

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

**PRESENT**

Cllr. N. Hubbard, Cllr. P. Fairweather, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Reece, Cllr. M. Grindrod (joined meeting at 6.50pm)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

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2194	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Cllr. D. Poole	
2195	<b>CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS</b>	None	
2196	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	Cllr. Steele – Oxleys planning application.	
2197	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b>	Approval of June Minutes Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather Motion carried unanimously.	

2198	<b>REPRESENTATIVE S' REPORTS</b>	<b>HCC</b> Not present. <b>New Forest District Council</b> Not present. <b>Police</b> 'Alert' report received and circulated.	
2199	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Off-site Meeting.  Cllr. Fairweather reported that EBPC and Boldre PC are not currently interested in joining our proposed off-site training, particularly because of Planning Training Course</li> </ul>	

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		<p>put on by NPA. Will enquire if Exbury PC and Denny Lodge PC are interested. This would spread the cost and be good to get other Cllrs. together. Cllr. Steele said it was good the planning committee Cllrs. can attend the NPA training. Need to agree a programme and will talk to trainer at HALC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions on Repair/Playground items. None.</li> <li>• CCTV – Police Funding update. Cllr. Fairweather said had funding agreed and has sent back the documents to Southern Central Security. Increase of £100 per camera more than agreed in February. Will query this. Last month council agreed to go ahead. Will be fitted on 31<sup>st</sup> July. All Cllrs. happy we pay £200 over the grant amount. Cllr. Hubbard thanked Cllr. Fairweather for all the work he has put into this and said the agreement is complex and reports will be needed.</li> <li>• Request date for next High Street Sweep from NFDC. Clerk unable to contact Stewart Phillips her contact at NFDC. Will contact Cllr. Poole and ask if he can help.</li> <li>• Invite new policeman to attend PC meeting. Clerk to contact. Clerk has texted and emailed PC Mark Roberts, but received no reply.</li> <li>• Letter to Beaulieu School re Playing Field. Letter sent today to Mrs. K. Jones – In the absence of anybody else taking responsibility, the Parish Council decided last year that it would assume responsibility for the upkeep of these assets. If affordable, we will undertake the repairs at our own expense; if we consider that the repairs required are unaffordable we will take the asset out of use and remove the asset. In such a case Cllr. Grindrod will discuss the situation with the school. The council undertakes a formal monthly review of the assets, although a higher level weekly review is also undertaken. We also arrange for the annual external RoSPA review. We have asked to know asap if the school notices any matters that they think require repair or attention. At present there are no outstanding repairs identified. Although we insure the equipment, the responsibility for children using the equipment, during school</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr. Fairweather</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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		<p>hours, remains solely with the school. The schoolchildren do not use the separate playground equipment in school hours, which we also look after. As we discussed at May's Council meeting, we would welcome a discussion with you about any ideas to develop the playing field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of Safeguarding Policy Safeguarding Statement was circulated. Hereford CC have a good policy. Councillors were asked by the Chairman to review carefully and please watch the video. Please pass any comments to the Chairman by end of next week, following which it was agreed the statement would be treated as approved and put on our website. The statement directs anyone who has directly through to HCC support team.</li> <li>• Casual Vacancy Update Cllr. Hubbard said three people have shown an interest and another is considering it. Need to advertise this on Beaulieu Chat etc. Leave open till end of August and recommend we review the candidate list at our September meeting. Agreed we would draw up an application form and job description. We need someone who is committed and proactive.</li> </ul>	<p>All Councillors</p> <p>Chairman &amp; Clerk</p>
2200	<b>RoSPA REPORT</b>	Report circulated. Cllr. Grindrod said only a few minor issues, the bark has been done. Need to source climbing netting, will have costing by September. Mention cracks in wood, but do not need action yet. Poles need replacing, which the Estate will do. Rubber matting – do we need action on this, but RoSPA is not concerned.	
2201	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>	None.	

2202	<b>COMMITTEE &amp; REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS</b>	<p>Planning Update.</p> <p>23/00479 Car park to the rear of Douglas Cottages, Beaulieu. SO42 7PL BPC recommend Permission but would accept the decision reached by the NPA's officers for the following reasons. It is felt that the need for extra parking behind Douglas Cottages fully justifies the extension of the existing car park for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In view of the chronic shortage of car parking in Beaulieu it is unrealistic for residents and visitors to park elsewhere.</li> <li>2. It alleviates the problem of cars parking in the lane to the side of the cottages which blocks access, including the emergency services, to Grove Gate.</li> <li>3. The loss of privacy issue raised by a neighbouring property can be resolved by a landscaping condition.</li> </ol> <p>The following conditions are suggested:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To safeguard Grove Gate's privacy a close board fence should be erected by the Landlord while a new hedge is established.</li> <li>2. BPC support the Tree Officer's condition that two new trees are planted outside the car park.</li> <li>3. PIC lighting is installed to keep lighting at night to a minimum level needed for safety.</li> </ol> <p>23/00759 – 2, New Cottages, Salternshill Lane, Beaulieu. SO42 7XE BPC recommend Refusal but would accept the decision reached by the NPA's officers for the following reason:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. After lengthy consideration and consultation with the NPA's planning officer, BPC have no option but to recommend Refusal as the application does not conform with planning policy DP36 and there are no 'exceptional circumstances' which would allow the 30% rule to be exceeded.</li> </ol> <p>BPC has some sympathy for the applicant who has been impacted by the changes in the planning regime resulting in the loss of Permitted Development Rights which is preventing him from replicating the extension on the identical property next door.</p>	
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		<p>23/00640 – Oxleys, Dock Lane, Beaulieu. SO42 7YJ</p> <p>The proposed design includes details that reference the Arts and Crafts Movement of the existing dwelling and represents a high quality design. The revised plans have addressed BPC’s concerns about the design of the 3 large window expanses, mitigating the risk of light pollution and reducing the size of the proposed swimming pool. The proposals conform with planning policies DP35 and DP36. BPC recommended that the Applicant agrees with the local residents, the Dock Lane Road Committee and the Beaulieu Estate the mitigating steps that will be needed to manage what will be a highly disruptive building process. The demolition of an Arts &amp; Crafts dwelling of this significance and character is a concern and two councillors on the Planning Committee, having reviewed the proposals in detail, abstained from voting. The other two Planning Committee councillors present voted to support the proposal. BPC therefore recommends Permission, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority Officers under their delegated powers.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Hubbard. Seconded: Cllr. Dolbear</p>									
2203	<b>FINANCE</b>	<p>Monthly report circulated.</p> <p>Motion to approve bank payments.</p> <table><tr><td>Playsafety</td><td>111.00</td></tr><tr><td>BVHT</td><td>135.00</td></tr><tr><td>Paul Deakin</td><td>157.50</td></tr><tr><td>Mrs N Deering - salary</td><td>275.00</td></tr></table>	Playsafety	111.00	BVHT	135.00	Paul Deakin	157.50	Mrs N Deering - salary	275.00	
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		<p>Central Southern Security</p> <p>537.00</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Knight Seconded: Cllr. Dolbear</p>	
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		Motion carried unanimously.	
2204	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	Clerks and Councils Direct	
2205	<b>ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA</b>	Lodge Lane – safety concerns given frequency and speed of tractor deliveries and damage to verge.	

Meeting closed at 8.10p.m.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023

