

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2019
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mrs. E. Schofield

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. K. Mans joined the meeting later, Cllr. M. Harris, Mrs. S. Howard-Wallis, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1792. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Knight

1793. **MATTERS ARISING**

1786. Cllr. Norris said regarding planning application 19/00764, Mares Hatch, for single storey extension and demolition of existing conservatory. Said we refused permission and the NP did also. Said he was very honoured to lay the wreath at Remembrance Sunday on behalf of BPC.

1794. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Fairweather and Cllr. Shanks – Thorns Beach planning applications.

1785. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllr. Norris said Sarah Howard-Wallis has come to the meeting tonight to answer questions Cllrs. might have on the gardening undertaken in courtyard outside and the management of the village hall, following complaint, which has nothing to do with the PC. Made by County Councilor in Dibden Purlieu regarding the heating in the hall. Think he thought this was a Parish hall, which it is not. Cllr. Steele said what will the landscaping look like. Sarah said I do not know, Robin is in charge and it will be started in January. Cllr. Shanks said when they came to the hall for Twinning event, there were no instructions on the heating press button. Said it would be good to have the instructions written down. Cllr. Norris asked if any other member of the public wishes to speak. Carolyn Belson was not sure, said she sent email. Cllr. Norris said you can speak for three minutes now or speak at planning. Carolyn Belson opted to speak during the planning discussion later in the meeting.

1786. **POLICE LIAISON**

P.C. Eastwood not present

1787. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans said apologies for lateness. Said had meeting to set budget for next two years. Said what they expect to get from government is up in the air. Having public consultation on future of libraries. Trying to ensure the resources available are distributed to those libraries which have most usage. Might adjust opening hours of some. Trying hard to ensure we have sufficient money to do repair work on our roads. The Redbridge flyover is costing £25m, roughly half our maintenance budget. Hoping we get funds to cover that. Said working closely

with colleagues in the district about seeing if there is a way we can have one waste collection/disposal service. Also waste food and that will require us looking closely at facilities we have available for that and try to make it easier for people to understand what is recyclable, particularly keen on this. Said if you put just one thing in the sack that is not recyclable the whole bag gets rejected. Manufacturers/retailers need to play their part. Often packaging is not required after it has got down the chain and you are packing your shopping at the till, good to have bins where you can leave this. Also issue of climate challenge. Need new technology to help minimize CO2 emissions. Said still have money left in my budget, so let me know if any organisations in the village could benefit. Cllr. Steele mentioned playground equipment. Cllr. Norris said we did talk about sustainable solutions re reducing plastic waste and Cllr. Harris has brought in picture of water filling bottle fountain. It is the start of trying to reduce non returnable plastic bottles, going to be rolled out in Beaulieu and try and roll it out to other parishes. Cllr. Mans thought a great idea and said Southern Water are trying to be very friendly at the moment. Cllr. Norris said you mentioned recycling and I feel very important to keep it as simple as possible, it is so complicated that you give up. Asked if food waste going to be collected from domestic homes, Cllr. Mans said that is what government are suggesting, but do not know the details yet. Cllr. Norris said if the pattern of collection was to change, because rural area, old buildings with broke drains and concerned if food waste was hanging around, the vermin problem will get worse.

1788. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**
Cllr. Harris said next years NF Show will have been running for 100 years and wonderful things planned, maybe a Royal presence. Said regarding broadband, on going issue, have meeting with Glen Peachy in January. Had a meeting today about High Streets and trading and things that can be done to bring in more trade. Said as DC could prepare workshops, where we invite parishes to come to engage with things they can do, and we can do together. Some parishes have decided to tidy up the streets, combined effort, said we can do this, new benches and bins. Want to get all parishes across NF involved, so we can learn from each other and see if there is any funding available. Said we are not going to reverse the trend of people buying more and more on-line, but there are things that can be done. If events are organised, people turn out for these and use the High Street shops while out. Mentioned the water dispenser tracked down by colleague. Put on outside of toilet block in car park. Been talking about environmental issues etc, then will be fitted and hope successful. Then would like to talk to every parish. Cllr. Norris said this is really good news, really pleased, brilliant design. Said will you control it, Cllr. Harris said it will be fitted and we will make sure it works and maintain it. Cllr. Norris asked if this will be the first you have done. Cllr. Harris confirmed yes. Said then contact other parishes and say it will cost £.....
Cllr. Harris said it will probably be installed in the spring. Cllr. Norris said if it cuts down on plastic waste, then it is good news. Said it is a good idea having clinics to try and help High Streets, as read Lyndhurst High Street is suffering, awful trading this summer. Need more events. Cllr. Shanks said she was surprised to see loss of car parking spaces in car park. Cllr. Grindrod feels these

were used as unofficial spaces and because of complaints that could not get ambulances etc around the car park, NFDC blocked these out. Cllr. Harris will check.

1789. **PLANNING**

19/00806 – Thorns Beach House.

Relocation of summer house

All councilors in agreement that they did not object to relocation of summer house, moving it further away from house and protect trees, therefore find proposal acceptable.

19/00831 – The Garden Cottage, Thorns Beach

Replacement dwelling, two outbuildings, creation of access, boundary wall and gates, associated landscaping. Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding. Carolyn Belson from Orchard Cottage said her concerns regarding the application were the flood risk, said Orchard Cottage experiences annual flooding, including run off from the north other than infiltration overall. Concerned as to increased water arising from the proposed development infiltration and soak aways.

Historically the site of the replacement Garden Cottage sited on the southern half of Orchard Cottage area. This area continues to be routinely under water during winter months. Said there will be light loss to her property due to new tree planting reducing natural light to the west side of the wall of Orchard Cottage at the latter part of day/evening. Machine noise a concern. Habitat loss – noticeable decrease in wildlife overall since clearing of Thorns Beach House site. Concerns about actual usage of proposed development viz a viz Thorns Beach House.

Cllr. Norris said previous application was withdrawn. BPC supports application as concerns have been addressed. No. 1. However we would recommend that any external lighting in view of NP's dark sky's policy be kept to a minimum.

All councilors in support.

Proposed: Cllr. Knight Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod

19/00776 – Heatherlands, Furzey Lane

Retention of aerial

Cllr. Norris said it would have permitted rights. Parish briefing asks if this aerial makes a visual impact in this conservation area. Cllr. Steele said it is bigger than permitted development allows, therefore needs planning permission. All agreed it does have an impact. Refuse No. 2. BPC feels the aerial makes a detrimental impact visually in conservation area and height should be reduced.

Decisions

19/00624/VAR – Thorns Beach House

Application to vary condition 2 & 5

Grant subject to conditions

Tree Applications

CONS/19/0740 – Furzey House, Furzey Lane

Prune 1 group of mixes tree species

Prune 1 group of Cypress trees

Prune 7 Scots Pine

Deadwood 2 Scots Pine

Deadwood group of 2 Norway Spruce

Prune group of Monterey Pine

Prune 1 Monterey Cypress

Prune Thuja hedge

Fell 1 Spruce, 1 Monterey Cypress, 1 Cypress hedge, 1 Eucalyptus

1790. **B3054 AND B3056**

Cllr. Shanks said regarding these roads would like to put things into perspective, knows a parishioner has complained about tiles coming off roof, house shaking, stones through multiple windows. Said she has also had tiles off her roof, but we both choose to live where we do. The facts from the crash map is that the B3054 has had two slight accidents since 2015. Regarding the B3056 and Hatchet Lane there have been four slight accidents, four serious accidents and not taken into account the three accidents that have happened this year that I know of. A parishioner is trying so hard to get speed dropped in Palace Lane, but as a council we have to work with the facts, and there are more problems on the B3056 than actually are on the B3054. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Shanks for the crash map info. Said the worse place is going from the T-junction up to Hazel Copse, 12 incidents and quite a lot around Hatchet Gate. Cllr. Grindrod said we need something to improve the whole village, not just Palace Lane. Cllr. Norris said to Cllr. Harris he was copied into an email from Swan and apparently you are handing back in March your agency for being responsible for the roads. Cllr. Harris said going back to HCC, we cannot afford to do it. Cllr. Norris said so all SID's, SLR's will be HCC. Cllr. Harris confirmed. Cllr. Shanks said since we had the sign changed in Palace Lane there has only been two slight incidents there, wonders if any mileage in trying to get the bypass put down to 30mph. Cllr. Norris said the '20 is plenty' has been stopped, as no money available. Cllr. Grindrod said on every street lamp from Ipley/Bold Forester area is a sign saying reduce your speed to 30mph. Said I looked at it and thought why don't we do something like that, but decided I do not think we can as a PC. Cllr. Norris said this was done by someone new who moved into the area. First thing he did was get them high speed broadband and decided to cut speed of traffic, he is not a parish councilor, its not a PC initiative, think that would be illegal. He purchased signs, got permission from electricity board to put the signs up. Very effective and now wants to start a speed watch scheme. Cllr. Grindrod said it is effective and slowing traffic. Cllr. Norris said effective for three weeks and then all locals wise up and ignore it. Cllr. Shanks said I wonder if we could have a camera on the B3056. Cllr. Fairweather said re Ipley signs, we are living on an Estate and village which is largely privately owned, is that not an opportunity to consider getting through Lord Montagu more 30mph signs. Cllr. Norris said I did think that, but do not think Lord Montagu would agree to any of this. Cllr. Grindrod said couldn't one or two of us chat to him and say we have seen the crash sites and one day there will be a fatality. Cllr. Norris said we cannot put repeater signs up like a parishioner wanted as an agreement in NF by various stake holders that to avoid urbanisation they do not have repeater signs if they can avoid it. Policy is to paint 30mph on the road and could be a slight chance of that being done. Cllr. Steele said could we get rumble strips as you come down the

hill to Beaulieu. Cllr. Norris said we are going to have to discuss this again. Cllr. Grindrod said problem with speed watch is I cannot attend them as working. Cllr. Shanks said is the speed watch ever done on the bypass. Cllr. Norris said they are told where they can go, site has to be surveyed etc and various other things which might interfere with getting a correct reading, so you just cannot go anywhere. Cllr. Grindrod said the speed watch officer said it can only go in Palace Lane. Cllr. Norris said could you please ask him again.

1791. **PLAYGROUND**

Cllr. Norris asked if the H&S check had been done. Cllr. Grindrod confirmed. Cllr. Steele says she has the swing. Been back to Greenspan and they said they cannot install it. ROSPA do a post installation inspection £395, which is ridiculous, as yearly inspection is £82. £232 if we have another inspection. Greenspan have given me name of another inspection company based in Poole, they will get back to me with quote. Cllr. Norris said if this company come in cheaper for inspection and annual inspection, lets go with them. Cllr. Steele said we need to pay for the swing. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllrs. Steele and Grindrod.

1792. **CORRESPONDENCE**

CPRE – New membership card
Friends of the NF – Forest Matters
NFNPA – Drive carefully posters and stickers
HCC – Admissions to school – September 2020
Clerks and Councils Direct
Lloyds Bank – 30th October - £19,462.31

1793. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Royal British Legion - £60.00
Mrs. N. Deering – Stamps - £14.64
BVHT - £36.00
Fenland – Swing seat - £208.80
M. Young - £75.00
Proposed : Cllr. Reece Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod

1794. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Fairweather said re broadband, he met two Open Reach surveyors in the High Street, as had phone failure and thought they were coming to sort it, but were looking at connection of fibre to properties and said should have high speed up and running by March. Said I was on the parish council and they said please pass that on and there maybe some disruption, no major digging, but got to get from pavement to properties. Cllr. Norris said the cable is in in the High Street. Cllr. Fairweather said they now need to connect to the boxes. Cllr. Fairweather said he was not at the last meeting but interested to know if anymore news on application for village car park. Cllr. Norris said planning application was supposed to be going in. Cllr. Fairweather said the villagers are becoming frustrated by it and had individual discussions with other traders about our parking policy. Said he has said to his team to be a bit more tolerant and if customers of ours do want to shop in the High Street, please limit to 30 minutes. Come spring we will run into problems again, its dragging on and on. Cllr. Harris

said he will mention it and Cllr. Norris said he will try and speak to Lord Montagu. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Fairweather for trying to help other traders in the High Street. Cllr. Fairweather said the question of next years Victorian Christmas is being talked about and High Street shops are keen it happens. Asked if can have the support of the PC to encourage the Estate/Museum to be willing to work with us on this. We need to work together and need their support re car parking. Cllr. Norris said you cannot do it without them. Said he has heard that Clock House gates will be open during the month of May so visitors can move from complex to village. Cllr. Fairweather said he had not heard that, but it would be great for trade. Cllr. Steele said the village would really benefit from it. Cllr. Fairweather said I wonder if the PC on behalf of the traders could put in some kind of positive word. Cllr. Grindrod said perhaps a councilor should be on the Victorian Christmas committee. Cllr. Fairweather said he is the treasurer. Cllr. Reece said Cllr. Knight and herself attended New Forest Knowledge Conference on 1st November – Build Environments in the New Forest: Past, Present and Future. Attended Commoners Defense Association meeting, discussed number of stallions on forest, update on housing – review of properties managed by Forestry England. Mentioned New Forest Show has set up a bursary in memory of Samantha and Florence Bailey with the aim of supporting young people in agricultural education. Young people can apply. See NF Show website. Cllr. Knight said re Garden Cottage application, there use to be a line of Cypress trees, but blown down in 1987 and when took trees away they took out the 10” pipe and never replaced, so water does not go into marsh. Cllr. Steele said what we thought might have been a burst water main at Abbey Spring was Abbey Spring House emptying their ponds, it was coming out of their garden, could have been incredibly dangerous as serious amount of water and a frost next morning.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 19th December 2019 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.