

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017  
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT**

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. L. Shanks, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. S. Gibbs, Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Blastock

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. M. Grindrod

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr. K. Thornber, Cllr. M. Harris, Mrs. R. Pearson, Mr. J. Beaumont, Mr. A. Mills, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

Cllr. Norris welcomed Cllr. Thornber back to our meetings

1379. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Gibbs Seconded: Cllr. Knight

1380. **MATTERS ARISING**

1374. Cllr. Norris mentioned speeding in Palace Lane and asked Cllr. Knight where the police mobile camera van was situated. Cllr. Knight said in Norris' gateway for three hours and also a Mondeo estate was around all week.

Cllr. Norris mentioned the SLR and thinking of having it on the B3054 Beaulieu bypass, need a proposer and seconder.

1376. Cllr. Norris said this should read 'allocating short stay parking spaces' not long stay.

1378. Cllr. Steele said she has purchased 2 sets of pads for the defib, 1 in machine and 1 spare = £77.82. Going to ask Andrew Kitcher to check the defib. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Steele for the checking of the defib.

1381. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1382. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beaumont said he will speak at end of Annual Assembly.

1383. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present

1384. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber said the CC elections will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, and from councillors point of view we are in a state of purder when none of us are able to speak publicly on certain political matters, but since I have indicated that I am not seeking re election, I shall continue to speak up until 7<sup>th</sup> May. Said he was pleased to be able to attend this meeting and apologies for a year of absence due to health reasons. Said regrettably I will not be standing again after 40 years of serving this constituency and I will take this opportunity to give you a summary of where HCC is now. Devolution – now think this is dead in the water and seems to have been laid to rest. Council tax has gone up, in that is 3% for social care, which is £17m and government came forward with another £17m, and this was much needed. Social care for adults use to be £400m a year, now £300m, so you can see the cuts that have been made. Care Quality Commission believes that

our own homes and those where we purchase care in Hants are genuinely 85% excellent or good, so we have to maintain standards. In terms of education our GCSE results this year are as in previous years showing 5-6% better than national average and just slightly less in terms of A levels. Having to build an extra 18,000 school places over next 2-3 years, at a cost of half a billion. Baby boom and immigration has a part to play, and we have the largest building programme. In social care terms I have seen the number of our children in care in county rise from 1026 4-5 years ago to well over 1,100. In terms of adult social care the Social Care Commission has 85,000 clients. The big problem has been for many years overspending on adult social care, because we have to give statutory care to anyone with critical or significant needs. We have been doing reasonably well. Broadband – I think we have a measure of understanding with statutory bodies and Beaulieu 1 by Hatchett Pond is now settled, but it is a very very patchy picture. The NF tends to suffer, but we are watching this carefully and have to say the budget for the NF, because of the demands of the statutory bodies has been overspent by £250,000, we have met this cost. Said other areas in the county could point at us and say why is the NF so high and there is one answer – statutory bodies and we have all sorts of variants to a normal installation, cables under roads, looking around for land to site cabinets. Treatment of roads – said standard of roads around the county is better than those in the forest and the engineers say it is because our forefathers built the roads on NF gravel, where others roads have got underlays and therefore there is a tendency for potholes in the NF. To relay our major roads would be a mammoth undertaking. Feel slightly apologetic that as a NF county councilor the standard of our roads tends to attract more criticism than in other places. Cllr. Thornber said it is with great regret that I have now stood down. Cllr. Norris said I am sure it must be difficult after so many years of your life and we are certainly going to miss you and would like to thank you very much on behalf of BPC as you have been very supportive to Beaulieu and we always felt you were a friend, our friendly county councilor and always looked after us. Mr. Beaumont said his thanks to Cllr. Thornber for serving us so well for 40 years.

**1385. NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris said the county elections are on the 4<sup>th</sup> May, not the 7<sup>th</sup>. Will talk about parking in Beaulieu. Had a meeting with Colin Read and two members of his transportation dept. Colin is suggesting that with a contribution from the PC we can develop a scheme with local people and consultation. Looking at a budget of up to £3,000, £1,500 from BPC. No guarantees this will work, but he thinks it could be very successful. Colin has said aside from this, need to talk to the school, as their facilities are not fully utilized in school holidays. Very keen this will draw together all the parties involved. Cllr. Norris said do not forget we have a car park working group, but do not have a representative from the school, but we can soon bring people in. We have everyone that was suggested, have residents, traders and PC, so it is quite well represented. Cllr. Harris feels the traders are not a united bunch and some are not interested, but it is in everyone's interest to work together towards a scheme. Cllr. Norris said that Beaulieu Estate also sit on that committee and said the scheme seems good news. Cllr. Gibbs

asked why all of a sudden this is happening? Cllr. Harris said he has been lobbying behind the scenes for some time and now have a new management team at NFDC, said Colin has been promoted to Deputy Director. Cllr. Norris said Colin attended a PC meeting about a year ago. Cllr. Harris said Colin has been responsible for getting the short stay parking bays and that will happen beginning of May. Cllr. Steele asked what this report will do, is he physically going to walk around and look at potential areas where there could be parking? What is it actually going to do that we have not done ourselves? Mrs. Pearson said the scheme will only work if we get restrictions on the High Street and without this report you will not get the restrictions. Cllr. Norris agreed with this and said unfortunately there is a procedure and we have to go through it. Cllr. Norris said to Cllr. Steele, although you have done all the ground work, we have a solution, but it works that way. Cllr. Steele said can this report look into whether we need parking restrictions, limited waiting etc for the scheme to work. Cllr. Harris said yes and need to consult with certain bodies. Said Colin says we do not need to defer this to HCC, lets try and resolve it ourselves. Cllr. Norris said that is good news and at the Residents Association meeting, Lord Montagu did look at me and say if he was going ahead with Haywards Field, he would not do it unless there was support from the PC regarding the High Street, as he was not going to build a car park and no one use it and I read the subtext to that to be 'restricted limited parking applies'. Cllr. Steele asked what is the timing on this and how quickly will it happen as about to hit the tourist season, so parking will only get worse in the High Street. Cllr. Harris said he did not know, but maybe next year. If you think how long it has taken to transfer 11 bays from long to short stay parking, that this has taken the best part of a year. Cllr. Steele said our own car parking arrangements will take some time with planning permission etc, but it would make an awful difference if we had official limited waiting in the High Street, and obviously we need the report and that is where the emphasis should be. It's a shame we have to wait a year for that. Mrs. Pearson asked if our slightly unorthodox sign has an affect. Cllr. Steele confirmed it has. Cllr. Gibbs asked if Cllr. Harris could find out the time scale. Cllr. Norris said do we want to agree to this now re the £1,500 rather than wait another month. Cllr. Gibbs feels it would be unfair to Cllr. Fairweather as he is not present, and could do it by email. Cllr. Norris feels we need to let everyone know and put on the agenda for next month. Said we still have to have a resolution at next meeting even if we did by email. Cllr. Norris said to Cllr. Harris can you please tell Colin it is a green light from BPC and it is up for discussion. Said in fairness to people who live here, they might want to comment on it, in which case it should be on the agenda for next meeting, even if we have made the decision we are going to pass it, people should have the right to say something and said we are quite excited by this, we are right behind it and want to do it, so green light, but out of procedural need it will be as a proposition at the next PC meeting where we expect it to be passed. Cllr. Norris said we must give parishioners chance to comment. Mr. Mills said the Residents Association feel we must do something. Cllr. Norris said he thinks some of the traders are suffering and some of the elderly are having annoying accidents in the High Street trying to park as there is no space, so touching other vehicles, only

because it is so congested. Some people park and go off on their bicycles and so cars can be there 3-4 hours. Cllr. Shanks said some time ago we had a discussion, and it was said someone would contact people in charge of printing brochures, and suggest those walking should park at the Motor Museum or Buckler's Hard. Mrs. Pearson said it was NF Access and she did do this, but will do it again. Cllr. Steele said at the last meeting we were talking about speeding through Beaulieu and the only thing to stop this is to have fixed speed cameras. How can this be organised and is it something that starts at NFDC level and how would we do it? Cllr. Harris will ask, but thinks HCC issue, but will raise this. Cllr. Norris said our work with NFDC and Swan have actually brought the police van to Palace Lane, this is what we wanted, so all good news. Someone suggested a sign without a camera, as signs do slow some people down. Shall we make a yellow box? Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Knight as he is in Palace Lane about the 30mph sign and the bollards, said they look quite impressive, but does it make people slow down. Cllr. Knight feels it does. Cllr. Shanks says they have also put the big 30 on the road, which does make you think. Cllr. Knight said to Cllr. Harris that the text message system for glass recycling is brilliant and said he also received a 'spend and save card'. Cllr. Norris said that is NF Marque, so get 10% off in Norris' shop in the High Street. Mrs. Pearson said you got that card through us as all staff received one.

1386. **PLANNING**

17/00279 – Yachtmans Cabin, Baileys Hard, No. 6

Infill of bottom and turning from one bedroom into two bedroom property. Two beds on the ground floor. Has been a tradition in Baileys Hard to infill the lower section and we have passed applications like this in the pass, so do not see any problem with passing this one. Cllr. Norris asked Mrs. Pearson if she thought three of the properties there were holiday rents and asked if this would become one. Mrs. Pearson said she did not know. All councillors in favour and Number 1.

17/00258 – Hillbrooke Hotels, Master Builders House Hotel

Internal alterations and refurb of existing bedroom accommodation, replacement of staircase and 5 roof lights. Cllr. Norris said if this will stop the water coming through into the chapel at Bucklers Hard then we support it. Said this is very complicated. Cllr. Steele said we do not yet have the comments from conservation officer. Cllr. Norris said previous applications went in and were withdrawn. Said conservation officer has been in consultation with them. Only external thing is windows being upgraded. All councillors in favour. Number 1.

17/00232 – Saltmead, Thorns Beach

Replacement of existing glazed roofs at ground level with roof lanterns and flat roof. Repositioning of existing back door and utility room window. Cllr. Norris said this is the best set of freehand architectural drawings he has ever seen. All councillors in favour. Number 1

1387. **DECISIONS**

CONS/17/0168 – River House, Dock Lane. Tree application – Raise no Objections.

1388. **CCTV**

Cllr. Norris very happy to report that on 11<sup>th</sup> May the cameras are being installed and working from then. Have a problem, which need to be very careful about – data protection, Info Commission office and the public's right to view and Freedom of Information Act. Need to be very careful as collecting some data that could be quite sensitive and what I propose is to follow a Code of Practice, which I have sent you the link. I do not think we have to register. Cllr. Gibbs asked if we need to put a sign up. Cllr. Norris said yes and also have to put a point of contact for members of the public. This can be done on PC website, as do not want administrator being approached by pressure groups to reveal images. Statement saying something like 'recordings taken ???' this scheme is controlled by BPC for more information telephone ..... Need to think who administrator will be. Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Fairweather has offered to be administrator on behalf of PC, so he will have the ability to access the images. Also think we should keep recordings to an absolute minimum, sooner we destroy the recordings the better. Do not want them getting out to the public or on Facebook. If Cllr. Fairweather should go away, there should be back up. Suggests that we have two backups, one will be the chairman, whoever he or she is and Cllr. Shanks will be the other one. There are 12 things we have to think about:

- 1) What is the system for?
- 2) Have your carried out privacy impact?
- 3) Do you have sign in place to say surveillance taking place? ( Suggest we stick something on road sign, website and notice board.)
- 4) Who is responsible for your system? (Cllr. Fairweather is our administrator)
- 5) Do you have clear policies and procedures in place? (Not at moment, need to think about that).
- 6) How long do you keep your images? (Cllr. Steele said interesting to know what the police think. Cllr. Norris said only people who can look at it are people from justice service. Public have statutory rights. Also said car registrations is a very sensitive area and if you showed an image then you should blank out car registrations and we have two cameras just taking them).
- 7) Do you have a policy on who has access to the stored information?
- 8) Do you follow any recognisable technical standards?
- 9) Do you make sure images captured by your system are caught securely?
- 10) Do you evaluate your system regularly to make sure it is still required?
- 11) Can the criminal justice system use your images and information produced ?
- 12) Do you use any specialist technology or NPR?

Cllr. Gibbs asked why are we doing all this now and not before? Cllr. Norris said we can take no images until we have a policy sorted out. Said this was just a code. Cllr. Steele said there is nothing in that we cannot get an answer for and policy for and will be easy to do. Mrs. Pearson said your reason for having this is for criminal activity. Cllr. Gibbs mentioned signage and said we will probably have to ask Lord Montagu. Cllr. Norris said we can do that. Mr. Beaumont pointed out we have a very good company installing this for us and Cllr. Norris agreed and no doubt they will know all the answers and maybe give us a template. Cllr. Norris asked if any councilor was disappointed not to have access, but feels the less people able to is best.

1389. **BROADBAND**

Cllr. Norris said he does not want to say anything further as Cllr. Thornber mentioned it and it was a very accurate assessment of the situation in the NF. Have asked HCC regarding broadband in Beaulieu High Street, but nothing has come back from them. Cllr. Gibbs says he has been working with Cllr. Harris and wants to get names, then as a parish councillor he can approach BT Open Reach, as cannot approach them as a BT representative. Cllr. Norris said it would be a great help as fear it has been stalled again. Mrs. Pearson said she has names and will give them to Cllr. Gibbs. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Gibbs.

1390. **CAR PARKING**

Cllr. Norris said he did not realise that Cllr. Harris was coming in on that item, so only want to ask Mrs. Pearson about Haywards Field. Mrs. Pearson said the issue is that it has planning permission for a house, so need to put in a completely new application for moving house permission and will do this with Haywards Field. Said potential field just below Harlicks Cottage. Feels it is probably a better site and meeting architect there tomorrow to progress. Cllr. Norris said we are very keen to get this done.

1391. **CORRESPONDENCE**

General

Lloyds Bank - £14,955.16 Said we should get precept payment end of this month. Said cheque not cleared yet but we have paid 1/3<sup>rd</sup> on camera installation. Have a liability on surveying for car parking of £1,500, so reasonably healthy balance at the moment. Said had someone speak to me as they did not think we are allocating money to local needs, but feels at the moment we ought to prioritise in making Beaulieu a safer place. Cllr. Shanks feels we have spare money, so do not understand why we cannot allocate any money. Cllr. Gibbs does not think CCTV should stop us doing worthy causes. Cllr. Norris said, bring me the worthy causes and we will discuss them. Cllr. Steele feels we should know what our running costs are each year. Cllr. Gibbs suggests having a finance committee meeting. Cllr. Steele feels we will need to think about renewing playground equipment.

Wickstead Playgrounds

CPPE – Hampshire Views, Field Work, Countryside Voice

Glasdon brochure

HALC – e update April

Hags brochure

NFDC – Temp. events notice. Treehouses 6/5/17, Private Event

NFNPA

Enforcement Control

Agricultural Occupancy Monitoring Cases

1,2,3,4 Penerley Farm Cottages

Bramble Cottage, Furzey Lane

Moonhills Farm

Ravensbeck Cottage, Rows Lane, East End

The Stables, Otterwood Old Farmhouse

**1392. CHEQUE SIGNING**

BVHT - £36.00

Moles Store - £29.40 – Weed killer

Mark Young - £120.00

Barry Marcer - £108.12 – Mending Twinning garden bench

HALC - £282.00

Fairweathers Garden Centre - £79.78 – Bark chippings

Wel Medical - £77.82 – Defib pads

Cllr. Steele wonders if we should not replace the back of the bench as the seat is new.

Proposed: Cllr. Gibbs    Seconded: Cllr. Steele

**1393. QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Gibbs asked about replacing the village marque as it is very tired and difficult to erect. Cllr. Norris said Peter Melhuish is now back and do not think he agrees with us, but emailed him voicing our concerns. Think we need to get everyone together who is interested in helping funding a new one. Need a user friendly one. Cllr. Norris will talk to Peter. Cllr. Gibbs said we could raise the subject at the Residents Association meeting soon. Cllr. Norris said the CGT have £300 they would donate. Need to find out cost of new one and cost of hire. Mrs. Pearson said she will give Cllr. Gibbs a contact number. Also asked what is happening about all the bike events, as lots over last couple of weeks, massive and small signs and do not remember us being informed. Cllr. Norris said the NF one is made up of stakeholders in the forest and Burley PC talk to UK Cycling and other ones and do not think they have ever agreed on a policy, apart from limiting the numbers to 1000. But who monitors it? They get people in the forest not to host it, so outside the forest, so set out from Matchams etc. Will try and get in touch with NF Committee and ask them what is happening.

Cllr. Steele mentioned the lorry situation in the village as it is getting out of hand and massive lorries are regularly here. Possibly one reason getting more lorries is that Lyndhurst has a ban on going through the High Street. Cllr. Knight said they have always had this and the problem is rubbish coming from the IOW and Lymington coming our way. Cllr. Norris said one of the uses of CCTV is going to be monitoring it. Said we use to write to companies about their vehicles. Cllr. Steele said there will be a major accident and Cllr. Shanks said they try to get up the High Street. Mrs. Pearson said their sat navs take them that way. Cllr. Shanks said is there no way of saying 'no lorries up High Street, except for deliveries'? Cllr. Norris said we will get a fresh HCC councillor so might be able to do something. Mr. Beaumont said there were three enormous lorries from Jenkins of IOW. Cllr. Knight said they are going to the incinerator at Marchwood. Cllr. Steele feels it is very dangerous and Mr. Beaumont agreed. Cllr. Knight said we might be able to get a 20mph speed limit.

Cllr. Blastock said do councillors report white lines on road, because by us, going onto BH car park, have seen numerous near misses where bolting straight out of car park as white lines have faded. Clerk to write to HCC.

Cllr. Knight said road surface at top of High Street is very bad and worried

cyclists will come off their bicycles. Clerk to report to HCC.  
Mrs. Pearson said because of the general election, it has put Coastal Path Access off till later in the year.

Meeting closed at 8.02p.m.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.