

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020  
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

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. L. Dearing, Cllr. K. Mans, Mrs. R. Pearson, PC Eastwood, Mrs. E. Schofield, Mrs. C. Dykes

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr. M. Harris, Mr. R. Gayner, Mr. and Mrs. Hackman, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1809. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Steele      Seconded: Cllr. Reece

1810. **MATTERS ARISING**

1800. Cllr. Steele said she has completed the grant application to Cllr. Mans for his devolved budget for £500 for books and educational equipment for Beaulieu School. Has not done application for VE Day, as impossible to do without an actual event. Closing date 28<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr. Harris said Cllr. Mans had said put on the form 'preparations for an event for VE Day' and submit. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllrs. Harris and Steele.

1811. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs. Fairweather and Steele – planning applications for Puffins and Bucklers Wood.

1812. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

1813. **POLICE LIAISON**

P.C. Eastwood not present, but sent an email saying 'residents be aware of flatbed Vehicle YR54 FDP, driver known to us, is actively looking for scrap metal, He was found and challenged searching a garden in the village. We have detained him for an offence but is likely to continue to commit crime in the NF. He is from Southampton area.

1814. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans not present.

1815. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris said had review of housing policy, have a huge waiting list and you could wait 5-10 years to get to top regardless of your circumstances or needs. Reviewed as everyone has different needs and reprioritised lists and everyone has been written to. Now being rolled out. If you hear of any issues, please let me know. Mentioned Beaulieu parking and had meeting with Christina Dykes who expressed her concern for businesses in High Street due to parking issues. Going to arrange meeting with Colin Read. Continuing with broadband. Said have 9,000 businesses in the NF and keen to engage better with them. Have NF Business Partnership with membership of nearly 200 so trying to support them where ever we can. Interested to know about your own businesses or ones in contact with. Need a much better website, interactive. Maybe have monthly

magazine/newsletter on there, different topic each month, ie employment issues or exporting. Try and find solutions or suggest where you can find more info. Cllr. Fairweather asked about news on Haywards Field as said you were having meeting with Mrs. Pearson. Cllr. Harris said it is still ongoing, sent two emails and as yet no response. Will go back and ask. Cllr. Steele asked if it was true there are no planning applications going through because of the nitrate problem and this is what we believe is the hold up. Cllr. Harris said it is true, but trouble is one government department saying you cannot and another saying you can. That leaves planning authorities saying what government department do we believe. Cllr. Norris asked if out to consultation, Cllr. Harris confirmed. Cllr. Norris said you have to have a nitrate mitigation strategy. Cllr. Harris said pressure is being put on government to say you want us to build so many houses over the next 20 years, however you are making it impossible. Said it will have to be resolved. Cllr. Norris said he saw Kelli from the Estate Office and said if they put Haywards Field in place we would not have all the issues with people putting notices on cars in High Street. She said rest assured Mrs. Pearson is trying to do everything she can to progress the application at Harlicks Hill, but as Cllr. Steele said this is a new build and therefore everyone concerned about nitrate run off. Said most local authorities in Hampshire appeared to have suspended planning decisions on new build for fear of being prosecuted. Cllr. Fairweather said it is actually just a change of location for a house, which already has planning permission. Cllr. Shanks mentioned the water fountains. Cllr. Norris said it is good news. Cllr. Harris said it is on going.

#### 1816. **PLANNING**

19/00933 -Land adjacent to the Vineyard Cottage – Retention and completion of workshop/store building.

Cllr. Norris said we held back on this last month to see if any locals commented. No comments. Cllr. Steele said she asked Mrs. Dyke if she or anyone has any problems with this, said no and not heard anything but good if it was going to tidy up some unsightly places. Said quite large. Cllr. Norris said could probably have got under permitted development, but when put framework up, it looked big, so thought they should consult NP. Said this building is for the storage of forestry equipment as Beufre Barn kept getting broken into and decided this was a securer site. Planning Officer said barn is smaller, would there be any impact to adjoining properties. Cllr. Norris said fairly discretely placed. Cllr. Knight said if agricultural building do not need planning permission. Cllr. Norris said it will secure the future of the forestry department on the Estate and employment. Told by Estate that there will be a further application regarding the cottage and will be for an extension to make it a 3 bed cottage, small dwelling.

Proposed: Cllr. Reece

Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather

All in favour – No. 1.

19/00947 – Puffins – Erection of replacement dwelling and outbuilding.

Cllr. Norris said applicant is here tonight. Mr. Gayner said he thanks the council for finding time to deal with application. Said downsizing and delighted to have found a secluded site within the parish. Hope subject to planning to build a lovely house, with higher insulation efficiency and greener energy. Cllr. Knight said

presumably when it was built, it was of a time when insulation was very bad. Mr. Gayner said it was flat roofed and roof made of tar and straw, not practical to repair. Cllr. Norris said this ticks most of the boxes, its attractive, in style of several houses in the area, no increase in living space, make a positive contribution to the area. Cllr. Knight said is there not a pool? How are you going to fill it in? Mr. Gayner said it is above ground and if application successful the pool will not be staying.

Proposed: Cllr. Reece

Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

All in favour – No. 1.

19/00961 – Bucklers Wood – 1 Outbuilding as garage/boat store

Mr. Hackman said Bucklers Wood is a relatively large house with large garden but no garage or boat store. Cllr. Norris said it is quite in keeping. We did pass one very similar at Mariners Quay. Do not see a reason for not supporting this. Building seems to be in keeping. Large house in 15 acres, so not dominate and not seen. Area already clear, no trees to be felled. Mr. Hackman said roof not large enough to make into accommodation.

Proposed: Cllr. Shanks

Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod

All in favour. No. 1.

19/00956 – Hides Close – 2 storey extension, 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension.

Proposed porch. Application come back from 3 months ago. Modify original application.

Proposed: Cllr. Shanks

Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather

All in favour. No. 1.

19/00965 – Mobile home at The Tukul

No documents available at moment. Certificate of lawful development.

### Decisions

19/00585 – Montagu Arms Hotel – Conversion and single storey extension to existing workshop building and garage block to create additional guest accommodation, replace staff cottage to create additional guest accommodation. Construction of spa, extension to restaurant, replacement conservatory, refuse store. 9 additional car parking spaces. Granted.

## **1817. PLAYGROUND**

Cllr. Steele said the swing is up and the new firm from Poole have done the inspection today. Going to send us a report on the swing. Done monthly check and did not find anything untoward. Two of the fence bars broke as new bars Estate put in were done with tiny screws. Charles Cooke-Hurle renailed the entire fence for us. Andy Shutler put swing up for us at no charge, said he would like to put something back into the community. Cllr. Norris said that was very kind of him and Charles. Mentioned to the person doing the inspection that we were not using the original firm that put it in and said putting the swing up is fine to use a confident handyman. If putting in new equipment a proper firm should do it. Mentioned the wibbly wobbly and said have not had time to go and look at it, do not want to commit us to it until I have seen what state it is in. Said Cllr. Grindrod and myself will look at it. Asked inspection man if it was sensible to put in another piece of equipment and said good thing about taking see-saw out is it got people out of the way of the swing. He said providing it was something

small, then that would be fine. Cllr. Shanks said I imagine the wibbly wobbly will be used by tiny children, so does that make it more of a worry having small children near the swings. He said as long as it is sited further away. Cllr. Shanks wonders if it might be safer not to have it. Cllr. Steele said the playground is perfectly adequate as it is. Cllr. Fairweather said he goes with Cllr. Shanks, why do something that protentionally could lead to a higher risk and cost. Cllr. Steele said she will tell the Estate that had H & S inspection and better if the area is left clear.

**1818. CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr. Norris said we had cheque from CGT £400 which is for equipment for village play area. Cllr. Shanks said is that going to go into our maintenance fund? Cllr. Steele said part has been spent on swing and inspection charges, approx. £250. Cllr. Norris said he wants to avoid opening a bank account as a separate one. Cllr. Shanks said as far as the CGT is concerned does it have to be put to something special? Cllr. Norris said we will spend the balance as something will crop up.

Said regarding the £200 we gave Beaulieu School, I have been thanked verbally and believe there is a letter of thanks on the way. Said money was split, £100 for dictionaries, £100 on classroom equipment. There are further equipment needs and they will let us know. Awaiting to hear if grant application was successful.

Westbeams – Professional tree care

HMRC – Clerks tax code

NFNPA – Volunteer Fair – 26<sup>th</sup> Januaru

Clerks & Councils Direct

Lepe Country Park – Winter birds at Lepe

Lloyds Bank, Balance 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - £18,000.23

NFDC – Independent local government boundary commission poster

**1819. CHEQUE SIGNING**

£746.00 - Clerks Salary

£3.72 – NI Contribution

£36.00 - BVHT

£75.00 – Mark Young

Cllr. Steele said the playground is looking immaculate and a bit of tidying up to do in the Twinning Garden.

Proposed : Cllr. Steele

Seconded: Cllr. Knight

**1820. QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Norris said he attended Twinning Association meeting and two people from Parish are going to Germany to be introduced and discuss if Beaulieu wants to be twinned with them. Said a visit here is proposed 1<sup>st</sup> May and depart 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Said Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May is bank holiday and VE Day. Said if anyone inclined we should do anything, if so what? Cllr. Norris asked Clerk to contact Beaulieu Church and ask if they are doing anything for VE Day. Said on Sunday there maybe some church bell ringing. Maybe we could buy some VE day bunting, need to get Twinning Garden up to speed if French do come. Deck village out with bunting prior to arrival and keep up over bank holiday weekend. Cllr. Steele said do you think the school are doing anything. Cllr. Norris said that is a good thought. Cllr.

Shanks said as far as the Twinning Garden in concerned the Twinning were given money from CGT to spend on the Twinning Garden and have only spent a very small amount on the garden. Cllr. Norris said the CGT letter did not actually say that. The letter said it would help pay for someone to go to France. Cllr. Shanks said that was not was originally suggested, it was to use the money for the garden. Cllr. Norris said it was in Andrew Rawlings time and he decided to change it. Cllr. Shanks said we are paying for the upkeep and every time the French visit, Cllr. Steele and myself spend hours weeding it. Feels the Twinning should have a financial input. Cllr. Steele agreed. Cllr. Shanks said they did pay for some grasses we put in for poppy day. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Fairweather if we could sow poppies and have them in flower by VE weekend. He replied these would need to have been sown in the autumn. Might be able to get some plug plants. Cllr. Norris said I think VE Day is a commemoration not celebration. Cllr. Shanks said maybe involve school to make red, white and blue poppies. Cllr. Norris thought a good idea. Could be a community project, school, parish, Twinning, community. Cllr. Norris asked if there were special flags. Cllr. Steele said we have French flag plus our own. Cllr. Norris said if PC brought bunting and give to every household in the High Street. Cllr. Steele said we do not know what anyone else is doing. Said quite a lot happening in and around Portsmouth. Cllr. Fairweather said you can buy VE Day flags for £13. Cllr. Norris asked if Cllrs. could have a think about it and discuss at next meeting. Cllr. Shanks will talk to the school.

Cllr. Norris said I sent you minutes of NF Parish Council Association meetings, as quite interesting as got county road officer there talking about state of roads in the forest. Interesting what they are proposing

Cllr. Reece said following email I sent, I saw two officers and Gilly Jones stood at Dock Lane. What was the outcome? Cllr. Norris said 211 vehicles, 42 going over 30mph. It was new PCSO called Charlie Hampton and NF Hearts Cops doing it with NF Road Campaign. Said only just getting the 82 percentile. Said the view of HCC management in those minutes, nothing is going to happen. Cllr. Knight said water continually coming out of church meadow. Could we write to the Estate and ask if they can fix it, sluice not working correctly. Cllr. Norris said he understood it was the Vicar's job as when water table high the old boiler room in the church floods and heating cuts out. It was always the responsibility of the Vicar to see what the water level was and adjust sluice. Said major drain problem outside Ropeway. Drain broken and needs repairing, they put tarmac down, but dangerous when frosty. Cllr. Steele said developing series of pot holes.

Cllr. Fairweather said regarding the Visitor Information Point. Cllr Norris said I misread that and apologise. Cllr. Fairweather dealt with it, having spoken to NF Activities they are keen to keep it, as their profile of visitors is right for it, but out of village when they move to Hazel Copse. But cannot see anyone else wanting it as it needs space.

Cllr. Grindrod said going out speed watching. Cllr. Norris said we are very grateful that you do this and are representing the council. Cllr. Fairweather said last meeting a few of us said we would help. Cllr. Norris said not done anything

as yet, but with Hampshire Hearts Cops doing it, I do not want us to get mobilized and do things and find falling over each other, as so many doing it all of a sudden. Will be in hand.

Cllr. Shanks said do we know when NF Activities are moving. Cllr. Fairweather said building work happening. Cllr. Grindrod said March.

Cllr. Steele mentioned defib, needs new pads within next 3 months, about £75.

Also will need a new battery this year, last 7 years and 7 years is up. Need to spend some money. Asked if could order kit when needed. Cllr. Norris agreed.

Cllr. Steele said she will ask Andrew Kitcher to check it. Cllr. Shanks said should we have another training session? Cllr. Steele said we should, the school needs it and we have new people in the village. Cllr. Shanks said we should do annual training.

Cllr. Norris said do I understand we have a change of Chairman of Beaulieu Residents Association. Cllr. Steele said Mrs. Dykes has taken over and good if she can solve our parking problems.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.