

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2019
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Reece, Cllr. M. Grindrod, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. L. Shanks, Cllr. L. Dearing

APOLOGIES

Cllr. M. Harris

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. K. Mans, Mrs. E. Schofield, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1795. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Dearing Seconded: Cllr. Knight

1796. **MATTERS ARISING**

None

1797. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1798. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Schofield said re parking in the High Street and time scale allowed is causing the traders to suffer. Asked what is happening with Haywards Field? Something needs to be done or we will not get people to come to the village.

Cllr. Norris said 12a on the Agenda is an initiative launched by Beaulieu Estate and a trader in the High Street, trying to address some of the matters you have raised. Said it was a difficult problem.

1799. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present. Cllr. Norris said he had met Richard Williams, Police Support Officer, but will report under Speed Watch.

1800. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans said re high speed broadband, had an interesting discussion with someone high up in Open Reach and they seem to be getting behind with their targets. Said one issue in the forest is getting agreement from the different organisations, such as Verderers, FC, NE etc. Did not realise SSSI's have such an affect. Said virtually know what our settlement will be next year, highly unlikely it will be adjusted. Said carry out number of public consultations, mostly on adult and children's services. There is a library consultation. Said Lymington will not be affected, maybe review opening hours. Hoping smaller libraries will be taken over by communities and not part of the main library service, some are not so much book lenders, they are the hub of local villages. Said the one in my village has been run by volunteers for a long time. Need to keep them as local hubs, like local shops. Providing library services is changing. Book lending is going down and some of the other facilities bigger libraries offer, internet based are going up. Matter as to how we save money, but change with the times, so providing more current activities that people want, see more of that in a lot of other areas. Try to ensure the facilities available in rural areas are used as much as possible. We want to find ways in the future to support them, as with community grants, so they remain part of the hob of the village. In my village we

have a village hall, a community centre and church hall and these are used pretty heavily, imagine similar to Beaulieu. Cllr. Norris said think usage in your village is heavier than in Beaulieu. Said will set precept for rates in February. Waiting to have our settlement from government. Said if government wants to spend more money in the North, then we have to try and find ways to protect the South East. Funding from central government is £10,000 in London and £9,000 in the North and £8,000 in the South. Said although this is a prosperous area, there are areas of deprivation that need support and every year 2,000 more people reach the age of 85 in Hampshire. Most people over 85 will need some support. Said should have had a note from my PA about VE Day next year, saying I still have money in my devolved budget for this year and if thinking of doing something then please ask. Cllr. Norris said I did email you as our school would benefit from a grant from you for £500. Cllr. Mans said is that directly to the school. Cllr. Norris said it is to buy dictionaries. Cllr. Mans said I cannot give money back to the council, but if parent teacher association applies that is the way to do it. Cllr. Norris said there is Friends of Beaulieu School, who have purchased 20 dictionaries themselves. Some of the teachers have come to the Friends of Beaulieu School and said we have a wish list for essential equipment. They have gone out to all the parents, but been picked up by the Friends and they do fund raising activities for the school. I did notice on Facebook they have launched an appeal. Cllr. Mans said ask them to make the application. Go on HCC website and go to Members devolved budget and fill the form in. I will certainly be able to give them £500. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Mans very much. Said he gets the impression the school is right up to budget and have a proposal for redevelopment of school playground and does affect us a bit, as there is a community field and they have had county landscape people in. They have a wild play area, which needs attention and they want to try and upgrade it. Cllr. Mans said I cannot give money for the things the school should buy. Said if you look at devolved budget you can see how it fits in. Said probably manage something like a playground. Said if we applied as a parish council we could do it that way. Cllr. Steele thought this was a good idea. Cllr. Norris asked if she would do this. Cllr. Mans asked if there were any children from EB that go to Beaulieu School. Cllr. Norris said buses all go in the other direction. Cllr. Fairweather said a minibus comes. Cllr. Mans said the reason I ask is that there is a small charity, EB Trust that is there to specifically support children who live in EB. Cllr. Knight felt they all go to South Baddesley School. Cllr. Norris said to Cllr. Steele, probably better if we handle it, as school breaks up tomorrow. Cllr. Steele asked what sort of events are people doing for VE Day? Cllr. Mans replied that he did not know, but was going to ask Sway PC. Said if BPC are thinking of doing something that is good enough, you do not need to specify. Think in Spring there will be lots of publicity that's why it would be good to apply now. Cllr. Norris wonders if the church are doing anything. Asked if we can put in two separate applications, Cllr. Mans said yes, put in for VE Day. Cllr. Fairweather said should we agree as a council to support the dictionaries as discussed, regardless of grant, just go ahead and do it. Cllr. Norris said pleased you have said that, because that is what I feel. Think we should draw a cheque for £200 and give to them. Feels grant will take time.

Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather

Seconded: Cllr. Reece

Put under cheque signing, we support Beaulieu School in their purchase of dictionaries to an amount of £200, made payable to Beaulieu Primary School. Cllr. Steele said we are applying for £500. Cllr. Norris said think we give them £200 straight away and if we get £500 we can discuss whether to give them the other £300 or give it all to them. Said on the grant form, ask for it for essential classroom equipment, including dictionaries. Cllr. Shanks said are we going to put in another application for the play area. Cllr. Norris said the outside project has not started yet. Vote – all in favour.

1801. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris not present, but had a call from him to send apologies and said NFDC have purchased 3 water fountains for Beaulieu, Lymington and Ringwood. Excellent news.

1802. **PLANNING**

19/00888 – Mares Hatch

We previously refused this as too big, better application now. Planning Officer said the proposed extension will be the same size as replacing, no net increase in floor area, complies to Policy DP36. Cllr. Dearing said she has not seen behind their house, but cannot see it as being an issue, no objections from neighbours. Cllr. Norris said it is compliant. All in favour.

No. 1.

19/00879 – Parsons Mead.

Single storey extension. Passed this last time. Granted permission to extend. Revived proposal is just to extend at ground level leaving an existing bay window in situ. Not extending 1st floor accommodation. It is appropriate to character of house and surrounding conservation area. Just within 30% limit.

Proposed: Cllr. Shanks

Seconded: Cllr. Steele

All in favour, No. 1.

19/00896 – Keeping House, Bucklers Hard Road

Single storey extension and porch. Cllr. Norris said it is an important house, not listed, but bits of Arts and Craft, which thought would attract Conservation officer as it did at Monks Well. Not in conservation area. Cllr. Fairweather feels it is quite appropriate. Cllr. Shanks said the balcony is considered as floor space. Planning Officer said it will add 25% to external floor area that existed in 1982. The proposed extension will have flat roof which will be used as a balcony. In this instance, although the area of the proposed extension would be large, this is a substantial house with spacious grounds and site not overlooked, and not over developed as a result of this proposal. Cllr. Steele said it does raise a point about the balcony, but feels they are letting it go. Cllr. Norris said if balcony included in floor space, new balcony is probably within the 30% or 25%. Cllr. Shanks said should we check? Cllr. Fairweather said are we right in believing it should include the balcony, I thought it was internal floor area. Cllr. Norris said had this at The Hummicks and Clobb Gorse with area underneath the balcony is living space, but seeing as the balcony here is over the foot print of the extension, whether they include it in or not, or whether they permit it, as Cllr. Fairweather says you have a flat roof, what stops them sitting on it. Do we go with Planning

Officer. Cllr. Fairweather said she writes very positively about it. Cllr. Shanks said should we find out what the ruling is? Cllr. Fairweather said DP36 – the floor space of original existing dwelling will be the total habitable floor space and not include floor within conservatories, attached outbuildings and any habitable floor space provided within detached outbuildings.

Proposed: Cllr. Steele

Seconded: Cllr. Reece

Agreed No. 1.

Cllr. Norris said the other application for land by the Vineyards we are not taking tonight. Thinks this will get planning permission and we can get back to NP by 15/16th January and leave to next meeting. Cllr. Steele said the frame work is up and it is very large. Cllr. Norris said they are doing nothing controversial, see if there are any comments from locals.

19/00776 – Heatherlands, Furzey Lane

Retention of aerial - Withdrawn

Tree Works Decisions

TPO/19/0735 – Silvan House, Hatchet Lane

Prune 5 Oak, Fell 1 Holly, Fell 1 Dead Hawthorn, Removal of dead fallen tree

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Tree Works

CONS.19/0810 – Gardiners Ground, Dock Lane

Fell 1 Oak, Fell 1 Gray Ash, Fell 2 Sycamore, Prune 1 Liquid Amber

Ask if Oak can be pruned and not felled.

CONS/19/0740 – Furzey House, Furzey Lane

Prune 1 group of Mixed Tree Species, Prune 1 group of Cypress trees, Prune 7 Scots Pine, Deadwood 2 Scots Pine, Deadwood 4 Norway Spruce, Prune group of Monterey Pine, Prune 1 Monterey Cypress, Prune Thuja Hedge

All in agreement..

Enforcement Notices

Heatherlands – Furzey Lane

Television aerial on chimney – retrospective application received

Minerals & Waste & Agricultural Occupancy Monitoring Cases

1,2,3,4 Penerley Farm Cottages

Bramble Cottage, Furzey Lane

Moonhills Farm

Ravensbeck Cottage, Rows Lane

The Stables, Otterwood Old Farmhouse

NF Garden Plants

1803. **PRECEPT – 2020/21**

Cllr. Norris said we have been asked to apply for next years Precept from NFDC.

Assume happy we apply for usual amount of £8,000.

Proposed: Cllr. Shanks

Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather

1804. **PLAYGROUND**

Cllr. Steele said inspection done and all clean and tidy. We need to top up chippings, but very wet and compacted. Nothing unsafe. Said contacted the company re post installation inspection, but too late before Christmas, so decided January and will get swing put up when they are coming for inspection. £100 +

VAT. Said the Estate have been in touch and taking their playground equipment out and offered us a wibbly wobbly, it is in the Maintenance yard, so need to make a decision if we would like it. Could go where the see-saw was. Much smaller so not in way of the swings. Feels we ought to look at it before we make a decision. Cllr. Grindrod and myself will have a look. The playground inspection company that Greenspan has recommended are very easy to deal with, and think we could move our yearly inspection to them. Due another inspection in May. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Steele.

1805. **SPEED WATCH AND POLITE NOTICE**

Cllr. Norris said I visited the speed watch group last month and met Richard Williams, useful person to know and seems to be doing all the speed watch groups in the whole of the forest. We put speed watch device up, showed speeds of traffic going up the road, quite light while I was there, but one person going over 40mph going out of the village. Quite simple procedure, have clipboard, look at speed and take note of car. They are obviously struggling to do speed watch as doing about one a month. Quite honestly by the time we had set up and got going, they probably did about 20 minutes. They are unable to do anymore, due to time. Said Richard is quite enthusiastic about it and asked him if he would be prepared to look at elsewhere in the parish and he said he would and if we can identify areas that we thought were hazardous, then he and myself would go out and visit sites and decide about possible sites for speed watch. Said attended meeting with four other people including Lord Montagu and at end of meeting said are there any areas you are worried about regarding traffic speed in the parish and answer none, apart from Beaulieu High Street. Said police had been into the school recently and police officer noticed traffic going up the High Street and thought some were going a bit fast, so had kit on him and took speeds, some breaking the limit. Said Cllr. Shanks discovered the car crash map, shows areas of concern are certainly not Palace Lane. Hatchet Lane is more of a problem. Said spoke to someone who keeps a horse in field by Shepherds Mead and they said the speed along there is horrific. Are there areas you think we should consider? Need to know if you would be prepared to take this matter, for the safety of the community to expanding the speed watch activities within the parish. It is all a matter of having the time. Cllr. Grindrod said the problem is trying to fit in with Richard, who sorts out dates and times. Said consider the High Street. Cllr. Norris said will ask Richard and I will get back to him with dates in January when we could meet him and discuss other sites. Where are there problems areas? Cllr. Reece said BH Road and pass the junction at Lodge the go flat out. Cllr. Shanks said the bypass. Cllr. Fairweather said by Brickyards and down the straight, past Keeping. Also staff working at BH, MBHH and Boat yard. Cllr. Norris said from Beufre to Keeping Corner. Agreed pass Cllr. Shanks' house, both directions. Cllr. Fairweather said do you not think it is more with people going to Lyndhurst after they have cleared the junction? Cllr. Norris said by Hazel Copse Farm. Cllr. Reece and Cllr. Knight agreed they go flat out there. Asked if there was anyone on the council that would do speed watch if it was elsewhere in the parish? Cllr. Shanks said she would be if around her way. Cllr. Reece agreed. Cllr. Norris said it is just for an hour. Cllr.

Fairweather agreed. Cllr. Shanks said she is struggling to understand the scheme, you gather info, but what is the next step? Cllr. Norris said if you break the speed limit you get a letter. The policy of speed watch is education, rather than legislation. Try and educate you by sending letter saying you were breaking the speed limit and ask not to do so again. If you get three you get a fine. Cllr. Shanks said why not try to get speed limit reduced on the bypass. Cllr. Knight said they will not entertain it. Cllr. Norris said regarding Palace Lane, HCC are not going to do anything, apart from maybe ramp in the road. They say these are the figures from monitoring and you haven't a problem. Said it is not until there is a terrible accident that anything will happen, but we have to try. Said Forest First group think speed watch operating in Palace Lane is actually because they are concerned about animal welfare, so supporting and may even come a do a speed watch. Cllr. Knight said they have done it on B3054 and B3055, three people caught, one doing 57mph. Cllr. Norris said if we carry on with Richard then think we will make progress and a bit more forceful. Cllr. Knight said there are not many places in Palace Lane that they can set it up. Cllr. Norris said Mrs. Schofield would be willing to help and said they fly up the High Street about 7a.m. trying to get ahead of cars who have gone bypass way. Cllr. Norris will ask other people if they will help with speed watch. Said regarding the Polite Notice, this is a scheme suggested by a trader in the village very concerned there are lots of people parking in the High Street for long periods and interfering with the turnover to traders. He has been in touch with the Estate and said why don't we issue a notice to put on car windscreen saying can they limit their stay to 20 minutes. This notice has been drawn up "In the interest of traders here in Beaulieu Village we are trying to encourage cars only to stay a maximum of 20 minutes on the High Street, so that others can also enjoy the shopping. Many thanks for your understanding". Asked Estate if they can put their stamp of approval on it with their logo. Lord Montagu's attitude to this is he is not opposed to it but if he spots any litter in the High Street due to these notices, he will stop the whole thing. Said I had a visit from Kelli saying would be nice if BPC could put their logo on as well. Only comment I have is from Cllr. Grindrod saying he is not in favour of it. Said if someone wants to complain to us, and we are not the instigator, why doesn't the trader put his logo on there and contact number and Estate contact number. If someone comes shopping for 20 minutes, will they not spend longer in his shop and others? Said all the traders staff park on the High Street. Cllr. Steele said she walked up and down the High Street recently and it is not shoppers in the High Street, it is people working here, the hairdressers, Steff's kitchen, school and Montagu Arms etc. Cllr. Norris asked councilors what they feel about Cllr. Grindrod's views. Cllr. Reece said on the legal side you are leaving yourself wide open to criminal damage. Cllr. Grindrod said some people will say you have caused damage to my vehicle. Cllr. Fairweather thought it would be better if notices were laminated, could we get them back? Cllr. Norris said I think we stay well away from this, the council must be beyond reproach. Said 2 ½ years ago we held a meeting in the Montagu Arms and the Area Traffic Officer said they would not do anything about traffic in Beaulieu until we got a car park. This problem has arisen because the car park

is not progressing. We stay away, we can support it because something needs to be done. I must guard the council and most be above reproach. Write back and say thank you for considering us, but no way we can publicly enforce or want our name associated with this. Cllr. Reece said I go shopping in the village and I am here longer than 20 minutes. Cllr. Shanks said we write to the traders and ask their staff to think about car sharing? Cllr. Norris said we should not have to do that, the traders should know all this. They will not help themselves. Some of those businesses have three cars in the High Street and they are complaining footfall has gone down. Cllr. Steele said stopping selling papers in the village has not helped trade. Cllr. Knight said are the Montagu Arms selling newspapers. Cllr. Steele said you can order one through them and collect it. Cllr. Steele said I use to come and get my paper, go to the Post office, Norris' etc, but now go to EB and get all I need. Cllr. Norris said some businesses are still very busy. Cllr. Steele said the Post office will be next to go. Cllr. Norris said I spoke to Cllr. Harris and he is of the same opinion. Mrs. Schofield feels 20 minutes is not long enough to park and do your shopping.

1806. **CORRESPONDENCE**

CPRE -Countryside Voice, Fieldwork, Hampshire Views

NFDC – Invoice – Election expenses

Lloyds Bank – 25th November, £18,556.03

Broxap – Outdoor fitness equipment

Fantastic Fireworks – VE Day

Glasdon - Brochure

1807. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Beaulieu Primary School - £200

NFDC – Cost of Election - £75.00

BVHT - £36.00

Proposed : Cllr. Reece

Seconded: Cllr. Dearing

1808. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Steele mentioned the large hole in road at Ropeway corner, has a cone in it.

Cllr. Knight said drain has burst.

Cllr. Reece said the road towards Lodge Farm is crumbling away again and by Rhubarb field by cemetery. Also new law coming in about drones, you have to send off a registration form, or you will be fined, only allowed small drones. Said do you think we could thank Matt Phillips and others who have been clearing out all the drains and picking up litter in the parish.

Cllr. Fairweather asked if we have an answer from Mrs. Pearson about parking in Haywards Field. Cllr. Norris said no, but Cllr. Harris seeing her tomorrow and will ask. Think frustrated traders in the High Street should be putting pressure on and if Lord Montagu willing to have the notice put on windscreens by one of his tenants, is an indication he knows there is work to be done on parking. Months ago they said the application was going in. On the NP website you will see that NE are advising local authorities to refuse planning permission due to nitrogen phosphates in the Solent, affecting migrating birds. Said NP website a lot of mitigation about nitrogen for any new development. Have got to have carried out

various mitigation work. Said Fareham council will not pass any planning applications at moment for fear of being prosecuted by NE because of run off into the Solent. Said will ask at next Quadrant meeting exactly what the policy is. Cllr. Fairweather said do you think they have been told not to bother to apply? Said Beaulieu have been doing a lot through Living Waters project and putting in massive tank at BH and working with local farmers how slurry is spread, the Rings Nursery has had work done and Estate have done a lot to improve water quality. Cllr. Norris said it is one of the cleanest rivers in the country. It is a case that communities are kept vital and it will not be. Been one of the worse Autumn/Christmas periods for traders because of weather and are getting desperate. Cllr. Fairweather said the sign we put up in the car park and talked to Trevor about it, said if someone asks we say go to the shops and if not parking here all day it is not a problem, but problem is people who park at least half the day and leave cars behind after locking up hours. I admit I probably have three chefs cars, but some morning and afternoons I have 30 school cars. Cllr. Fairweather said with the development of Haywards Field, the whole thing could get sorted, with proper planning policy with traffic consultant to plan what should happen in the High Street, restricted parking or no parking one side of High Street, displacement going into Haywards Field. Lord Montagu must want to help his tenants and is fully aware of the situation. Cllr. Fairweather thinks we should pass word to the tenants and make sure they put pressure on. Cllr. Norris said if asked, I say the PC are putting pressure on, but you need to also, tell your landlord your problems. Cllr. Steele said if there is a problem with nitrates and the planning application then the Estate should tell us and keep us in the loop.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 16th January 2020 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.