

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2019
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr. S. Steele

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. K. Mans, Cllr. M. Harris, Mrs. R. Pearson, Mrs. E. Schofield, Mr. A. Mills, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1681. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Blastock Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod

1682. **MATTERS ARISING**

1657. Cllr. Norris said he contacted the Lymington Times about the road closure and they said due to staff shortages they cannot attend our meetings, but if we have any interesting stories, please let them know. Cllr. Shanks said the road closure signage did not say the shops would be open. Cllr. Norris said he wrote to the Estate saying the PC would pay for signage, but did not receive a reply.

1683. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Fairweather re planning application for Montagu Arms Hotel.

1684. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Schofield said the road surface is very nice but apparently a van did go down the High Street today, some confusion with signage, they turned round in NF Activities. Says there are no road markings around the second hump in the High Street indicating direction of traffic flow. Clerk to contact Highways. Cllr. Mans asked to be copied into email.

1685. **POLICE LIAISON**

Cllr. Norris said PC Eastwood not present, but we have had some burglaries in Beaulieu and could everyone please be aware.

1686. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans said Roy Perry retiring in May after 6 year. Said 2.99% raise in costs for adult services and children's needs. Hopes government come up with green paper as cannot carry on with small amount of money, they need to plan long term. Said Highways are spending £25m on Redbridge flyover. Said have used devolved budget and gave the CET £800. Cllr. Norris said I believe you saved the Cango bus and feels the quality of road repairs is not as high as normal, substandard repairs. Cllr. Mans said they are having difficulty in keeping up with repairs and please report any. Said they are keen to replace top surface of roads before we have problems, then less potholes. Said same is happening all over the county and quality of roads are suffering due to low finance. Cllr. Gibbs asked re care of elderly, do you try and keep them in their own homes? Replied that is what we prefer, like to do what the elderly want. Said increasing extra care

facilities, independent living with some support and this is going well. Using IT like Alexia, which are helping the elderly and people with disabilities. More developments ahead.

1687. NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Cllr. Harris apologised for being late, delayed at last meeting. Said sent letter to PM's office re broadband, and they are appointing ombudsman for every authority/borough to help. Said their budget has been approved. Said in future have a High Street fund and the team have chosen New Milton as they have a local plan, but insist we take learning and roll out to all town/parish councils in NF, Cllr. Norris asked what does it do. Replied to do what you want. £25m each bid, £5-£10m average. Cllr. Norris asked why NFDC have cancelled all aid to Night Stop. Replied have limited budget and decision were made. Cllr. Norris said it helped young and vulnerable people on the streets and shame you are no longer supporting. Cllr. Harris said he hopes other measure will be in place and will look into it. Cllr. Norris said 85% of people on the streets are taking drugs, we need to keep them housed. Cllr. Grindrod said it will get worse with Universal Credit. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Harris for his help with car parking fees over road closure.

1688. PLANNING

Cllr. Norris said we will take 3 applications tonight, all on website. Hard copies will cease in March.

18/00994 – Hazel Copse Barn renovation.

Said big win as bat survey showed colony of very rare long eared grey bat were in the barn. Mrs. Pearson said it was just one bat that flew through. Cllr. Norris said it will save the barn and the bats. Cllr. Fairweather said in favor, restores barn, no external changes and used for appropriate activities and taking staff vehicles off High Street. Cllr. Blastock said Cllr. Knight and myself did site visit and Mr. Pearsall gave them a tour and they were very impressed, said he was passionate about it. All councilors agreed, No 1.

19/00043 – Montagu Arms Hotel. Internal alterations. LBC

Cllr. Norris said nothing external and conservation officer said there is little interest. All councilors agreed, No. 1

19/00049 – Parsons Mead

Change height of lounge windows.

Cllr. Norris said it is heritage and falls within floor space. All councilors agree, No. 1.

Cllr. Norris said we have a further application which will not take tonight.

Portacabin at Hazel Copse. Defer to next meeting. Cllr. Fairweather asked if this will delay it, Mrs. Pearson said yes. Cllr. Norris said we have no parish briefing and we should hear parishioner's point of view.

1689. PLAYGROUND

Cllr. Fairweather said he did the safety check today. Said see-saw now removed and no hazards. Gate near Montagu Arms has dropped and will not open. Some maintenance work needs, gravel boards rotten and top fence runs need repair, asked Cllr. Knight if he could repair. Bush has been removed, so now no risk of being scratched. Garden in order. Bark needs topping up, Cllr. Gibbs said

he would do at weekend. Cllr. Norris asked him to liaise with Cllr. Steele. Cllr. Norris asked councilors if we need to replace the see-saw with another piece of equipment? Please think about this. Said that Cllr. Steele suggested we get Greenspan to check it once a year, but feels doubling up on what ROSPA do. Said Greenspan are very efficient and acted quickly in removing see-saw. Cllr. Shanks feels there is enough equipment there. Cllr. Gibbs asked if there was a H & S notice 'at your own risk'? Cllr. Fairweather said he will look into signs. Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Grindrod is going on a course re playground equipment safety.

1690. DOG WASTE BIN

Mrs. Pearson asked where would be like to site one? Cllr. Norris said visitors put dog waste in the litter bins and on a hot August day it is unpleasant. Said some PC's have said NFDC are no longer doing dog waste bins and to use general bins. Cllr. Harris said he has not heard and will talk to person concerned. Cllr. Norris said our concern is the bin by the paper shop. Said a dog waste bin by the ticket machine in the car park would be good and if we could move the one by the paper shop further away. Mrs. Pearson to check.

1691. PALACE LANE

Cllr. Norris said he had a couple of emails from the leader of the Palace Lane speed watch group requesting to know the policy of the council regarding SID/SLR. Cllr. Grindrod supports the idea of SLR but should be for the whole Parish. Cllr. Shanks felt what was needed was better speed signage and 'twenty is plenty' in the village. Regarding pinch points around this area Cllr. Fairweather feels it would cost thousands to implement and verges are SSSI. Cllr. Fairweather felt we need more raw data, not averages. Will investment in a SID/SLR bring benefit? SID/SLR work for about a week. There are rules regarding siting, time left of site etc. Cllr. Norris said the cost of SID/SLR plus mounting etc would cost about £7000. Cllr. Fairweather proposed and seconded by Cllr. Knight that they would like to see data to demonstrate the difference in speeds when an SLR is present and when it is not.

1692. CORRESPONDENCE

Solent News

HALC – Preparing for Parish & Town Council elections

Letter from a year 5 pupil at Beaulieu School re: return scheme in shops as too much litter around. Propose we put £100 towards a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize for the best essay on pollution and £100 to the school to buy books with. Cllr. to make presentation at end of term. Said will talk to school. Cllr. Shanks said ask them ways of stopping pollution in the village. Cllr. Gibbs said Residents Association put money towards books. Cllr. Norris said ask the Lymington Times to do an article and help raise the profile of Beaulieu village. Cllr. Harris said the government were doing a consultation on recycling, bottles, plastic etc. Will get the details.

Cllr. Norris issued Cllrs. with Code of Conduct.

NF Bike Project – Collecting junk bikes, doing them up and giving them to people who need to travel about and have not the income. Also a training programme. Does not make a profit. Look at their website.

1693. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Mark Young - £75.00

BVHT - £36.00

Mrs. N. Deering – Laptop Expenses £35.00

Greenspan - £270.00

Proposed : Cllr. Blastock

Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod

1694. **QUESTION TIME**

Mrs. Pearson said re: car park, Steve Avery has said to hold fire resubmit houses for Estate workers complying with new policy, hang on till March when it comes in, so cannot do car park yet as loose planning consent for houses. Cllr.

Fairweather said he is concerned policy not put in place. Mrs. Pearson said going through last stages. Cllr. Norris said he had spoken to NP and application will probably be successful.

Cllr. Shanks asked about the flooding by garage and pipes going into Mill Pond, was it an Estate issue or Highways. Mrs. Pearson said between Highways and the Estate it has been resolved.

Cllr. Blastock said she attended a New Forest Rural Skills Coppicing Course.

Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 21st March 2019 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.