

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH MAY 2014
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. L. Shanks, Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. N. Weiss, Cllr. S. Gibbs, Cllr. D. Keeton

APOLOGIES

Cllr. P. Vickers, Mrs. R. Pearson

IN ATTENDANCE

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

906. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Knight

907. **MATTERS ARISING**

None

908. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

909. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beaumont – Update on Browns Lane footpath

910. **HAMPHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Reported on the CET and said after this year HCC will cease giving a grant. Gave £48,000 2012/13, £40,000 in 13/14, £20,000 in 14/15. Says it is a matter of personal regret that we cannot continue, as it is a unique experience, no other outdoor centre offers countryside and farming experience. Ralph Montagu as Chairman has set up working parties to look at various aspects and I am leading a pricing review and thinks he can see a way ahead to recover the £20,000 lost in grant. HCC has had to withdraw that last grant. Said thinks the Trust does a marvelous job and thinks we can look to a sustainable future, but will be tough, but thinks there is a way ahead.

Said that BPC had asked for a computer. Cllr. Norris said Jos Creese had contacted him and offered him a 6 year old computer and will collect from Winchester. Ken offered to collect. Cllr. Gibbs asked what version of soft ware was installed. Cllr. Norris said he did not want to look a gift horse in the mouth, said we would take it, look at it and see what we can do. Said we are also trying to get wifi into the village hall, as it would be useful for PC meetings and would give the hall more uses. Discussed the cost of a new computer and Cllr. Gibbs thought approx £1,000. Cllr. Thornber reflected on our request for a second hand computer and came to the conclusion he was being rather scrooge like in not offering to fund a new computer as he had done for East Boldre PC some years ago. Cllr. Thornber said he will tell Mr. Creese that he has intervened and intends to give the PC a grant for £1,000. Cllr. Thornber said to apply for a grant for both projects and that the budget starts 1st June. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Thornber for his support.

Cllr. Thornber asked how Beaulieu were doing regarding super fast broadband. Cllr. Norris said that he had heard from the NPA, said Jim Mitchell and Peter

Hayward-Broomfield were heading our bid and been awarded £1.3m for Beaulieu, Denny Lodge and East Boldre are marked with red. Unfortunately Exbury have fallen by the wayside, maybe because they have delivered to Langley. Said most of Beaulieu, particularly the west side of the parish is all in red and knows money is coming to the red area, but do not know exactly what postcodes are getting it. Cllr. Thornber said there is provision for £10m from reserves to enable HCC to reach further.

Cllr. Norris said he attended the Residents Association meeting and has been asked to raise two points. a) at the top of the High Street in Beaulieu B3054, as you turn left to come out, the pattern of parking has crept right up onto that corner. Asked if we could put a small yellow line the length of a car on that road to stop that last car stopping there and blocking the view. Cllr. Thornber will make enquiries. b) Asked if HCC would consider putting a zebra crossing from Beaulieu Abbey Church to village green. Cllr. Thornber said it is always worth trying and thinks the request will lead to a survey.

Cllr. Weiss mentioned that when the bollards were put in at Northern Cottages, a traffic survey was undertaken then and we have never seen the results. Cllr. Thornber will let us have this.

Cllr. Norris said that the owners of Norris' say that when their customers exit there premises to turn right you cannot really see up the hill because you get a view of the 30mph sign. Could the speed limit be moved to the top of the hill. It was generally thought this was a good idea as it would also slow accelerating traffic going up the hill pass the Out of Town Centre entrance.

Discussed proposed signage at bottom of the High Street, we need to improve the signage where visitors enter the village and approach the hotel to prewarn them that there is a village car park. Cllr. Fairweather feels the proposed sign is too low and of no value and feels we need to revisit the sign on the hotel, which would be seen by visitors. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Thornber for his help.

911. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Cllr. Vickers not present but asked about Wiggle event and Cllr. Norris has responded to this. Cllr. Fairweather said he felt they need toilets along the BH road. Cllr. Vickers also asked for feedback regarding the camping/bbq situation in the village car park over Spring Autojumble.

912. **UPDATE FROM PC YATES**

P.C. Yates not present

913. **TWINNING GARDEN**

Cllr. Norris said he would like the PC to support in giving the Twinning Association a grant of £125 which would be half the cost of a new plaque.

Proposed: Cllr. Weiss Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather

Said flag pole has been put in and the plaque looks great, but two plants trampled on by plaque. Cllr. Norris said the French are bringing 3 young vines, which we will receive gratefully and plant somewhere else. Cllr. Shanks said the school children have tampered on the plants by the gate. Clerk to write to the school and ask the children to mind the plants by the gate and also when they jump off the wall the plants are being tampered on. Cllr. Steele and Cllr. Shanks will check

the garden on Friday to see if all ok. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Steele, Cllr. Shanks and Mark for all their hard work. Said it is now looking very good. Cllr. Fairweather said that the Queensmead shop garden is letting the village down. Clerk to write to the Estate and ask them for their comments.

914. **PLAYGROUND**

Cllr. Norris said that Cllr. Fairweather and himself had looked at the playground on a health and safety mission. Confirmed that ROSPA do inspection of the equipment, but Cllr. Fairweather concerned about risk assessments around the equipment. As the council have no risk assessment forms, Cllr. Fairweather will sort this. Agreed Cllr. Fairweather will do the playground and Cllr. Norris will do the bus shelters. Disclaimer for the playground was discussed, but thought the Estate have this in hand. Agreed the benches need some attention.

915. **CCTV**

Cllr. Fairweather said that James Hiley-Jones from the Montagu Arms will have the CCTV screen in the post office by the counter. Said if the screen is more apparent then the system will be better, but need to talk to the Estate. Proposed sending letter to all residents and businesses in the High Street asking their opinion and ask them if they would be prepared to match fund. Maybe arrange a village meeting.

916. **BROADBAND**

Already discussed.

917. **ROAD SIGNAGE**

Already discussed. Cllr. Fairweather will talk to Ralph Montagu.

918. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

C. Streat - Gardening £150

HALC – Affiliation Fees £269

NFDC – GIS Partnership Fees £100

AON – Insurance £673.60

Proposed: Cllr. Weiss

Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather

919. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Enquiry via website re: numbers 11 and 13 of the Parish Plan. The Estate have a grant for No. 13.

General

Lloyds Bank – Balance 25th March - £10,883.72

Lloyds Bank – Balance 28th April - £14,783.85

CPRE – AGM 16th May, Field Work, Countryside Voice

AON Insurance Renewal

Online Playground brochure

Cheque from Allianz for SLR - £2,500

Computershare – Interest 52p

Wickstead Playscape – Fitness Legacy Zone

Thank you from Beaulieu Cricket Club for grant

Quote for CCTV

BDO – Annual Return

Letter from 10 Downing Street, Employer Allowance

Nativus Bay Update

Mentioned the wooden posts by Northern Cottages, could these be replaced by

cast iron like the bell bollards, as would look better if of the same material. Clerk to ask Cllr. Thornber.

Cllr. Norris asked councillors their view on replacing the SLR, or have a different device, said to replace the SLR would cost more than the money received from the insurance. Could ask HCC road department about different devices.

Cllr. Steele said the defib could be kept in the covered area by the village hall and use the village hall electricity? Said in factory meadow there is a very large oak tree by the footpath with a dead top and this is causing concern to walkers.

Cllr. Keeton thanked the councillors for their warm welcome on to the Parish Council.

Cllr. Knight said on his boundary tour of the Estate by Hummicks Cottage, there is a garage like building with a house on top. Asked if this had planning permission, if not contact the enforcement officer.

Meeting closed at 8.20p.m.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 19th June at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.