

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2017
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. L. Shanks, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. M. Grindrod,
Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Blastock

APOLOGIES

Cllr. P. Fairweather, Cllr. S. Gibbs, PC Eastwood, Holger Schiller

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. M. Harris, Mrs. R. Pearson, Cllr. K. Mans, Elaine (resident), Mrs. N.
Deering (Clerk)

1438. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Blastock Seconded: Cllr. Steele

Cllr. Norris thanked Cllrs. Steele and Shanks for the wonderful flower arrangements they did on behalf of BPC for the Flower Festival . Said 20 village organisations took part and it was very important we participated. Said our guest speaker for this evening has sent apologies as unwell.

1439. **MATTERS ARISING**

? Cllr. Steele asked if we were going to cover the issue of the see-saw, as we did discuss the ROSPA inspection and if it was robust enough if we had a problem and a child got hurt, would the insurance company feel that was sufficient, seeing that we have now had this incident, should we make sure we really do have cover. Cllr. Norris said we would do that. Cllr. Norris said the see-saw is now clamped, so no one can go on it. Spoken to supplier who has gone back to the manufacturer in Holland and asked if they are aware of any fault and what they propose to resolve it. Yet to hear back from them. Cllr. Shanks said we already have spent quite a lot of money previously getting it repaired. Cllr. Norris will chase. Cllr. Norris delighted to say that Beaulieu 1 cabinet is live and delivery speeds in Matthews Lane of 7mb, so good news, but seems to have effected broadband in Beaulieu High Street, which seems slower and goes off in the afternoon. Cllr. Shanks said she is one of the 3 people who can access the CCTV footage and my broadband is slower than it is in the High Street, so not much good and when high speed broadband comes it will not come to me, so might need to rethink that at some point.

1440. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1441. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

1442. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood unable to attend the meeting, but hoped his assistant, Sam Harrington might be able to attend. Cllr. Norris said he met Sam Harrington regarding the Remembrance Sunday parade. Said we do not parade in Beaulieu, but do have members of the armed services. PC Eastwood reported that with our burglar identified and locked up things are almost back to tranquil normality.

There are a few investigations ongoing, one of which the new CCTV system proved extremely useful.

1443. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans said he is in the middle of trying to save money, making progress and fairly well advanced within Children's services in finding ways to save money, without reducing the standard we have and without affecting children in care. Said children will not be at risk. What we are trying to do is find ways of working more effectively with families, so we have fewer children in care and that has always been the view of the council. Said they have had a couple of consultations – roads and refuse disposal. Re transport they have asked the government if they will adjust the law to allow us to make a small charge for pensioners who have a travel card i.e. 50p, which would make a big difference. Trying to find ways to keep refuse disposal sites open and would like to charge £1. Like to remind the council that he has a budget of £8000, with grants between £500-£1000 to local things within the division. Cllr. Norris said we were discussing the beach bus and decision of HCC to support the 50p charge. Cllr. Mans says it is legislation of government and cannot remember if passes were brought in after Finance bill or separate legislation, but this is still pending. Cllr. Steele asked if other authorities are resulting to bus pass charges and waste disposal. Cllr. Mans says legally they cannot do it, a number of authorities were charging for waste and discovered doing it illegally. Said it would allow us to take more waste, once system in place they could take DIY waste, so if you charge there will be less fly-tipping as small businesses would be able to take more items to the waste site. Cllr. Norris said one thing that has come to light is the Beach bus might not run next year. Apparently not been to successful. NF Tour bus is likewise, been quite a bit of decline. Said he understood the Beach bus was launched to move visitors from Lymington to Lepe or Beaulieu or Bucklers Hard and what we have discovered in Beaulieu is that a lot of elderly people are using it, because it is running in unusual locations, like Exbury, where there is nothing, and the elderly who live there are marooned, because they cannot drive. They are using the bus to get to places like Beaulieu to shop etc, which we found quite surprising, so it would be a pity if going to be discontinued. Cllr. Norris said who's decision is it, the NP? Cllr. Mans said he did not know and sits on the NP Authority. He said he understood the Tour buses were pretty successful. Cllr. Norris said the words they used were 'the numbers going on those buses was declining'. Said the Beach bus has been very disappointing this year, so some doubt if that will run next year. Cllr. Mans said he would check with NP and confirm the position. Said Bransgore have a system of lifts within the parish, but cannot remember exactly how it works. Cllr. Norris said it would be useful to know how that works.

1444. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris said the council have a £400,000 deficit, but confident that the new management team are able to do things to bridge the gap. There will be price increases in non-strategy services. Car parking charges will increase, as spending money on new ticket machines. Housing – a lot going on. Have a new portfolio holder who will bring in new ideas. Keen that any new houses built in the forest

should have superfast broadband to their front doors. New policy is to build 90,000 new homes. Said NF Business Partnership Awards have been beneficial to winners. They are getting recognition and the public can see their certificate and know they have won an award. So would encourage businesses to enter.

1445. **GUEST SPEAKER – Holger Schiller**

Unwell, will reissue invitation to attend.

1446. **PLANNING**

Cllr. Norris said we did not meet last month, but had planning applications. Emailed and all agreed to the following.

Recommend support ; Moonhills Gate, Little Salterns, Vine Cottage,
3 x tree works applications.

Declined to support planning application for Blackwater House, Warren Lane. Felt habitable space was outside the core strategy. Recommend refusal - No.2

17/00652 – 11 The Hummicks – Detached Garage

Cllr. Norris said the Hummicks Residents Association have been involved in this. Has been before us in the past and declined because of an incidental re garage size and location. Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Steele has been talking to the Hummicks Residents Association. Said the original garage was two storey and wanted a gym at the top, so large and bulky. One of the problems with the Hummicks is within their rules they have always said they would not have garages in front of the houses and on original application it was set in front of the house, also on land the house owner did not own, it was on communal land. Emailed Jim Rowland who is chairman of HRA to check, and said it is single storey, timber clad, clay tiles and set back further on land that house owner owns, in front of property. Jim Rowland convened a meeting of HRA and they agreed it was not possible to have it set further back, so they will allow it. Estate have looked and believe they are happy. Have been asked by HRA they would like it softened and put extra screening of trees and shrubs and asked if it could have minimal lighting, just sufficient for it to be safe. Cllr. Norris said the briefing notes seem to be favorable and inclined to support. No objections from residents. All councillors in agreement, but with the above conditions. No.1.

17/00685 – New Forest Plants Ltd – Polytunnels

Cllr. Norris said this is very well screened off. It is extremely tidy and very professionally run UK growers of potted plants that they grow on and seeking to expand the business. They want to double their turnover. Reasons are due to commercial pressure, a lot of independent garden centres are disappearing and plant sales are mainly through Homebase, B & Q and Wyevale and NF Plants supply these people, who are very tough people to supply and if you default, because of frost or something goes wrong and unable to deliver, then that is not considered an excuse. You have to supply and if not you have to go onto the open market and buy whatever you are supposed to deliver. They need to remain competitive and need to get bigger, so reason for expansion and it takes the form of polytunnels and raised beds over existing site. Going to put in a pond for a crested newt they found and want to put in a large reservoir. Appears this development is quite well screened off. No one really knows they are there. Also

want to build an agricultural workers dwelling, reason 1) security – as had quite a few break-ins, it is isolated and rural spot. They have lost machinery, tractors, software, computers, lots of plants disappearing. Subject to rural crime. 6.30pm/7.00pm it is locked up, alarmed and security lights on. However those breaking in have circumvented security system/cameras and knocked out lights. They have caused break downs of irrigation equipment and that has cost them a lot of money as plants died and not watered. Want a resident manager, someone there 24hrs to look after site. Current manager lives in Romsey. Presume this house will go with the job. Elevation is quite modest, although the problem with it is that it is too big, does not comply with core strategy DP13, which says agriculture buildings are not more than 120sq.m, this is 159sq.m. Said NP are drawing up new strategy documents and they say the new size to permit for buildings in the forest is only going to be 100sq.m. for commoners dwellings. Said we should consider under vibrant communities, going to increase labour force. 25 people work there at present and up to 40 part timers. So another 5 labourers is good for the local economy. Its in keeping, its land use, its horticultural. The house is going by the mitigation pond. Cllr. Norris said he does not understand as it is an application for a 2 storey building, when it is single storey. Cllr. Steele said on the briefing note she thought they would pick up on the size of the dwelling. Cllr. Norris said Clare Ings points you in the direction of DP13. Cllr. Steele said she thinks an onsite manager is needed. Cllr. Norris said the only problem we have is the size of it. Said we agree with the polytunnels etc and do not support application for the dwelling, it is too big.

Application for polytunnels 17/00685 – Support No. 1

Application for agricultural workers dwelling 17/00686 Refuse No. 2

Cllr. Shanks said it does not comply with DP13 and we should not go with the decision reached by NP. Cllr. Norris agreed, so Refusal No. 4

Cllr. Steele said new plans for Blackwater House have been submitted. Cllr. Norris said we have not received them. Said this is a big planning application and 2 councillors have spent quite some time reading it. It is important if you can find time to go on the website and understand some of it.

Tree Works Applications

CONS/17/0818 – Patricks Patch – Prune 1 Oak Tree

CONS/17/0815 - Patricks Patch

Prune 2 Oak, 1 Eucalyptus, 1 Cupressus, 1 Tulip Tree, 1 Cedrus Deodar, 1 Gleditsia Sunburst Tree

CONS/17/0815 – Fairweathers Garden Centre

Prune 2 Oak, 1 Eucalyptus, 1 Tulip, 1 Cedrus Deodar, 1 Gleditsia Sunburst

All councillors in agreement.

Decisions

17/00413 – North Gate Cottage, North Gate Lane

Replacement outbuilding – Grant subject to conditions

1447. **CAR PARKING**

Cllr. Norris said he emailed Mrs. Pearson on 5th September and said he was being asked about the proposed new car park in the village and no doubt it would be raised at the next pc meeting. Wondering if any progress had been made with

Haywards Field. Mrs. Pearson said she has heard back from NP and encouraged to put in an application by 15th September. Said he is grateful to Cllr. Harris who has been helping us out at NFDC with traffic orders and various other things we need to think about and plan for. NFDC are asking for a firm commitment on Haywards Field and how it would be managed. Said if not forthcoming we will lose funding for the 17/18 scheme. Mrs. Pearson said there is a firm commitment from the Estate to try and assist with the car parking generally in the village. However to give an absolute guarantee on the car park is not possible. That is what NFDC are asking for. Mrs. Pearson says it requires planning consent in itself and to say absolutely would undermine our argument of moving the house. Said we are almost ready to submit the plans and have all the drawings and meeting the planning consultant on Wednesday to go through planning policies and get statement prepared. Said happy to do a letter of support for the council, if you feel this would help. Cllr. Norris said he did not do anything, as felt slightly pointless without the firm commitment. Then had email from Mrs. Pearson saying would the pc consider writing a letter of support for our application for car park and to move the residential consent. Said the planning consultant has asked if it would be possible to include this in our pre-planning pack and if we are happy would like to include the survey Cllr. Steele did. This will show the amount of spaces left in the High Street. Said this is where we are at the moment. Cllr. Steele asked how tight we are on getting this application in. Cllr. Norris said just gone past the date. Cllr. Steele said we will probably lose the funding. Cllr. Norris said we probably will with the way progress is going we were not going to be to do it anyway. Cllr. Steele said the traders etc are frustrated and annoyed. Said we need to be seen to be doing something. Cllr. Shanks said we need to work on short term as new car park is obviously long term. Need to get the Montagu Arms staff off the High Street. Asked Mrs. Pearson if RWD have been approached and she said she would check. Cllr. Norris said he was very naughty and opened the gate to school playing field and parked on gravel area at top. Elaine said she would not park at the back as for safety reasons does not want to walk from there alone in the dark. Cllr. Norris asked councillors what they thought about writing the letter of support. Mrs. Pearson said we need to move the residential consent to near Harlicks, will not need to put in new access and then put in application for car park at the same time. Cllr. Steele felt we should support. Cllr. Norris asked about the time scale. Mrs. Pearson said the drawings are done, planning application done. Cllr. Norris said we will get the letter of support done. Cllr. Shanks said we must pursue the other options and do what we can. Asked about the Abbey wall. Mrs. Pearson said this is a no goer. Cllr. Shanks said is there nowhere else? Cllr. Grindrod mentioned the community field (school field). Could we not use a small part of it? Elaine mentioned new resident in the High Street said they have 2 cars and a van and No. 1 Buccleuch Cottages also have 3 vehicles. Cllr. Norris asked if they are briefed as to where to park before they move in? Mrs. Pearson will check. Cllr. Norris said no one is doing anything wrong by parking on the High Street. Cllr. Harris said he will support the application and will talk to Dean. Cllr. Norris mentioned the coastal path. Mrs. Pearson said it has been deferred till

17th October. Said the joint estates have put in a legal challenge on the basis of spreading room and does not think the act is being adhered to, it was not supposed to extend acres and acres inland, so getting these massive areas which were never the intention of the plan. Mrs. Pearson said this has gone in from the three estates Cadland, Exbury and Beaulieu. Cllr. Norris asked who is the North Solent Coastal group? Mrs. Pearson said this was set up right at the beginning by landowners to follow what was happening. Cllr. Knight spoke to one of the people who own fields at Otterwood and there are 21 of them and they are forming a group. They are part of the spreading area and are not happy. Cllr. Norris said the time for the pc to do something is the 17th October when we know whats happening. Mrs. Pearson said you can put something in before then, as everyone feels that when the line is on the map it will be very difficult to change it, and before the line gets published you have a chance. Cllr. Steele said if you have an interest in the land you can put a complaint in, but it is incredibly difficult to object.

1448. CCTV

Cllr. Norris said he took a screen print of what we actually see through the cameras on the Montagu Arms. Passed this around. Said Cllr. Fairweather had emailed to say sign up in village but contact number to be added. Cllr. Norris said he put the picture on Facebook. Said it was quite interesting that the liberals are condemning it, but quite a lot of support for it. Cllr. Fairweather said he has had two image requests. One a suspect use of £50 note in the Chocolate Studio, gave me time of transaction and I was able to identify a man as he walked under the camera. The incident was reported to the police who rang me and asked if there were images of the man handing over the note inside the shop, which there were not. They said they can do nothing unless the suspect was filmed in the shop. They also advised that images of the suspect should not be circulated to other shop keepers, as he is innocent until proved guilty. I accessed these images remotely from my laptop and it took a long time to download with our Beaulieu broadband. I then got a call from Sam our Community Police Officer asking if I could try and identify some vehicles passing through the village over a two hour period. Went to the laptop at the hotel to avoid slow download. Not sure what the incident was but a Golf number plate was taken away for checking. Took one and a half hours and not sure if it produced positive evidence, hopefully we will get some feedback. Cllr. Norris said we have had feed back and it was useful. Said Sam is very competent with computers and he said to avoid a councilor having to go down to the Montagu Arms and spend 2 hours doing it, he is quite capable of going in as he knows the system very well and can look at the images himself. He said he would do that if we agreed to it. Cllr. Norris said as most of us are working during the day and it takes quite considerable time and we have a confident police officer able to do this, maybe we should agree. Think Cllr. Fairweather was saying the only people who can look at it are law enforcement officers and leave it at that. That gets us out of a lot of problems. What we say to members of the public when they ask, is to dial 101 and report the problem and the Beat Officer will come and play the CCTV back. Otherwise we are going to a) could be run ragged trying to fit this in and b) we are releasing

images which we should not be doing. We have to be very careful. Cllr. Knight said if he is legally allowed to do it, then we should let him. Cllr. Steele agreed. Cllr. Fairweather said in his email that it was great it was being used, but very time consuming, maybe due to slow broadband and therefore propose to councillors that only image requests from the police are provided. Cllr. Norris said that Cllr. Fairweather has enclosed a request form for images from the PC, which states where the cameras are, name and address and contact details of person applying for images, date of incident, has this incident been reported to the police. Cllr. Norris thinks we should tell people to dial 101 and report it and leave it to the police. Councillors agreed. Elaine said we should tell shop keepers and residents. Cllr. Norris said a sign has gone up on the Montagu Arms, need a sign for the notice board. Cllr. Shanks said we discussed having a sign saying CCTV is operating in the village and distribute around the village. Cllr. Norris asked who is paying for this? Cllr. Shanks said she feels it will have to be the PC. Cardboard sign need. Cllr. Blastock said if it was laminated it would look more official. Think needs to be professional looking. Cllr. Steele said I am sure South Central Security have these signs. Cllr. Norris will ask Cllr. Fairweather to arrange signs. Think we need to publish Cllr. Fairweather as the controller. Cllr. Norris feels we should still have access. Agreed police access only.

1449. **BROADBAND**

Cllr. Norris said he does not have much to say on this, but said to Michael that when I attended the meeting you arranged, I did not exactly cross swords with the man from BT Open Reach but he was aware we are watching developments. East Boldre gone live and service starts next week. Said on Twitter on our village sign it said super fast broadband is now in Beaulieu. I went back to him and said this is misrepresentation, as that shows Beaulieu village and does this mean the High Street. They came back and said sorry it was a misrepresentation. However Phase 2 roll out, due to expense is now being reexamined. Guess because at the meeting they knew BPC were keen to have broadband. Cllr. Shanks asked if the Motor Museum has the same sort of broadband or have their own. Cllr. Norris imagined G4 or another.

1450. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Poster – Fawley/Waterside. Lots of activity – Dibden Bay, old military port being redeveloped and houses in Totton. Redevelopment of Fawley Power Station, 1,600 houses going to be built there, jointly decided by NFDC and NP, as they own some of the land. Plans on show around the area.

Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Blastock if she managed to attend Consultative Panel meeting in Sept. She replied no as they forgot to email me until the last minute.

Cllr. Norris said the minutes from previous meeting were quite interesting.

NFU Mutual – said we do not insure with them.

HCC – Taxi share – on notice board

Data Protection renewal

CPRE – Countryside Voice, Field Work, Hampshire Views

Velcourt – Harvest operations and tractor movements. Cllr. Norris said they are in our bad books as ragwort not been pulled. Cllr. Knight thinks this has been deregularised and do not pull, but everyone does.

NFDC – Governance and Regulation – payment of allowances to town councillors.
NF Disability – Grant aid. Cllr. Norris felt we had recently given them a grant.
Hampshire Association of Local Councils – 70 years
Solent News
NFDC – Year Book
BCGT – Grant application invited. Asked councillors to think about grant to improve our facilities and assist our activities
Age Concern – Annual meeting
HMRC – Tax code
Clerks and Councils Direct

1451. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Cllr. Norris said we have already done some cheque signing last month, which you all agreed to.

Clerks Salary - £741.36

HMRC - £8.64

BVHT - £36.00

Audit expenses - £36.00

Trevor Smith - £51.50

Nicky Deering for Stamps/Postage - £13.20

Cllr. Shanks said invoice for the flower festival, initially agreed budget of £100, gone over by £40, but do understand if PC will not cover the extra. Cllr. Norris thought the displays were spectacular, thought they were the best and very happy to pay full amount, said did a lot of good for the PC.

Proposed: Cllr. Knight

Seconded: Cllr. Steele

1452. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Blastock said the white lines near the Maritime Museum car park have been redone. Said Maureen Medley at the Horticultural show has asked if 2/3 spaces can be reserved in the car park for the judges on show days. Cllr. Norris said she needs to contact Steve Green.

Cllr. Knight said he would like to see a 30mph limit from Hilltop Gate to Hatchet Gate and 20mph through village. Cllr. Norris said they are thinking about a 30mph limit throughout the forest. Said we should have a mini roundabout at top of junction on bypass. Would stop 50% of the cars going up the High Street.

Cllr. Grindrod felt High Street should be pedestrians only. Cllr. Knight said roads are so busy it is ridiculous and animals have a right to be on the forest and cars need to be slowing down for them. Said every other village in the area has 20/30mph. Marchwood has 30mph and not built up. East Boldre is 30mph all the way, its 20mph in Hythe. Said traffic goes past his lane at 80mph in the morning. Mentioned road surface at top of High Street has not been repaired. Sides of road are getting lots of potholes again. Cllr. Norris said HCC budget is being cut, so we will be getting less and less. Said 30mph sign in Cripplegate Lane and Hilltop Hill needs trimming out. Said there are so many tractors coming through, it is not safe. Cllr. Norris said we need to identify them and write to them.

Cllr. Steele said the High Street is looking a little dark at night, particularly in the middle, basically the Cooke-Hurle's trees.

Meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 19th October at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.