BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. M. Grindrod, Cllr. S. Reece, Cllr. L. Dearing

APOLOGIES

Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. L. Shanks, Cllr. K. Mans, Mrs. Schofield

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. M. Harris, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1768. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Proposed: Cllr. Grindrod Seconded: Cllr. Reece

1769. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Norris asked the Clerk if she wrote to Estate re noise at Simple Japanese. Cllr. Norris said he hopes Cllr. Harris will be here tonight as wanted to ask about broadband, and if he had seen Steve Avery re Montagu Arms planning application

1770. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

1771. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

1772. POLICE LIAISON

PC Eastwood not present, but Clerk said she had seen him at Autojumble and there was a bit of aggravation. Clerk said a security guard had been knocked unconscious and taken to hospital, lots of pick-pockets and generally very busy. Also said he rescued cygnet from millpond. Cllr. Grindrod said the tramp was here and had to be evicted.

1773. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT Cllr. Mans not present.

1774. NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Cllr. Harris not present at beginning of meeting, but arrived later. Said Cllr. Fairweather sent me an email sending his apologies and said concerned about the speed of broadband at Hilltop. Has 5 office staff and at times twiddling their thumbs as broadband speed is virtually none existent. Quoted £15,000 for lease and rental of £400 to get a designated broadband line. Said take a lifetime to get cable across the forest, having to cross conservation areas, SSSI's etc. Asked Cllr. Harris if there is an update as know you were going to have a meeting with Glen Peachy. Cllr. Harris said he had a meeting today with officers at NFDC and said I want this back on the agenda, top priority. Said Brockenhurst have cabinet 2 up and running, which is good. However DL, Boldre and Exbury still have very poor service. Said it is now very important as we now need to do everything online and its important for businesses. Cllr. Norris said the other item is the Montagu Arms planning application, said they were quite prepared to have more parking to accommodate extra bedrooms and staff, but told by NP to scale back. Said had email from planning officer to say

they could not resolve all Beaulieu's parking problems with the Montagu Arms application. They did not feel additional bedrooms and extra staff was actually going to be a major problem for Beaulieu. Likewise Highways thought the same. Cllr. Harris said he has not seen Steve Avery, but suggested we invite him to a meeting. Cllr. Norris said we have a quadrant meeting on 16th October and Cllr. Knight said he was usually there. Cllr. Harris feels would be better to ask him to a meeting. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Harris to invite him. Cllr. Harris mentioned the fountain. Cllr. Norris said out of the blue he received email from Simon Cramp, who was at a meeting with Cllr. Mans and said they had a meeting with Southern Water and said Beaulieu wanted a fountain and they enquired where we propose to site it, sent a map and they said they would be in touch. Said we will keep you updated.

Mentioned boundary commission and looking at reducing from 60 to 48. Happen at next election. Feels it is the right thing to do, making cuts everywhere else. Cllr. Norris asked if it will affect Beaulieu, replied Brockenhurst will be changed, bits will be other wards, but will be a Brockenhurst ward and Beaulieu will be part of that. What we do not want is to split up our communities. Cllr. Norris said what concerns us is we are a forest parish, not Waterside parish. Cllr. Harris said you are a forest ward, not Waterside. Said he has concerns about number of shops closing in Brockenhurst, three closing. Feels we can help our communities through the PC, by organising more events in community and Beaulieu is very good at organising the Christmas event, which gets people out and spending in the local shops. Are there other events we can organise to get people out and back to the High Streets? Said they will be organising the film festival again, so events we could do around that. Cllr. Steele said she was saddened you were asking about drug problems, said she does not have evidence, but thinks there are things going on and feel we need to get a grip on this fairly quickly. Says she feels the playground maybe being used as well tucked away. Feel we need to do something, do not want people to think this is a sleepy space where things could happen. Cllr. Harris agrees and welcomes our support. Said he is trying to get PC Eastwood to come to parish meetings, so would be grateful if we could write and invite him, and I will do the same. Maybe if he cannot attend, someone could. We need a police presence. Said probably a profitable area for them, relatively unpoliced and they have money. Agreed we should be doing something. Said EB have problems at the bus shelter and feels it might be a good idea to get rid of it. Cllr. Grindrod said would it be worth getting councilors from all our parishes together for a meeting and ask PC Eastwood to attend. Cllr. Norris said PC Eastwood has beat surgeries, could representatives attend that? Cllr. Norris said we received an email from a resident regarding traffic in Palace Lane. Said we are going to ask the speedwatch officer to come in and talk to us. Cllr. Harris agreed good idea and then ask if there is anything we can do.

1775. PLANNING

Said Montagu Arms have upgraded one or two drawings re Abbey Stores. Assume we will hear the decision by next meeting and presume NP will pass it. Cllr. Steele asked if it will go to committee, Cllr. Norris said unless Cllr. Harris calls it in, and I do not think he will. Said Cllr. Harris was

going to have a word with Steve Avery. Cllr. Norris asked councilors if they have looked at new planning guide adopted last month. Local Plan LP2016-2036. Very large document, quite a few changes. Think SP19/SP29 refers to commoners and workers dwellings. I wonder now if we ask Beaulieu Estate if they are going to put their planning application in, as this is what they were waiting for. The document is very comprehensive. Agenda is for more small dwellings to balance out housing market, to ensure local people get into houses and desire not to have the forest occupied by people who have no connections here buying retirement homes. Small dwellings will be 100sq.m. and if you get permission to build one you forgo all your permitted development rights. There is a map that goes with the plans which has several layers, so if you want to find out particular location you put in postcodes and it will give you an aerial shot of the property and ordnance survey view and planning application type of view. You can also find out parish boundaries, where conservation boundaries are. There is a four page user guide you can download. Cllr. Grindrod said you can logon to the internet and see how many crimes have been committed in the parish. Cllr. Norris asked if there was any tree applications, clerk replied no. Cllr. Steele asked if we have done Whitehall tree application. No one remembers seeing it.

Tree Works

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R14/15/19/0559 – Hatchett Mead, Furzey Lane

Fell 3 x beech trees. Safety concerns. Info only. Exempt works

1776. CORRESPONDENCE

HM Revenue and Customs – Tax code

Lloyds Bank – 29th August - £16,917.34

ICO – Renewal

Solent News

Age Concern – Annual meeting

NFDC – GIS Service Level Agreement

NFNPA – Enforcement List

Heatherlands, Furzey Lane – Tel aerial on chimney.

Retrospective application invited.

Thorns Beach House – Compliance monitoring. Site being monitored.

1777. CHEQUE SIGNING

BVHT – Room Hire £36.00

Mark Young - £120.00

Mr. T. Smith - £85.49

Lyndhurst Parish Council - £200 – course fees

Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Reece

1778. QUESTION TIME

Cllr. Steele said playground check has been done and move onto next quarter, Cllr. Grindrod happy to carry on. Said there are some issues. 1) fence panel need renailing, will look at. 2) gravel board needs replacing, its rotting 3) need more chippings, it is not at right level. Can we order another pallet? 4) seating/benches are at an angle, but have been created like that, are quite safe, but at

some point need replacing 5) community field remains locked. Cllr. Knight asked what time is the training on 5th November. Cllr. Norris confirmed 7pm.

Cllr. Reece said we need to tackle the problem of people interacting with ponies. Need to get leaflets/magazines to put article in, like Field Work, NF Living, Countryside Voice. The NP have a leaflet explaining about NF animals, but not on how to behave around them. Cllr. Harris said contact Go New Forest and ask them to produce a leaflet. Also still parking issues outside Bucklers Spring. Cllr. Norris to draft letter.

Cllr. Harris mentioned the therapy dog at Brockenhurst School. Said it was amazing and really good idea to help the children.

Meeting closed at 8.20p.m

Date of Next Meeting Thursday 17th October 2019 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.