

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 18TH MAY 2023

PRESENT

Cllr. N. Hubbard, Cllr. P. Fairweather, Cllr. M. Dolbear, Cllr. M. Grindrod, Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Reece (joined meeting later).

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. R. Pearson, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

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2170	APOLOGIES	Cllr. S. Steele	
2171	CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS	<p>Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked councillors for going into the election and supporting the parish, which was a vote of confidence. Said thank you for voting for the continuation of the office holders. We will all keep the council moving forward, working constructively and well together.</p> <p>Said it was unfortunate that Elaine Schofield is standing down because of the amount of time needed to devote to council work, but we do understand her reason. The Chairman thanked Elaine for her work over the last year. The clerk confirmed we have notified NFDC about the casual vacancy. Asked councillors if they knew of anyone who maybe interested. Can live 3 ½ miles outside parish boundary.</p>	
2172	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None.	
2173	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	<p>Approval of April Minutes</p> <p>The Chairman said one point came out regarding Conflicts of Interest. The Clerk reminded everyone of the requirements set out in our Standing Orders. If you have a financial conflict of interest you must disclose this. You may stay in the room but must not speak. Mrs. Pearson said</p>	

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		that some councillors will have a greater conflict of interest regarding Beaulieu Estate matters. She will review this and give a list to the Clerk of Councillors who do not, in her view, have a material financial conflict of interest in order to allow the Council business to be legitimately undertaken with a quorate. Chairman said he will table this for next meeting. Proposed: Cllr. Dolbear Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod Motion carried unanimously.	
2174	REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS	HCC Not present. New Forest District Council Not present. Clerk to contact Dan Poole and invite to next meeting. Police 'Alert' report received and circulated.	
2175	MATTERS ARISING	Off-site Meeting Cllr. Fairweather proposed that we have another informal meeting to discuss functionality of council including to clarify Code of Conduct, Conflicts of Interest etc. Contacted HALC to ask if trainer who ran the Skills and Knowledge course to ask if he could run a course for us on Conflicts of Interest, but he has left the company, so will talk to another trainer there or speak to NFDC. Report back at next meeting. Repair/Playground items. Cllr. Grindrod reported no new issues. CCTV. Cllr. Fairweather said applied to police for police funding to replace two number plate recognition cameras. We should receive acknowledgement mid to late May if successful. Will encourage	Cllr. Fairweather

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		<p>Matt, policeman to get in touch with Central Southern Security to set up access to camera footage.</p> <p>Request date for next High Street Sweep from NFDC. Clerk has emailed her contacts, but as yet no reply.</p> <p>Invite new policeman to attend PC meeting. Clerk to contact.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
2176	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	None.	
2177	COMMITTEE & REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS	<p>Planning. Cllr. Dolbear reported that Cllr. Steele has been in touch with planning officer re Sowley House planning application and have discovered they are also have questions about the proposed plans and have also asked the Conservation Officer to do a report. This is going to take some while, so we have been given an extension on the application until our next planning meeting. NFDC are also considering whether Sowley House ought to be added to the Local List which would mean the proposals would come under greater scrutiny. The missing plans should now be on the planning site.</p> <p>Asset Management. Cllr. Grindrod said we need to have a Safeguarding Policy although it needs to be clear that the school children in the playing field are not our responsibility but the schools. BPC just maintain the equipment and, if faulty and too expensive to repair, we have it removed. We inspect it regularly and ROSPA do a yearly report. School needs to have Liability Insurance. Agreed we would write to the school to confirm</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

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		<p>Speedwatch None</p> <p>Twinning Garden Cllr. Reece said the TG group have worked hard getting garden ready for Coronation, it is looking good, and have received lots of compliments. Mrs. Jones said she has received praise from parents and children on how good it looks. Linda Dearing will review end of June. Overspent of £50 on budget, which council agreed was fine. Fairweathers kindly gave us a discount on plants etc. Maintenance ongoing and tackling ground elder. Reported no donkeys have got in. Everyone working well together. Will Humby came and took large stones away and levelled the surface, Looks wonderful.</p> <p>Quadrant Meeting Interesting meeting. Useful report from FE. Raised issue of Furzey Lane and contractors vehicles damaging the verge which has been reported to NPA Enforcement. FE mentioned they are going to employ 10 more full time rangers. Will be planting more broad leaf trees.</p>	
2178	FINANCE	<p>Monthly Finance Report – circulated. Draft AGAR circulated and is under review from Auditor, ahead of approval at next council meeting. Positive result for end of year. Paid GIS invoice, but do we use it? Not needed for planning. Finance & general Purposes Committee will review this.</p> <p>Motion to approve bank payments. BVHT £60.00 Proposed : Cllr. Fairweather Seconded: Cllr. Reece Motion carried unanimously.</p>	

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2179	CORRESPONDENCE	CPRE magazines.	
2180	ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA	None	

Meeting closed at 7.45p.m.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 15th June 2023