

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019  
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT**

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

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. K. Mans

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs. E. Schofield, Mr and Mrs. Emery, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1743. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Shanks    Seconded: Cllr. Blastock

1744. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

1745. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Fairweather and Cllr. Shanks re planning application for The Garden Cottage, Thorns Beach.

1746. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Schofield thanked Cllr. Steele for attending the VH meeting and said it was well attended.

1747. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present.

1748. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Cllr. Mans not present.

1749. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris not present.

1750. **CASUAL VACANCY CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

Linda Deering – Proposed: Cllr. Shanks    Seconded: Cllr. Blastock

1751. **PLANNING**

19/00492 – Moonwood, Moonhills Lane

Creation of pitched roof to garage.

All in favour. No. 1.

19/00483 – Silvan House, Hatchet Lane

Single storey rear extension, roof alterations, ramp.

All in favour. No. 1.

19/00482 – Buckler's Hard Marina

Continued use of lands as boatyard.

Area increased by 7%. All in favour. No. 1.

19/00431 – The Garden Cottage, Thorns Beach

Replacement dwelling, demolition of existing dwelling, outbuildings, open cart store, garage, machine store, loggia, dovecote, creation of access, boundary wall and gates, associated landscaping and works.

Cllr. Fairweather and Cllr. Shanks declared an interest. Site visit took place and agreed the scale of the outbuildings within the curtilage of the proposed Garden Cottage are disproportionate to the dwelling. There are serious health and safety concerns from the Environment Agency regarding the Flood Risk Management strategy. The ecological survey should be updated if work does not commence within 12 months of the most recent survey.

All agreed. No. 2.

Cllr. Norris said to Cllr. Fairweather, you have two planning applications in waiting to be validated, so do not need to discuss. Cllr. Fairweather feels it will not come to PC. Cllr. Norris said will be certificate of lawful development.

1752. **WATER SOLUTIONS/FOUNTAIN**

Cllr. Norris said he has done some research and for £600 you can purchase a vandal proof fountain, complainant with all regulations. Box on side is water bottle filling up bit and top you can drink from. Said London is using fountains and they are extremely well received. Idea is a sustainable solution, village is experiencing big demand from walkers and cyclist, who have reusable, refillable plastic bottles. Helps reduce the amount of plastic going to recycling. Thought it might be something the PC could do. Need to locate it near this car park and near NFDC toilets, so plumbing might not be too big an issue. Everyone I have spoken to is quite enthusiastic. All councilors thought a good idea. Cllr. Dearing asked who would maintain it? Cllr. Norris felt unless vandalized, pretty much maintenance free. Maybe NFDC will look after it as they are here every day. Said it would need to be inspected and cleaned regularly. Cllr. Fairweather asked if it was donkey proof, as animals will rub against it. Cllr. Norris said maybe have to put a fence around it and disabled access. Said been in touch with HCC and being directed in the right direction. Sent Cllr. Harris an email, but not heard back, but at last meeting he was very enthusiastic. Cllr. Fairweather wondered if it could be fixed to the external wall of the toilet block, which might mean less mechanics outside. Cllr. Norris said good point and need to talk to NFDC and also need to see if we can attract some funding. Further idea of having a more ornate fountain, perhaps in the Twinning garden. Cllr. Steele feels good idea but expensive, but more attractive. Cllr. Norris agreed but thinks we should start with this one and see what the demand is and see if it is successful before commit to a grand scheme. Cllr. Steele said it could be located here at VH. Cllr. Norris to talk to NFDC.

1753. **SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS AND COMMUNITY FIELD**

Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Shanks and myself went to a series of three meetings at the school, attended two each. Said they are talking to county grounds landscaper, specialising in school playgrounds. They want to utilize the assets they have. Parents of protentional school children are asking if there is a wild play area, which there isn't. Cllr. Grindrod said there is, it was the jungle trail. There are several things they want to get rid of which are not working, one is the amphitheatre, refigure some of the windows in the school and want to do tree planting. Use the outside more and looking for an outside classroom. South

Baddesley school have got a thatched and wooden building in their grounds, built for them by Minstead Trust, very forestry and used for lessons. And also because of mental health issues want a quiet area, where children can go and have quiet time. Other aspect is out of school time, the field returns to the community and have access to some of the grounds. Cllr. Norris said also pressure on our little playground, very well used, and lots of people use it to sit down and eat their lunch, elderly people. All sorts of things to be considered. Said to Headteacher that there could be a management share of the community area, so when school down time, perhaps the PC or one of your representatives looks after the community area. If we were to help develop it, it could be used for village children. Problem is once it is seen it is something you might like to do, we will get a lot of visitors using it and not too sure how we deal with that. Think initiative by school is quite imaginative. Final report is impressive and as soon as hard copy is available, I will circulate. Cllr. Shanks asked how do they intend to pay for it? Cllr. Norris said there are various sources of funding, but think we need to determine how determined they are and what funding they are going to do. Said there are one of two people in the area who are keen on playing fields for children. Cllr. Shanks said in our day there was a lot more support from parents. I suggested one or two things and they did not seem very enthusiastic. Cllr. Norris said he attended a governors meeting, with headteacher, head of year teacher and gym teacher and they were very enthusiastic. Cllr. Shanks said slightly concerned there was no discussion on costs. Cllr. Steele said who is going to be legally responsible? Said there is already quite a lot of gym type kit there and who actually owns it and who checks it? Said we have to be quite careful about this. Cllr. Shanks said the Residents Association have sponsored quite a bit of the playground equipment, but not sure about maintenance.

1754. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Fairweather has produced a new notice and it has gone up in the playground. Said Mrs. Schofield raised at the last meeting about traffic going down High Street the wrong way. Had response from David Herd, Enforcement Manager at NFDC and he said in relation to people driving the wrong way, this is something that is a moveable traffic offence and local police should be informed. It maybe worth asking HCC to look at signage on the main road to ensure it is clear enough. Says he drives pass there daily and feels signage is adequate, but cannot always legislate for people's stupidity. In relation to enforcement on the High Street, we visit the car park and area daily and apart from limited waiting signs that have no legal status, we enforce where contraventions and will ask staff to continue. Three PCN's were issued in High Street in past six weeks. Mrs. Schofield said most people look down the High Street when crossing, not up and someone will get hurt. Cllr. Norris feels it is a concern and will write to PC Eastwood saying we are noticing an increase in traffic going down the High Street the wrong way. Cllr. Fairweather feels we need to look at some discreet signage. Only one way sign in High Street is opposite Garden Centre. Cllr. Norris asked the Clerk to contact HCC and ask them to review the signage as there is a problem with traffic coming down the High Street and it is increasing.

Cllr. Norris said Lyndhurst PC are having a councilors training evening on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, Lyndhurst Community Centre, 2 hours. Speaker from HALC, updating on what is happening for councilors. Recommend long standing councilors go for a refresher. Inform them that 8 councilors will attend. Lloyds Bank statement – 17<sup>th</sup> June - £17,969.79

Creative Play Brochure

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**1755. CHEQUE SIGNING**

Clerks Salary - £746.28	Proposed: Cllr. Knight	Seconded: Cllr. Blastock
HMRC - £3.72	Proposed: Cllr. Grindrod	Seconded: Cllr. Dearing
BVHT - £36.00	Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather	Seconded: Cllr. Blastock
Mark Young - £150.00	Proposed: Cllr. Blastock	Seconded: Cllr. Steele
Victim Support - £50.00	Proposed: Cllr. Blastock	
	Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather	

**1756. QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Fairweather asked if there was any update on planning application for estate workers dwelling. Cllr. Norris said nothing further, but will contact Mrs. Pearson. Cllr. Blastock asked if the letter was sent to owners of Buckler's Spring about illegal parking. Cllr. Norris said letter posed, but not heard anything. Will see if we have update for next meeting.

Cllr. Knight said road surface in Furzey Lane has not been repaired. Clerk to Contact Cllr. Mans.

Cllr. Grindrod said the community field remained locked yesterday. Large gate open. Said had complaints about noise there late at night and early morning, four days ago. Will keep you updated. Cllr. Norris said if it continues we will write a letter. Said Cllr. Steele and myself did playground inspection this week. Thinks we need to look deeper and do more, do repairs. Fake grass is a trip hazard. Cllr. Knight to look at bolt on swing which is loose and seats starting to wear. Should think of biannual replacement of seats. Said benches are at an angle and tripping down. Cllr. Knight feels we should replace something every year. Cllr. Shanks said most of the equipment is sound. Said should we not pay someone to do repairs as Cllr. Knight is busy. Should we buy a new bench? Cllr. Grindrod to get costs. Cllr. Shanks thinks we should establish a sinking fund. Cllr. Grindrod to look at what is in great need. Said getting cast offs from Motor Museum play area. Cllr. Shanks said that is good news.

Cllr. Norris asked if we are having a meeting in August? Agreed a short meeting.

Meeting closed at 8. p.m.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.