

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017  
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT**

Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. L. Shanks, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. M. Grindrod, Cllr. S. Blastock

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. F. Norris, Cllr. P. Fairweather, Cllr. S. Gibbs

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr. M. Harris, Cllr. K. Mans, Mr. J. Beaumont, Mr. Bentley-Buckle, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

Cllr. Knight welcomed Cllr. Mann to our meeting.

1394. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Blastock Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

1395. **MATTERS ARISING**

None

1396. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1397. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beaumont said he was delighted that Cllr. Knight, after having served the community so well, is chairing the meeting tonight. Said re Coastal Path, safety should be vital and Mr. Bentley-Buckle feels the same. Re Planning, said all extensions must be limited to a max of 30% habitable floor space, not footprint. Mr. Bentley-Buckle said his concerns for the Coastal Path Access were Factory Field and the number of children and boats in there. Said he has tried to have conversations about this but is not getting anywhere. Currently has a petition with the residents of Dock Lane and members of BRSC. It is being suggested that the public will be allowed through Factory Field and to the waterfront as this will be spreading room. Said Estate do not seem to be very helpful, so hoping BPC will support. Said the path from the CET to Arnewood House is still there and a safe route up part of the hill. CET have a notice saying 'no access'. Cllr. Steele said would it be possible for people to go up as far as Moonhills Lane, then down, round the back and onto Exbury Road; quite walkable and regularly used. He was concerned about short cut as it is incredibly bumpy with tree roots which are a major issue. Feels it is a highly unsuitable route and there maybe damage done to boats. Mr. Bentley-Buckle said the back of a bench has already been destroyed. Cllr. Knight said he believed it is a public footpath. Said the path from the OOTC to his place, he made and gave permission to walk there as safer for children. Mr. Bentley-Buckle said if you go down Dock Lane and to the side of Oxleys Wood it is also a non starter. Cllr. Knight said it is only a permissive footpath; they would have to apply for permission and Mr. Beaumont mentioned the shooting season. All feel Dock Lane is not suitable and Cllr. Knight said the other end of the Estate will have just as many problems

as most of the coastal areas is private property. Felt because of the election this has been put back. Cllr. Steele said does that mean the consultation period has stopped. Mr. Bentley-Buckle said yes, but we are keeping the pressure on.

1398. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present.

1399. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Knight said we would like to welcome him to BPC. Cllr. Mann said he has big shoes to fill as Cllr. Thornber was around a long time. Said he was first elected in 2009. Said in the last council he was Deputy Leader and was also on the Park Authority, so can ensure local interests are represented. Said if Conservatives return they will change the devolution deal and there will be no need to have a Mayor. Said HCC road contractors Amey have now been replaced by Scanson, which he hopes will be better. Said he has a devolved budget of £8,000 which he tries to spend each year. Finds the best way to do this is through PC's and tries to give £500 - £1,000 at a time. Looks at bids that cover the wider area. Gave to Lymington Rowing Club as this covers the whole of the forest. It is an amount of money which helps to deal with small issues to help the community. Said he will try and attend as many meetings as possible, but has 13 parishes to look after. Cllr. Steele asked what obvious changes will we notice under a bigger Conservative majority. Cllr. Mann said Hampshire has always had a reasonable majority, so do not see much change, but its good to have opposition. Said we do not do anything too adventurous in Hampshire, relatively low council tax and children's services which he runs and now all the schools on the IOW. Cllr. Steele said now we do seem to be seeing proper cuts but presumes that this is just the economic situation. Cllr. Mann said we are always looking for savings and priorities change. Said there needs to be changes in statutory duties in children's services where for instance £30m was spent a year on home to school transport. That is twice the amount spent on social workers to look after children in Hampshire, which feels wrong so this will be looked at that. Mr. Beaumont said the HCC have 26 footpaths on the map and their Dept has been decimated, but feels they have done a splendid job. Cllr. Mann feels the NP could do more.

1400. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris said car parking is moving forward and was delighted to say he was parking in one of the new short stay parking bays. Said he has invited HCC and BT Open Reach to a meeting to ask them about broadband and asked if they can update us.

1401. **PLANNING**

Cllr. Steele informed the councillors that with regards to Thorns Beach, we have been contacted by the National Park who have informed us that the recently submitted application will be withdrawn or amended, so it will not be discussed tonight. She said Cllr. Norris, Cllr. Knight and herself had had a site meeting and they felt the new design was much more suitable being lower and smaller with a New England coastal feel. However, there is currently a disagreement between the NP and the architect as to what constitutes habitable space which needs to be sorted out before the plans can be considered.

Curtle House, High Street, 17/00324 – Replacement outbuilding that serves as a

garage for 2 cars. Under DP12. NP have been consulted as the house is listed and in a conservation area. They have suggested that the building should be spun round and so as to not look so squashed on the site. It is the same construction as original and is well screened from the High Street. Would suggest that we support No.3 - In our opinion the well designed replacement building would not impact on a conservation area. All councillors support

Clock House – 17/00282 and 17/00283 – Change of use.

Cllr. Steele said this is complicated as the Clock House and the wall are listed and of great architectural interest. In 2014 permission was granted to demolish the lean-to and build a single storey extension and renovate inside which was done on the basis the Estate had a tenant that was going to take on the lease. The tenant is no longer interested and the Estate are asking for change of use from residential to D1 to use as an art gallery and to authorize a single storey extension and change of pitch to roof. Agreed this is an important landmark in the village and seen as you come through the village. Probably from a village point of view as it is listed, it would be beneficial for it to be used for something before it falls down and gets into disrepair and from the village side you will not be able to see anything. The Briefing notes give the impression the NP are happy with the plans as it would ensure that the building was renovated and saved. However, recently the conservation officer has objected which is slightly strange as there has been much consultation. The conservation officer is not happy with the pitch of the mono roof touching a listed wall and is asking for them to come up with a solution so it does not touch the wall. Cllr Steele suggested that we support and go with NP decision, No. 1. and hope a compromise can be found. All councillors happy to support.

Swinesleys Farm, Hatchet Lane – 17/00272 – 2 storey extension.

Cllr. Steele said this replicates two previous planning applications which were approved. It falls within the DP11 floor space requirements so cannot see any reason not to approve it. All councillors agree to support. No 3.

#### Tree Works Application

CONS/17/0396 – Fell 1 x Holm Oak Tree – Palace House. Councillors not sure of location, so clerk to write to Mrs. Pearson asking where located and why felling it.

#### Decisions

17/00176 – Heatherlands, Furzey Lane – Replacement dwelling and detached garage. Granted.

#### 1402. **HIGH SPEED BROADBAND**

Cllr. Harris said he will report back after his meeting with HCC and BT Open Reach. Cllr. Knight asked Cllr. Harris if he thought Cllr. Mann will take on the same role as Cllr. Thornber re broadband, as he was quite involved. Cllr. Harris was unsure.

#### 1403. **CCTV**

Cllr. Shanks said 5 cameras are now in place, two of these record night number plates. Images cannot be released at the moment until we have a policy in place. Said server situated in office at Montagu Arms and Cllr. Norris, Cllr. Fairweather

and myself had training session as to how to isolate particular images, lift them and put into a file. The amount of time that we can keep the images before it over records is totally dependent on the amount of traffic coming through the village. Thinks it is approx. 2 weeks. Said Cllr. Fairweather will be working on the policy documents and a sign has to be made to say we are running these cameras and think it will go on the road sign. Cllr. Steele said someone had motorbike chain stolen in the High Street and may ask for the film. Cllr. Shanks said it probably will not pick that up as cameras cannot see right up the High Street.

**1404. CAR PARKING PROPOSITION**

Cllr. Knight said we have a proposition that we allocate £1,500 to enable joint funding with NFDC, which will undertake a study of traffic, parking and vehicular movement in and around the village with the aim to improve access to shops, businesses and homes and to address the problem of static parking. This is largely to try and improve the situation in the High Street. Cllr. Harris said there are no guarantees that anything will come of it. However said his feelings are that we are involved in a process that will try and make things move forward and he feels it will work. Said he will take an active interest and will talk to the transport dept. about important local issues. Cllr. Steele said the situation had got a lot worse in last few weeks. The High Street is completely chocked up, cars nose to tail, yet no one is in the shops. It is a depressing situation for traders. Cllr. Harris thinks this is a valuable contribution to helping to resolve this and with hopefully the Estate land becoming available. Cllr. Steele asked the time scale. Cllr. Harris said it will be put into their work programme over next 12 months. Cllr. Steele said it is not something that will help this summer. Cllr. Shanks mentioned the NF Access brochure, which says start your walk at Beaulieu and walk to Bucklers Hard; need to change this to say park in Museum car park for free and walk to Buckers Hard. Mrs. Pearson previously said she would look into this. Cllr. Harris said he worries that the traders are divided, some very much concerned and will take part but lot of traders are noted by their absence and do not seem interested. We have to reach out and get them to take it seriously. Cllr. Knight does not think they will take it seriously until one or two traders close down. Cllr. Steele said it would be a wake up call.

Proposed: Cllr. Steele

Seconded: Cllr. Knight

Cllr. Steele said she has just had a thought with Cllr. Mann talking about his devolved budget. Could we put in a bid to help us fund this project? Cllr. Harris feels it would benefit the community, so go ahead. Cllr. Blastock feels it is a good idea, he has offered it, so why not. Cllr. Steele will talk to Cllr. Norris. Cllr. Knight said it becomes available in June, so we have time.

**1405. CORRESPONDENCE**

Notification of short stay car parking places completed. Cllr. Knight asked if it was making a difference. Cllr. Shanks asked if you can park in a long stay parking place with a short stay clock. No one knew the answer. Cllr. Harris feels we should get the car park working group together soon.

Lloyds Bank –£17,655.64 – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017

HM Revenue & Customs – Budget Info

The Tree Management Company

GC Contractors – Verti drain services

1406. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Beaulieu Village Hall Trust - £36.00

AON Insurance - £611.00

Proposed: Cllr. Grindrod Seconded: Cllr. Steele

1407. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Blastock asked if the road marking by Bucklers Hard car park had been reported. Clerk confirmed reported to HCC. Also mentioned children doing cycling proficiency on road, who is notified? Who OK's where it will take place? Cllr. Grindrod said it is the school, Cllr. Knight said they are all trained. Cllr. Blastock said today they were coming down Harlicks Hill and pass Bucklers Hard turning, they were right on the bend, allowing children to come off the green onto the bend and cycle several yards on the road and come up onto the green again. Why were they on this location, on a most ridiculously dangerous stretch of the road. Clerk to write to school.

Cllr. Shanks asked how long we have to put up with those awful serpents on Mill Pond? Asked who's idea it was? Said so horrid on such a beautiful Mill Pond, which is calm and peaceful place.

Cllr. Grindrod said could we write to the school and ask them to unlock gate to community field after school hours.

Meeting closed at 7.56p.m.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.