours. Brick section is relatively small and probably acceptable to NP. Large house of quite a light colour. Argument is that it is hidden in the trees and no one will see it. Do not have worries about trees as all oaks and foreshore trees have TPO's. Said the ponticum have no protection and could go. Said we need to see the figures from Clare. Said felt maybe a supplementary application for alterations to oblige a neighbour. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Steele and said we should invite Mr. McCarthy to a zoom meeting, then make our decision and send to NP. Propose and second it at next meeting. All Cllrs. agreed. Cllr. Steele said it is crucial we get this right as one, maybe two other houses on Beaulieu river watching this like a hawk. Cllr. Reece said it says on the notes red brick advisable, do we know how they feel about this. Also pictures show trees in full leaf, when they drop it will be very apparent. The architect has a picture of a brick version and it suits the house better.

#### Decisions

20/00919 – Countryside Education Trust – Educational building. Granted.

#### Tree Applications

Curtlemead House, Fire Station Lane – Pollard 1 Oak tree

### 1957. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

Cllr. Harris said NFDC is very busy, lots going on. Still working on bid for freeport as there will be a lot of government investment if successful. Government putting lots of money in for businesses. If have business premises and pay rent, can apply for a grant. Lots of companies missing out as fall between the cracks. Grants are being made available from bodies like NFDC. Last scheme we distributed £2m to small businesses. 3 or 4 schemes you can apply for. Said council finances hit hard, grants keep coming through from central government, still able to balance our books, call upon reserves. Lot of money being spent on coastal scheme, funds coming through. At cabinet this week we

approved the partnership agreement with Freedom Leisure, they administer H & L centres across the county. Doing amazing things, working with 23 other local authorities. They will manage and we will own the businesses, benefits will be good and contribute to our funds. Staff will stay on – win win situation. Cllr. Fairweather said in the Lymington Times it said the cost of putting broadband into Lyndhurst Road, Beaulieu Road, that the centre of the village would benefit from high speed broadband. Can you tell us when we can expect to be connected. Told High Street would be able to access it by now. Cllr. Harris said I am sorry I cannot. If you ask Open Reach they give you one answer, go to HCC and they give you a different story. Originally government said by 2025 have fibre to every home, now backtracked and said not that quick. Been working with Solent Let saying it is possible for us to create some local ombudsman to talk to all organisations who have objections. Think NP in agreement. Said NFDC will give permission for a house to be built if it has fibre to premise. Working with Solent Let to put this proposal to government. Do a presentation and suggest use the NF as a test ground. NP are also concerned and having a meeting with Alison Barnes and her chairman. Have written to someone in East Boldre, who is hot on this. A crowd in the North of England, B4RN – Broadband 4 Rural North. They were fed up with Open Reach so decided to do it themselves, had skills, raised money, engage with locals, now wired up 5,000 homes in their area, achieved without Open Reach. No one pays more than £1,500, very fast speeds, extraordinary what they have done. Maybe we can learn from them. Cllr. Fairweather agreed something different has to happen. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Harris.

#### 1958. **QUADRANT MEETING**

Cllr. Norris said FC and NP talked about when lockdown is lifted as forest will have massive numbers of visitors. Holding meeting to devise strategy to cope. 300 ambassador litter pickers will go round and talk to people. Had talk from Sammy Fraser from FC regarding verge parking, car park closures, winter repair work and difficulties they are experiencing, especially verge parking, cannot enforce anything. LCWIP to join up cycle tracks and walking. Want to connect up existing rights of way. Steering group of HCC, NFDC, NP, Forestry England, Verderers, County Councils and Town and Parish Councils are to be involved. Asked for a permanent representative from every parish, who will sit on the LCWIP, attend meeting about once a month, regarding developing this strategy. Going to have to go back to them with a name. Do think after lockdown older generation will be using electric bikes and cars will be used less. Please think if you would like to be part of this. We had a presentation about future of the Waterside, former power station and building of the Intelligent town, quite a large area of land around Marchwood Military port, which is co-owned with private enterprise and plans about that and think some of that is planned for a free port. APB are starting to move forward on their 2016 proposal to develop part of Dibden Bay, move transporters out of Southampton and bring to Dibden Bay. Going to be 5,000 new homes in Totton/Pooks Green area. 1,500 at the Intelligent Town at Calshot. Investment in the A326, investment in sustainable transport, bike tracks and public transport. Investment in 5G digital. Improve

Totton and make hub town of the area. Cllr. Reece said they are still talking about a railway line from new build.

1959. **CASUAL VACANCY**

Clerk said the four candidates are Michael Dolbear, Sally O'Donaghue, Elaine Schofield and Nick Hubbard. Late application from Mr. Armstrong. Vanessa Cook has withdrawn her application. Cllr. Norris said we need to make a decision as to how to proceed. Cllr. Fairweather said I do not know who they are, so need CV's. Cllr. Reece agreed. Cllr. Norris said Michael is a local farmer and leading member of Beaulieu Fire Service, been in the area many years, comes from a very distinguished farming family. We passed planning permission on Nick's property at Hatchet and his garden conservatory. Been here about 3 years, a retired accountant, currently Treasurer of Beaulieu Twinning Association, taking over as Deputy Chairman of Fete Committee. Elaine is with us now and attends our meetings. Sally lives in the High Street at Bucklers Hard. Said we should invite them to a zoom meeting and interview them. Cllr. Steele felt a good idea as there are some we do not know. Cllr. Fairweather said we should present them with the same questions in advance so they can prepare. Cllr. Norris agreed, asked Cllrs. to email Clerk with questions. Cllr. Norris said while trying to check one of the candidates I spoke to a parishioner who said she was worried about parking at St. Leonards on the green. Would it be possible to have sharks teeth? Mrs. Pearson said no one has raised this, but I will ask the question. Cllr. Norris said the heavy farm traffic is churning up the verges and people are also parking further up by the little bridge, triangle mainly, but further up as well. Cllr. Knight said the reason the verges are getting ruined is that Arthur has slurry pit refused or withdrawn it and now going up and down the road with tankers all the time. And contractor coming through all day everyday, slurry tanker comes pass home at 6am until 6pm. Cllr. Fairweather thinks clearing from Southern Water plant at Tin Town, been told two years of it ahead of us. Cllr. Reece says seen him go pass every 1hr10mins, gone 40mins and back again. Mrs. Pearson will make enquiries.

1960. **PLAYGROUND**

Cllr. Steele said now received replacement swing from manufacturer, very good of them as out of warranty, just postage to pay, which I am happy to fund. Most sensible thing would be to put it up. Do you feel it needs to be inspected after it is put up, just a couple of bolts, or I can keep it till just before the annual inspection and put it up then. Will do my inspection tomorrow. Cllr. Reece said maybe getting an email from a parishioner as they have some sensory ideas for the playground. They feel it is boring. Cllr. Grindrod said tell them to contact the play area at Lepe Beach. Cllr. Steele feels saying it is boring is a bit harsh, we are a small village and the equipment is quite sophisticated. Cllr. Reece told them that an awful lot of thought and love goes into the playground. Cllr. Grindrod suggested if they want to improve it, then put some finance in. Cllr. Steele said people say it is a lovely little playground, nothing wrong with it at all. Cllr. Norris said go ahead and fit the swing.

1961. **CORRESPONDENCE**

NFDC – Grant of Premises Licence – The Chandley and Boatyard, Bucklers Hard

1962. **CHEQUE SIG**

Zoom Pro - £172.56 – Rent of zoom pro for one year.

Proposed: Cllr. Steele      Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod

1963. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Grindrod said he tried to book the village hall for meetings from May and Sara asked if we would be willing to use the committee room. They have a booking come in for most of the week and if they cannot have Thursdays they will not take it. Cllr. Norris said it was suggested we meet in the school or church room. Cllr. Knight said we should be using the village hall but if going to put them in position where they will lose money, we will have to go somewhere else. Mrs. Schofield said she is not aware of this, and will speak to Sara. Cllr. Norris said government want parish councils to meet face to face from 7<sup>th</sup> May. HALC do not want that and will lobby government to delay till later in the year. Said if we go back to having meetings they will be very short and covid secure, said zoom makes such a difference and we could survive without physical meetings. Church room favourable. Cllr. Knight asked how does cost of zoom compare to room fee. Cllr. Norris said it is about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the cost. Will wait to hear back from Mrs. Schofield and make a decision. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Grindrod. Cllr. Grindrod said if there were two of us I would like to attend the LCWIP. Cllr. Norris felt they were asking for one person and I will put your name down to attend meetings and carry out duties.

Cllr. Knight said water on Ropeway Corner has not been solved. Every time it rains it pushes the tarmac up, they repair it but it just keeps happening, same on Harlicks Hill opposite the Dolbears.

Mrs. Pearson said Lodge Lane has backfired on us. We wrote to council suggesting they pipe the ditch and they have suggested we pipe the ditch.

Meeting closed at 8.18pm

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 6.30p.m.