

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2020

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

Cllr. L. Shanks, Mrs. E. Schofield

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. K. Mans, Mrs. R. Pearson, Clerk

1908. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Dearing Seconded: Cllr. Reece

1909. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr. Steele said in the Minutes it reported that HCC's advice was to keep the playground open, think we should add 'providing we felt that it was possible to socially distance'. Cllr. Norris said to Cllr. Reece that you raised the matter of white line marking. Said the Clerk raised this and not going to do them yet as road is wet. Thinks probably happen in Spring.

1910. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1911. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

1912. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present, but emailed and said really quiet in Beaulieu area, other than a report of a suspect flatbed in Dock Lane 11/11/20. Van seen to speed away from BT Exchange. Gates to exchange were wide open. Premises checked by police, no apparent damage. Padlock and chains all in order. Norris and Sons all in order. BT notified by attending officer. Elsewhere in forest, garages and outbuildings being targeted and asked all to keep these locked and secure.

1913. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans not present for start of meeting. Cllr. Norris said I imagine he is pleased that the number of deaths due to Covid in care homes is reasonably low in Hants, so Government using Hants, Cornwall and Devon to experiment with visiting in care homes. Cllr. Mans later joined meeting and said it was encouraging certain care homes have been selected. It's the balance between maintaining safety, but move in the right direction. It is good for relatives who have loved ones reaching the end of their lives, they are able to go and see them, possibly for the last time, which is very important. Its good news. Said message to everyone – abide by the rules as strictly as you possibly can, then better chance that after 2nd December, when we go back to some kind of tiered system, we will

be put in the lowest category. Other positive message is with the vaccines, three now identified as working and another moving in same direction. I expect some of the most vulnerable will receive this by end of year. Need to ensure we get the economy back to what it was as quickly as possible. Concerns on retail side as many people who own shops depend on Christmas period for a lot of their livelihood. Hoping more shops will open after 2nd December. Reported still struggling with finances, putting number of representations to Government about need to ensure we have adequate funding for next year and beyond. Schools still have above average with children attending. Had a few covid outbreaks, but all dealt with very efficiently. Confident they will stay open, most till end of Autumn term. Cllr. Steele said there are a few people in the parish who are having difficulty paying their rent. Local charitable fund put together to try and help people, but think HCC may have some sort of fund that can be drawn upon if rent is more than their universal credit. Cllr. Mans said he was not certain, but DC are the collection agency and those people entitled to council tax rebate, go through DC. Said there will be people who have lost jobs or on lower salary. Know when universal credit is up and running, it is good, but it does take time. Cllr. Mans said they should contact NFDC. Cllr. Steele asked if there is a fund for those who cannot pay their rent? Cllr. Mans said best to go to Citizens Advice. Said sorry not to be sure, as this is one area dealt with by DC. Said will try and find out the details. Cllr. Norris said central government introduced a short term bill to stop eviction by landlords for people in financial difficulties. Cllr. Mans said it has been extended until the Spring. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Mans for attending and said keep safe and well.

1914. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Harris has received a MBE. Said he was grateful to Cllr. Steele for responding to the proposals for Hatchet Pond. Also quoted in the Lymington Times.

1915. **PLANNING**

Cllr. Norris said to Cllr. Steele, I believe only two application. Cllr. Steele said she looked to see if Pond House was on the system, still is and emailed the officer to ask to let us know the status, because we felt we could not make a decision until we had seen the conservation report, as highly listed property and bound to be issues. Said report from ecology officer on there, saying work on this needs to be done.

20/00750 – Hatteras, Furzey Lane. 2 storey extension, single storey extension, pitched roof to existing garage.

Cllr. Norris said we passed this two years ago and had site meeting. We had no problems with this and Planning Officer happy. Cllr. Dearing looked at plans and happy as long as they do not convert garage, quite a large scope with new proposed roof, and as long as it does not affect Brock House, next door. BPC support this application provided the attached garage is not used for incidental use and does not become habitable accommodation. All Cllrs. in favour.

Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather

Seconded: Cllr. Steele

20/00575 – The Tukul, Dock Lane. Garden pavilion and plunge pool.

GRANTED.

20/00489 – Site of Little Marsh House, Parkshore. Replacement dwelling.

GRANTED.

Tree Works

TPO – 0005/20 – Land of The Mallards, The Cottage Bucklers Wood and Mallards Garden Cottage.

CONS/20/0597 – Friars Oak, Dock Lane – Pollard 1 Ash Tree

CONS/20/0593 – Braces Quay, Dock Lane – Fell 3 Turkey Oak Trees

CONS/20/0638 – Oakwood, Furzey Lane – Fell 1 Leylandii & 1 Holly Tree

CONS/20/0655 – Carpenters Cottage, Dock Lane – Fell 1 Douglas Fir, 1 Cypress, 1 Spruce, 1 Turkey Oak, 1 Ash Tree

CONS/20/0661 – Curtlemead House, Fire Station Lane – Fell 1 Spruce Tree

CONS/20/0669 – Spence House, Dock Lane – Fell 2 Common Oak Trees

Decisions

CONS/20/0523 – Bignalls, Dock Lane – Fell 1 Oak Tree – R.N.O.

CONS/20/0476 – Grove Gate, Lyndhurst Road – R.N.O.

Ipley Crossroads

Cllr. Norris said this was discussed at the Quadrant Meeting and brought up by Marchwood PC. This is within the halo of Beaulieu and lots of residents use this road and of concern. Over last 10 years there have been more accidents, particularly bad for cyclists. Proposal for a staggered crossing. Every agency and stakeholder been consulted, lots of documents, but nothing from Verderers. Road running out to the west is moved towards the south on main Beaulieu/Marchwood Road creating staggered junction to make people slow, stop and look. Land in mitigation offered at Wootton Bridge and given back ground where original road was. Police very determined it should go ahead as junction is extremely dangerous. 60% of accidents involve cyclists. Write and say BPC will support the concerns of Hampshire Constabulary. Proposed application would be an effective measure to reduce likelihood of serious accidents. Cllr. Grindrod does not understand why 'give way' and not 'stop' sign. Cllr. Norris was surprised, but imagine a reason the traffic planner knows and we do not.

Proposed: Cllr. Knight

Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod

1916. **HAYWARDS FIELD CAR PARK**

Cllr. Norris said following a meeting at end of last month, the Beaufort Trust have decided to allocate £30,000 to BE for the civil engineering work for the proposed car park in Haywards Field. Lord Montagu said hopes completed by Easter. Mrs. Pearson said the 106 agreement relating to the Harlicks Hill estate workers dwellings now been signed by Lord Montagu and returned to solicitors. Cllr. Norris said that is good news. Mrs. Pearson been assured there should be no problems, then wait for NP lawyers to release the planning consent for Harlicks Hill dwellings. As soon as we have that we can proceed. Instructed Wessex Archaeology to do method statement that is required in order to complete conditions set on the car park in Harwards Meadow. Have method statement for archaeologists to make sure we do not dig up anything of consequence. Got John Nicholas on standby with his digger. Said query by Mr. Franklin about the

entrance and having a meeting tomorrow with Lord Montagu to look at this. Cllr. Norris thought it had been moved down. Mrs. Pearson said we talked about it but Highways got a bit touchy. Said we can start the work inside out and get car park done, even if we then move the entrance. Cllr. Fairweather said would moving the entrance require an amendment to the planning permission? Replied yes, if we only move a little bit, we might get away with a minor amendment, but if we move it a lot, fear we might have to have another go at planning permission, that's why we want to start digging on the inside. Cllr. Fairweather said concern he would raise if the access we require for lorries coming down the High Street and the swing some of them now require, they have to get very close to the hedge to be able to get in. Need to talk to NFDC regarding a scoping exercise in the High Street. Mrs. Pearson said when we have car park we need to look at putting restrictions of the High Street of 20 min stay, but they would not do this until we have the car park. Cllr. Norris said we need to call a meeting to start to discuss what people want, lower end some sort of restriction and upper end some kind of competitive parking. Think PC needs to go to Highways and get traffic officer in and see what he recommends we can or cannot do. Displacement parking will be something to look at and avoided. Cllr. Norris said some talk about tenants told they should park in new car park. Mrs. Pearson said they would if there was a restriction on the High Street, but if not they will go for the easiest option. Cllr. Norris said our main objective is to stop the High Street going solid. Will call a meeting in the new year, when we might be further down the road with the car park. Will talk to HCC and NFDC as to how we should proceed. All Cllrs. happy. Need to get a couple more people onto the committee, because we have lost a few. Said it is very good news, absolutely brilliant. Good that a) Lord Montagu has permitted use of that land for that purpose and must be thanked and b) Edward Fort also needs to be thanked for the extremely generous donation, because he cares about the community and High Street. Said I wrote within 24 hours on your behalf to Dr. Fort thanking him for the donation we understood he was making for the car park.

1917. NFDC PROPOSALS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT

Produced a report, strategy for future waste programme

- 1) to minimise carbon impact
- 2) comply with government legislation
- 3) reduce levels of overall household waste
- 4) increase the quality and quantity of recycling

NFDC do not have a brilliant record for recycling and are trying to address this. Also have to deal with food waste and got to do this by 2023. Could result in some weeks having 5 bins, 3 of which would be wheelies, a caddy and a bag. Collections of food waste would be weekly, all rest fortnightly. Dry cycling, one with glass and plastic, the other paper and card. Feel wheelie bins would not work well in the High Street and presume some terrace houses would have to bring their wheelie bins through the house, or keep them in the little courtyard in front. Beaulieu is a very pretty village and in conservation area, and this could look very untidy. If have wheelie bins on narrow footpaths, this could prove difficult for disabled people and people with prams, trip hazard and not everyone

will bring their bins in immediately. Could look very unsightly. Asked Mrs. Pearson about group bins, she said we have two big bins behind Ann Scott's, next to Hairdressers. Residents who use to put their bags behind the fencing in the garden opposite Queensmead, now put their bags there. Cllr. Norris said if they do away with bags, how will they do it? Mrs. Pearson said that is the question, also food waste will be a problem with the animals. Cllr. Norris said depends on how secure the caddy is. Mrs. Pearson said we already have a problem with rats. Cllr. Steele said wheelie bins are large, ugly and will be heavy for the elderly, these are not suited for them, and are hard to clean. Cllr. Fairweather said we need an underground bin and put your food waste into a shoot and it is collected from there. Keeps it away from vermin and out of sight. Cllr. Grindrod said should we have a planning meeting and get NFDC to walk around the village with us and see how we would do it. It's a rural village and needs to be planned. Cllr. Norris said very good point, arrange a sub committee zoom meeting to discuss – Wednesday 6pm. Said a lot of people not in favour, we need to make sure Beaulieu remains clean, tidy and presentable. It is important that recycling is better and landfill reduced. Asked Mrs. Pearson about the new litter bins for the village, she confirmed they have been ordered and here in three weeks. Cllr. Norris said we are in agreement that the sign in the car park is unsatisfactory.

1918. **CORRESPONDENCE**

NFDC – Precept cheque £4,000

Clerks and Councils Direct

HCC – Admission to schools 2021

CPRE – Help needed as events cancelled

Lloyds Bank – Statement 30th October, £19,966.62

1919. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Cllr. Norris said we have sent these off.

NFDC – GIS Partnership - £125

Central Southern Security – CCTV Maintenance - £181.20

Proposed : Cllr. Reece Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather

Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Fairweather if data controller has looked at CCTV. Cllr. Fairweather does not recall since March, but will check.

1920. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Norris said a road sweep of the High Street and leaflet drop has been ordered.

Cllr. Fairweather mentioned the flooding by the garage. Clerk has reported.

Cllr. Reece mentioned ditch on cemetery road needs attention. Mrs. Pearson said this is probably an Estate matter.

Cllr. Norris said brambles by salt box on Harlicks Hill need clearing. Asked Cllr. Knight if he would do this.

Cllr. Grindrod mentioned the camera at Abbots Well is sticking further out, anyone heard anything?

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 17th December 2020 at 6.30p.m. on zoom.