

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 19TH JULY 2018
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. L. Shanks, Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. S. Blastock,

APOLOGIES

Cllr. S. Gibbs, Cllr. M. Grindrod

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. K. Mans, Cllr. M. Harris, Mrs. R. Pearson, Mr. R. Pearsall, Mrs. Schofield, Residents from Furzey Lane, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1581. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Blastock Seconded: Cllr. Knight

1582. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cll. Steele said the PC was awarded a grant from the CGT for defib training. Arranging a course for end Sept, same trainer. Will be in touch with school and interested parties. If you know of anyone who would like to attend, please let me know.

Cllr. Fairweather asked if we have heard from HCC re road closures in October. Cllr. Norris replied no, but will chase this. Cllr. Mans asked to be copied into email.

1583. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

1584. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllr. Norris said if the public wish to speak about planning application, could they do so under item 9 on the agenda. Mrs. Schofield asked if there was an update on parking in the High Street. Mrs. Pearson said application for car park in Haywards Meadow and to move the planning consent have gone in. They have provided all information required and waiting for it to be registered. Said she has offered traders parking permits for summer holiday to park on the gravel in Church Meadow. Cllr. Norris asked if residents could be offered this, replied yes it is first come first serve basis. Mr. Barber said anyone helping at Fete setup on Friday will be given a bacon sandwich, provided by the Estate.

1585. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Jason Eastwood not present. Cllr. Norris said tramp has been seen in area two weeks ago, but thinks has adopted Lymington as his home.

1586. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans apologised for being late. Reported they are spending £6m on pot holes. This will not cover all repairs required, but can make real headway during this dry spell. Spending money on Step Down facility at University Hospital, Southampton, helping people to get out of hospital sooner. It's a cottage hospital next to main hospital, helping them to organise things so they can get back to living at home. Reported that café at Lepe beach has reopened, been extensive

changes and would welcome feedback. Cllr. Norris asked about the consultation re street lighting and withdrawal of Bus 112 and concessionary senior citizens ticket, what has the reaction been? Said we have not responded yet. Cllr. Mans said only heard from one PC concerned about lighting. Not heard anymore. Recommended we respond. Cllr. Norris said concerned about bus service, not so much for our parish, but for East Boldre and Waterside area. Said will probably go along with proposals for street lighting. Cllr. Mans said re concessionary fares, their view is to try and retain the services by charging a small amount for the senior citizens card and 50p for the journey. If we do that we can probably fund even more buses. Said various parts of the forest there are no buses, so pass is worthless. Cllr. Norris said would we lose the 112 service? Cllr. Mans said he would not like to hazard a guess, but vulnerable. Cllr. Norris asked if the two camp sites at Lepe are HCC, one at Whitefield and one at the back. Replied that he did not know but will find out.

1587. NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Cllr. Harris said he attended the Enterprise Partnership Leaders board, they are there to fund money to local enterprises. Said he has set up a group at NFDC to specifically look at broadband, move it forward and raise the profile of the NF. Said will be attending the NF Show and giving two presentations, Economic Development Strategy and Film NF. Date for diary 8-16th June, Film NF Film Festival, encouraging students to make their own films, creating events to get people out and into the shops, instead of buying online. Said on the board of NF Business Partnership re businesses and presentation about retail in the forest. Said there is a lack of co-ordination in High Streets as to when they are holding events, trying to stop clashes. Need more liaison. Also re parking, said lobbying for this. Cllr. Norris said thank you for your support. Said something has happened to broadband as speed in the High Street has increased to 10.

1588. PLANNING

Cllr. Norris said we have 4 applications, which we will take 3 tonight.
18/00405 – Land at Hazel Copse Farm – Temporary use of a building as a shower block and wash area. Said to councillors what you have to think about is remember the core strategy of the NP and think about previous decisions which have been made and those are our material considerations in making a planning decision. Issues such as loss of view, negative affect of the value of property are not material consideration. Asked residents to speak about this matter and introduced Rich Pearsall from NF Activities and said this planning application will affect his business. Mrs. Dearing said she asks BPC to defer their decision. Location plan submitted is misleading, it does not show the 29 houses boarding the Estate. Said various points on application form which are inaccurate. Item 13B designated sites, important habitat or other biodiversity features, the Estate answered no, but surely answer is yes, it is an area of natural beauty and the farm has SSSI status. Under trees and hedges, the Estate answered no, this should be yes, because there are trees and hedges of environmental importance. The 40 car parking spaces behind the barn will lead to an increase in

cars per day when archery is open and onto the busy B3054, competing with horses, cows, other cyclists and heavy lorries. In addition when cycle hire business starts this will add to traffic and parking there. Movement of heavy farm machinery within the camp site area could be a danger to children. Application states the camp site is intended for school groups and groups of guides/scouts. On NF Activities website it advertises hen/stag parties. How do we know the camp site will not be used for these groups? How often can temporary permission be requested? Is this a cynical misuse of planning process? For above reasons we would ask the PC to refuse application. Cllr. Norris said other parishioner's can speak for three minutes and we will then vote. Cllr. Norris said the consultation on this application finishes today and we need to get our decision to the NP.

Mr. Barber said they will be making a representation to NE re the camp site. Cllr. Norris agreed and said that is what you should be doing, not here. As a PC we cannot do anything and make decisions. Said BPC are asked to decide on a temporary shower block only, not all the other issues. Agreed they are in breach of planning regulations, but the NP are not in a hurry to do something about it. Cllr. Norris asked Mr. Pearsall to speak. He said they have been speaking to the Estate re finding a venue to accommodate some of our groups, discussion about young people, school groups is the plan for the camp site. Agreed with Estate no adults/family groups/hen/stag groups. Application to NE to have what Embers had in the past has been granted to us. We can offer residential experiences where schools come and teachers look after the children and we provide activities. Have in the past had their groups staying at Foxlease etc, but wanted to bring them here to have more control. Plans for barn and activities are in discussion with the Estate and do cycle hire from here and not from the village. Will be scout/guide groups in the summer holidays and have not had the time to arrange school groups. They have put signs up to catch anyone arriving late so they can ring our number and be told there is no camping. Mr. Barber asked how many people, Mr. Pearsall replied to start with limited to groups of 40 with associated teachers, but the field would accommodate more. Have three ladies toilets and two gents and 3 showers. We do not have facilities for more groups. Look to review it next year. Said groups generally arrive in mini buses and occasionally coaches. Said they provide activities to provide structure to the children's evenings. Said 2nd year of Embers there was a supervisor on site, but now the teachers will be responsible for their groups. We do not have plans to accommodate one of our staff on site. If there is any problems the teachers are there, and by camping with us they are signing up to behave in a certain way and protect the environment and stick to the guidelines. Mr. Barber asked can you guarantee you will only let to school groups, scouts and guides and not other organisations. Said only groups not supervised are groups taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, all others will have a responsible person. Mrs. Barber asked how are you going to cope with coaches. Mr. Pearsall said they would be dropped off at motor museum. Mrs. Barber asked about camp fires. Mr. Pearsall said in the past had multiple fire pits, but now we provide a single fire pit at top of field. Said activities start at 10am. Meet them and walk them to their activities and lights out at 10pm. Cllr. Steele

asked if it was a 60 day license again. Mr. Pearsall confirmed. Asked who will check? Replied that he will stick to guarantees he makes, worked on the Estate for 15 years, all based on agreements made with the Estate and land owners. Always stood by exactly what we have said. Said this is where we want to work and live and we would not want to ruin that. Mrs. Barber said you will not increase the pitches from 40? Mr. Pearsall said people stay here in tents of five, seven – eight tents, would look to extend that in future if facilities could accommodate it. Mrs. Barber said you would need more facilities if you increase the number and Mr. Pearsall said yes, but I do not know if we would get permission. Mrs. Barber said it is an important point. Cllr. Norris said we want to make a decision. Mr. Pearsall said the camping is agreed and the biking side and the barn is in discussion and have been told there is no potential for opening up route at back of your properties. Mrs. Barber asked if work has started on the barn, replied only to make it safe. Mrs. Pearson said she is delighted Mr. Pearsall is here to explain his plans and explained he does have the camping license. Mrs. Pearson said we are today discussing the application for the shower/toilet block. Confirmed no plans to open footpath behind houses. Admin points of view, the period from last application came to an end at end of May and we were already in discussion and preparing this application and talking to two NP officers. The application was returned to us as they wanted additional information and plans redrawn, hence the time gap between the two. They have given temporary consent and we can go on. Said with last year with Embers, people overseeing camp site there were no complaints. Promises were made and not kept and that is why we changed to NF Activities, someone we know, who have a track record and we felt we could trust. Have built up a relationship with the villagers and they live in the village. Have office in the village, both in fire brigade and a part of the community and many people know them, so we felt it was a better way forward and the reassurance that it would be school/scout/guide groups and Duke of Edinburgh award groups. Apologise if the location on map not correct, it was just a reprint of application put in two years ago. Car park at back does have planning permission, but not connected to this application. It is not SSSI in its own right. The trees and hedges – the answer was no because we are not going to touch them. The danger to children with people operating machinery, these people are very responsible. We have no concerns. Archery is a separate agreement. They have a license for the camping and not part of this application. Re the barn, BSA have been doing electrical work to the building, which Estate have to do every five years. Barn has scaffolding up for some years as starting to list. Need to preserve the structure, so put steel frame inside, just structure repairs. Said in an ideal world it would be nice if NF Activities moved operations from centre of village to the barn. Good thing for the village, less parking taken up. Been discussing it and if so a further application would be put in for any alterations to the barn, maybe small office one end and leave rest for cycle hire and other activities. Cllr. Norris said that would certainly help with car parking issues in the High Street. Cllr. Fairweather said as focus on planning application renewal, said if the council and NP turn this down, what would happen? Mrs. Pearson said we would have to go

ahead with temporary showers in portacabins, which we do not want. Said the enforcement officer identified that on last application, granting this would be the less of two evils. Mrs. Pearson said it is a use for a redundant piggery. Cllr. Norris said it is core policy to use redundant farm buildings. Said Mr. Pearsall has been quite open and honest and is a Beaulieu resident. Mrs. Pearson said if you have concerns come and talk to us. Vote taken and BPC support the application for the temporary change of a redundant piggery into a shower block, to be used in conjunction with the 60 day license for a camp site. We do not consider the building is harmful to the character of the area, however as this permission is temporary we would seek enforcement if planning conditions are breached. All councillors in agreement.

18/00399 – Agricultural building, hard standing at CET. Dung shed.

This would be in the lane that goes up to the fields at CET. Reason of dung heap into a shed is so it does not leach nutrients etc out into river. Living Waters project. NP have put in the application. Letter of support from neighbour as unsightly heap removed from view and potential to contaminate stream in garden into river will be removed. Only concern is that trees do not get damaged during the work. Tree officer happy. All councillors in favour – No.1.

18/00451 – Moonhills Gate, Tennis Court

NP Briefing notes say they do not have a problem with it. All councillors in favour – No. 1.

Decisions

18/00399- Land at CET. Agricultural building/hard standing – Granted

18/00434 – Beufre Cottage, Buckers Hard Road

2 storey building for use as home office - Granted

1589. **THE PARISH COUNCIL AGREE TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU WITH A GRANT OF £500.**

Felt they do good work and last hope for some people.

Proposed: Cllr. Blastock

Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather

Vote – all councillors in favour and matter resolved.

1590. **PALACE LANE TRAFFIC**

Cllr. Norris said we will defer this to next meeting.

1591. **CORRESPONDENCE**

NFDC -Year Book 2018-19

- Temp Events Notice, Wild Wood House, Buckers Hard – Summer Party, 2/8/18

Hags brochure

Lloyds Bank – Balance £16,189.63 - 26th June

Clerks and Councils Direct

Velcourt – Harvest operation and tractor movements – Cllr. Knight said ragwort has not been pulled at Sowley, did not happen last year. Clerk to write.

1592. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Playsafety Ltd - £79.80

Citizens Advice NF - £500.00

BVHT - £36.00

Proposed : Cllr. Steele

Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

1593. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Norris mentioned the notice board. Could we put the bottom section next to the top section, as no one can read the bottom notices. Mrs. Pearson to check.

Cllr. Fairweather said the CCTV will be serviced in August. Asked if we can talk about road closure as wants to think about Christmas marketing. Spoken to residents at southern end of High Street and they are happy work is done at night.

Cllr. Norris to contact HCC.

Cllr. Blastock asked Cllr. Shanks if she had got the gardening sorted. Replied it needs pruning and drought has killed the weeds. Wondered if Cllr. Gibbs could rake the chippings.

Cllr. Knight mentioned the cemetery road again. Nothing been done. Clerk to contact HCC.

Cllr. Steele mentioned the web hosting and increased charges, feels we need to keep Trevor.

Meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 20th September at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.