

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2019  
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT**

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

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. L. Shanks, Cllr. S. Blastock

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

1695. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Grindrod      Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather

1696. **MATTERS ARISING**

None

1697. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1698. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Schofield asked if we have an update on when superfast broadband will be installed in the village. Cllr. Norris said he has the month of July in his mind. Said most of the infrastructure is in place. Cllr. Harris said in his head he thought July. Mrs. Schofield said last Saturday she could not get in school car park as someone had parked across the gap and there is a sign staying do not park. Presumed the person thought it was not used at weekends. I put a note on the car. Cllr. Norris said just dial 101 and they are obliged to do something about it. Cllr. Norris said he understands the yellow school markings, you must not park there at all. Cllr. Steele said a housing association resident has reported that when the car park is full people are parking at ends of bays and no one can get around. Cllr. Norris said we will write to Colin Read. Cllr. Mans said there are systems for cars parked illegally, clamping? Said between Cllr. Harris and myself we will check.

1699. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present.

1700. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans reported that the budget has been set, looking 1-2 years ahead. Said quality of roads not satisfactory and fighting to get sufficient funding. Half maintenance budget spent on Redbridge flyover, trying to get support from MP's. Regarding education, good results in key stages and primary schools, 5% ahead of national average. 98/99% of parents got at least one of their choices of schools and 19% got first choice. We are ahead in ensuring we have sufficient school places. 8,300 extra children in next 5 years, all have places. Devolved budget starts end May, so PC and other organisations can apply. Cllr. Norris asked if parking in High Street is an issue with NFDC or yourself? Replied initially go to Highways. Cllr. Norris said would you convey our thanks to the people who did the resurfacing, they were extremely pleasant and accommodating. Extremely well executed. Cllr. Mans said email me and I will

pass it on. Cllr. Norris said I must warn you they did drink a lot of tea! Cllr. Norris said I copied you in on reply from Mandy Ware, traffic management, as ongoing problem with Palace Lane. Residents not happy and starting speedwatch again and Cllr. Grindrod on behalf of the PC helps. We feel we should involve ourselves. Wrote about 30mph repeater signs and she replied no that's not the policy. Policy is for roundalls on the road, 30mph. Problem as verges are SSI, FC own a lot of them and Beaulieu Estate. Lots of reasons not to do anything. Asked if there was any money available at HCC for 30mph surface markings to be repainted and additional ones put in? Asked if this was Mandy and Cllr. Mans confirmed. Cllr. Norris said problem is Palace Lane looks rural and people do not think it is 30mph. Said if PC pay for signs, could we do that. Cllr. Mans said yes. Cllr. Norris said if the PC was offered a sum of money to part fund the purchase of a SID or SLR, how does the council keep itself safe, if people gift money to the PC and PC takes control of the device. Cllr. Mans said does not feel a problem, but would think 1 or 2 restrictions, liability side. Cllr. Norris said some years ago Beaulieu went in with EB and Boldre PC's. Cllr. Mans said Lyndhurst have just got one. Cllr. Norris to pursue. Cllr. Grindrod said there was an issue last week with the school, they called an ambulance and it took quite a while to arrive because of double parking in the High Street. Cllr. Norris said when Haywards Field comes into being it may take some of the cars off the High Street. Cllr. Steele asked about turning the street lights off, was it still going to happen? Cllr. Mans did not know, but turned off where people did not complain. Cllr. Norris said we did support it in this car park. Cllr. Knight said the condition of Furzey Lane has got very bad at the bottom, near cottages. Clerk to report.

1701. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris mentioned Nightstop had cease to function as an organisation. Looked into it and portfolio holder said they were very specific who was on their programme. List of exclusions meant 2/3rds of people looking for accommodation did not qualify. It cost £315 per person to use their services per night, using NFDC it cost £35 per night. It was not economically sensible. Cllr. Norris asked where do people go for £35 a night, is it instant or go before a committee? Replied have a statutory duty to help, short term solution. Have programme to help to get them into more permanent accommodation. Said starting to acquire properties ourselves for that purpose. Cllr. Norris said you have sold properties. Replied we sold Hythe car park and bought other properties. Said invested £4m in properties in the NF and target is £30m over year 1 or 2 years. Apologies if have not received your manifesto for elections. Said he had a devolved budget of £600 a year, support Mencap in Brockenhurst and Brockenhurst Primary School for a therapy dog, it reassures pupils, calms them, school pet. Cllr. Norris said Gateway clubs are admirable, and appreciative of what therapy dogs can do. Cllr. Steele said re car parking it is seldom that the warden comes into the car park. If he came regularly it might help. Cllr. Fairweather said his mother got a ticket at 9am.

1702. **PLANNING**

19/00102 – Hazel Copse Farm, Hatchet Lane – Temporary siting of portacabin for office use.

Mr. Pearsal said the application for barn work is taking some time and might be limited time when work can be carried out because of the bats. Temporary building is our solution so we can move there this year, use temporary portacabin as our office while work being done on the barn. Cllr. Fairweather said he feels very strongly about it and there have been no objections and it is for the vibrancy of the village and car parking and PC should fully support it. All agreed No.3.

19/00101 – Bucklers Hard Marina, The Hard, Bucklers Hard

Reconfigure and extend existing marina.

Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Steele to speak on this and some of you went to the presentation. Application will be for 66 mooring and berths, create a wash down area, storage container and storage container to house the wash down equipment. Water from washdown will go into container which purifies it and back into system. The marina now has more equipment, the boats are now bigger and wider and insufficient capacity for visitors. Aware marina is the main source of income for the Estate. Needs to be updates and enlarged. 123 berths currently in marina and in busy times can be extra 100 boats rafted off existing marina, 4-5 deep extending into river. Extensive consultation with NE, stake holders, mooring holders. The main issue is the environmental impact. There are extensive documents for work done for environmental impact. Estate have used services that NE provide, specialists in looking at these sort of projects. Cllr. Norris said the Estate have a very good record for clean water and good stewardship. Mrs. Pearson said the wash down area is a major plus. Cllr. Norris asked if there was going to be any impact on water quality? Cllr. Steele feels enough is being done. Cllr. Fairweather said we should talk about parking. Mrs. Pearson said there will be enough space, as at present car park not marked out, if it was we could accommodate more cars. Said also in further the change of position of moorings will not disturb the mudflat. All councilors in agreement. Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather Seconded: Cllr. Knight. Cllr. Norris said No. 1 or No. 3. Cllr. Steele said No. 3. Said it brings in good revenue for the Estate and vibrancy of economy. Mrs. Pearson said it has just won 'Best Marina on the South Coast'.

19/00128 – Silvan House (was Wyckoff), Hatchet Lane

Single storey rear extension, garden shed.

Cllr. Steele said it is not a very well presented application, difficult to check floor space. Cllr. Norris said you cannot see it from the road, additions in my opinion are satisfactory for that type of property. Outbuilding will comply with DP12 if they do not live in it. Mrs. Pearson said it has a lot of glass. Cllr. Norris said there are no comments on website, feels No. 1 provided proposal falls within 30% allowance. Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod. All in agreement.

#### Tree Works

CONS/19/0140 – Heathgate, Furzey Lane. Fell 1 Oak. All agreed.

Cllr. Steele mentioned Moonwood, Moonhills Lane, recently changed hands and removed lots of screening, trees and rhododendrons between them and Woodstock. Cllr. Shanks and myself have looked at this and informed the tree officer. Said a planning application will come up next meeting. Said had three windows put in roof without planning permission. Mrs. Pearson said they are

submitting planning in 3 stages, permitted development turning garage into dining room. Then application to build new garage and then further application. Cllr. Fairweather said not conservation area so no TPO's. Mr. Mills said at St. Leonards, Clobb Gorse Cottage, Dark Lane, a team of people cutting down lots of oaks. Clerk to write to tree officer.

1703. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email from parishioner who lives on a boat at Bucklers Hard is concerned about withdrawal of 112 bush service. He is 71, has no transport only a mountain bike and relays on bus service for food shopping. Hoping to be able to arrange other transport to Lymington on Saturdays and could he be kept informed of transport links. Received another email and will write and say we cannot support the bus service as looked 3 times this week and no one on bus.

Lloyds Bank, Balance - £15,857.00

Notice of Elections – District & BPC

Clerks Direct

Cllr. Norris said we checked out insurance premium for a SLR/SID, costing exercise. Insurers said they would not increase our premium.

Mrs. Pearson mentioned the new fence on Harlicks Hill, decided best way to deal with it was to have a meeting of all interested parties. Highways, 2 Verderers, 2 Commoners, 2 Agisters, 2 Farmers, 2 Estate, planning officer and NE. Problem was agisters had asked us to put up new fencing as cattle getting into field.

Dolbears did marvelous job, trimmed hedge, put posts in and wired it, but posts were not on line of original posts as this was in the middle of the hedge. We had Verderers and NE saying it was not correct and Highways saying barbed wire was dangerous. Verderers want it put back to original position and NE said if you do that you will kill a mixed hedge and do not want that. Highways wanted plain wire, but barbed wire needed to keep the cattle out. All parties have gone away to think about it. NE came back and said we would rather you looked after the hedge and happy where fence is. Said to Verderers there are areas on the Estate where you have gained land. Apparently we should have had planning permission. Cllr. Norris said he had received a complaint as it was dangerous. Looked at it and thought if cyclist came off and went into it they would hurt themselves. Mrs. Pearson said yes, but would he hurt himself more if he went into a blackthorn hedge. Cllr. Norris said were councilors aware of the trouble that bunch of cattle have caused throughout the parish of Beaulieu and East Boldre, charging through peoples gardens in the middle of the night. Said I can understand farmers and landlords frustration and it is a duty to fence to keep forest animals out.

1704. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

BVHT – Room Hire £36.00

Mark Young - £67.50

Proposed: Cllr. Steele

Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod

1705. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Steele mentioned the playground. Cllr. Knight said he has not done the rail yet. Cllr. Steele said the chippings are down and feels step area a little low. Said playground is looking good and inspection people are coming in May. Feels we

do not need a replacement for the see-saw as now more space in front of the swings. Mrs. Cooke-Hurle said to me if we need a replacement piece we could approach the RA for donation. Cllr. Norris said the playground is very popular. Cllr. Steele said H & S check has been done and Cllr. Shanks and myself will do next 3 months. Cllr. Grindrod going on playground safety course on 28<sup>th</sup>. Said Mark has started getting the Twinning Garden ready for the season. Need to do some replanting, need gravel roughing up and refreshed, said Will Humby could do. Said Twinning Association have £500 to spend on it and have asked Cllr. Shanks to come up with planting suggestions. Cllr. Norris said Twinning Association may have another village involved. Cllr. Steele said Ann is going to stop selling papers, which feel is a really bad move. Mrs. Pearson said there will be some changes in the High Street shops.

Meeting closed at 8.15p.m

Date of Next Meeting and Annual Assembly – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.