

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 19TH APRIL 2018
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr. S. Gibbs, Cllr. M. Harris

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. A. Rolf, Mr. A. Nightingale – Manager of the Montagu Arms Hotel, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

Cllr. Norris spoke to parishioner's present and said your name maybe captured in the minutes, if you are not happy about this please speak to the Clerk.

1539. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

1540. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

1541. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Knight and Cllr. Blastock – planning application

1542. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

1543. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Jason Eastwood not present

1544. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Norris said we received an email from Cllr. Mans and said he has a much bigger ward than had before and several parishes to look after, so difficult for him to get around all the time. Said we will not get the level of support that we had from Cllr. Thornber, because more parishes now than he had. He has said it has been a very difficult year financially for the council. However through very effective long term planning and good use of capital, we were able to confirm that buses would not suffer further cuts and all waste recycling centers would remain open. There will be extra funding for additional social workers to support needy families and introduce high-tech methods of looking after the elderly. Said devolved budget been spent last year right across the division, to include improvements to village halls, children's playgrounds and village signage, also to support Brilliance in Business Awards.

1545. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris sent his apologies.

1546. **PLANNING**

18/00162 – Agricultural building – Markway Field, Otterwood, Summer Lane
Cllr. Norris said unfortunately the NP have not put his application letter in. Said Mr. Mark White lives in Holbury, but his family and generations before him have run Hereford cattle out on the forest and a holding next to St. Paul's Church,

goodwill tenancy. Unfortunately the land owner has died and tenancy has ceased. They have lost buildings as well. Said this family have been turning out cattle on the forest for 3 generations, old commoning family, owns very little land, but this parcel of land is approx. 1 hectare. They farm approx. 40 acres but all rented and very fragmented. He wants to be able to bring his cattle in during the winter, store feed, have a couple of riding horses and a bit of machinery would go in there. Briefing note says the main issue would be to ensure it is central to the purposes of commoning/agriculture. Proposals would be site sensitivity and would relate to existing development. Wide visual impact would be assessed more clearly on site. No residential properties would be directly affected. Cllr. Steele said there is Otterwood House, which is relatively close. It is a very large structure and wonders why someone with 23 cows and 12 ponies on the forest is looking for an extraordinary large building for them when he has other buildings. Cllr. Norris asked where is he storing stuff. Cllr. Steele replied on pony fields and will be in the coastal margin. Most of the buildings there are relatively small, housing a couple of horses. Feel something this size looks like you would have if you had a fairly substantial operation. Cllr. Shanks said did he not say something about reduced commoning? Cllr. Steele feels it is such a large building, it probably will be seen from Dock Lane side. Cllr. Norris said the planning officer said it would be sited sensitively. Cllr. Steele said normally when we get plans we know where they will be sited and I am not happy to give permission on the basis that they are going to decide later. Feel we owe it to the people who live close to it. The Hummicks is not that far from it. Cllr. Norris said he will have 42 cattle to feed through the winter, so will he not need a building that size? If you look across the road there is a building exactly like that but bigger. Cllr. Grindrod said have we time to go and have a look? Cllr. Steele asked if anyone else feels it is quite large? Cllr. Shanks feels for that number of cows it is large. Cllr. Steele said think we need to know that it is properly and sensibly positioned. Cllr. Norris said we need to know the building will be used for the purpose of commoning. Cllr. Steele said she is happy to go and look, but feels there is something not quite right. Cllr. Fairweather said there is more housing than for 23 cattle. Cllr. Norris said he has about 42 animals in total. Cllr. Shanks said he was going to reduce his commoning. Cllr. Fairweather said saying reducing commoning does not mean he will reduce the number of cattle, he might keep them off the forest. Cllr. Steele said it says 'this year I intend to have 12 ponies out to pasture, 23 cows/heifers, chickens and horses'. Cllr. Norris said we could have a site visit. Cllr. Steele feels we need more information, why such a large building is required. Cllr. Norris said this is deferred.

18/00228 – Stream House, 10 The Hummicks. Pool House, demolish existing. Cllr. Norris said it is interesting the comments of the planning officer. Said we have never had a planning officer say to us 'overall this proposal is considered acceptable'. Said they never ever express an opinion. Said it is quite noticeable that the NP website has changed. They have been losing quite a few appeals, wonder if they are sharpening their act up and advising councils a little better than they have been. Cllr. Steele said she noticed this did not have pre-planning. Said Draycots doing the application and you know who works for them, said obviously

they are going to pass it. All councillors agreed permission No. 1.

1547. **TO RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING MOTION.**

Beaulieu Parish Council will support the community purchase of a marque for use within the Parish. The Parish Council's share of joint funding with partners not to exceed an amount of £2000.

Proposer – Cllr. Gibbs.

Cllr. Norris said the motion is effectively lost and the reason is that the proposer of that motion is not here, however with your agreement someone else has stepped in and proposed the motion. Asked if that would be acceptable? All agreed. Cllr. Grindrod asked if we become part owners? Cllr. Norris said we do not wish to own it. Cllr. Norris said all those in favour of Cllr. Steele being asked by Cllr. Gibbs, who is delayed in London to propose this motion. Are you all in favour? All agreed. Cllr. Steele said Cllr. Gibbs has asked me to say that the decision after having looked at various models is to go for a clear span module tent which is a tent on metal frame and then can be built in sections, so much more flexible and can fit into more useful spaces i.e. Cllr. Fairweather's space for Victorian evening. Originally we were looking for a replacement tent which was more a marque with guide ropes. The cost with VAT is £7,200. To date the funding that has been organised is Beaulieu Beaufort Foundation has offered £2,000, Residents Association has offered £2,000 and possible BPC will offer £2,000 = £6,000. At moment other funding initiatives underway. Individuals have been written to, so hope further funding will be raised. To get it up to £7,200 the Beaulieu Beaufort Foundation said they will underwrite the cost of the tent and if after a good effort of trying to find it, we fail to get sufficient funds they will be prepared to offer a bit more, as feel a village tent is a useful asset to the community. Said as our Chairman has indicated, there are still aspects of it that are not totally sorted. Originally thought the Estate would store it, but at the moment does not look like an option. Said Neil McGregor who stored previous one is happy to go on storing it and Cllr. Gibbs says he has sufficient space to store it and has indicated that he is prepared to be the co-ordinator of the tent and run the accounts and bookings and prepared to be involved with his son in putting the tent up and down. He has spoken to insurance company and quoted for public liability up to £5m and is £613 per annum. Said there is an existing sinking fund attached to the old tent of £1,300. Said things are not quite crystal clear, as the Chairman has indicated, as to the position of the fete and the old tent. Peter Melhuish who runs the fete is of the opinion that he is very happy to use the old tent, as thinks will last another couple of years. What they will not be able to do is borrow the tent from EB for lower lawn as that has a rip in it and they would probably like this tent to take its place, but he is not wanting to have an involvement. Cllr. Steele said the tent may not be available for the fete if funds not available, and the fete not far off. Cllr. Norris said can they not contact the BBF and ask for the money to make up the difference and purchase it? Cllr. Steele said we could but think the BBF would like to see some good faith from the community that they actually have done something to raise funds. Cllr. Norris said you have £2,000 from Resident Association, £2,000 from BPC, so nearly there. Cllr. Steele said the BBF have the view there are other wealthy people in

the community who ought to be assisting in the venture, and various people have been written to. Think the best thing to do in principal is to decide to back this project and get Cllr. Gibbs to give us more information. Cllr. Norris said it is a work in progress. Think the Residents Association have written to several wealthy local people asking for support, obviously trying to raise more which is good. Suspect that will be forthcoming, but think you may find people are actually waiting for us to act on it. They can then see that there are two organisations backing it. Think we should have one for the village, because there are several things we do in inclement weather and feels it is a very good village asset. Cllr. Norris asked if everyone was happy. Cllr. Fairweather said his concern is whether the choice of marque is more driven by the needs of individuals who like the idea of marque rental for their anniversary, rather than village needs. Cllr. Knight agreed. Cllr. Fairweather said the size of the marque Cllr. Gibbs wants would not fit in the car park and even without guide ropes it will be another 8'. Cllr. Steele said I think this modular tent is much more flexible, you add it in sections and it would fit in. Said I think if we make the money available, Cllr. Gibbs must show us some proper work has been done on the sort of tent and what ought to be done is those that are going to use it must be asked. Cllr. Fairweather asked when apart from the Fete and Victorian evening will it be used. Cllr. Norris said the Twinning Association are trying to do something with a large tent in Church Meadow on 1st June, and there will be occasions we have not even thought about. Cllr. Grindrod asked if people would hire it and Cllr. Norris confirmed. Cllr. Fairweather said I think Cllr. Gibbs should consult some of the likely village organisations who are going to use it, re size etc. Cllr. Norris said I think this is where it has fallen down, should have had these conversations beforehand. Richard Blythe said this about two days ago which sparked this off, and those not in favour have now come on board, but they are looking at a tent more the size of the EB one, but have said if you do purchase one we will use it. Cllr. Norris said he gets the impression there are some people who do not want to know about this project. Cllr. Steele feels it has been handled badly. Cllr. Knight said if tent not ready for the fete, we will have time to wait till Cllr. Gibbs can explain more to us. Cllr. Steele said we will also be a bit more advanced with the funding. Maybe the supplier will be able to lend us one for the fete and be able to see what it is like and how useful it will be. Cllr. Norris said are you saying here at this meeting that whilst you are in favour of doing something, you are a little concerned on the details and more details re size are needed. Said someone ought to measure the EB tent. It is the one that sits outside the Montagu Arms on Victorian evening. Cllr. Steele said it is a village asset worth supporting, but more work needs to be done on what tent we choose and the funding. Cllr. Fairweather says we should ask the Victorian evening committee, as they might feel the tent at the Montagu Arms would be more important to replace. Said with this letting arrangement there needs to be an understanding if any organisations get it for free, otherwise we will not know the rules. Cllr. Norris said the only thing we put in that motion that I worded was that it should stay within the parish, that is what it is for. Cllr. Steele said that Cllr. Gibbs did say was about the ownership of it was a bit of an issue. Said one alternative would be to form a

separate group that looked after it. Cllr. Norris said I suggested that Cllr. Gibbs and his wife become Trustees. Cllr. Steele asked if there should be others? Cllr. Norris said it is a community asset and the other thing about holding a community asset and for many years at Home Farm we held various things like a quantity of chairs, tables etc and you find people at 11pm knocking at your door saying I have returned your chairs. Said it takes a special sort of person to look after assets. Also if the tent gets wet, it has to be dried and put away. Cllr. Norris said are we at a stage where we say we support this, we think it's a good idea, but effectively saying 'more details please' and more liaison with other organisations re size. Said to Cllr. Fairweather that you are obviously unhappy about it not fitting in your car park and if it was smaller it can go outside the Montagu Arms, as it just goes right across the front of Montys. Cllr. Fairweather said ownership is important, how can you have insurance when we have no organisation owning the asset. Cllr. Norris said I propose to the PC that we do not own it. Cllr. Grindrod said what if someone gets hurt putting it up etc and we will be liable. Cllr. Norris said there would be insurance for that. Cllr. Norris asked if the other tent is insured. Cllr. Steele said no. Said Peter Melhuish use to make people sign a piece of paper saying it was their responsibility. Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Steele said something important, Cllr. Steele repeated that 'we support it in principal and we could make a decision now that we back it financially, but having said that we need more details'. Cllr. Norris said we will put an amendment to the motion and then we vote on it. Said if we say 'BPC support the community purchase of a marque for use within the parish. The PC share of the joint funding not to exceed an amount of £2,000. This amount is subject to further clarification regarding size and liaison with other village organisations that might be likely to use it and further ownership and management need clarification'. That now becomes the motion. Proposer: Cllr. Shanks Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather

Cllr. Norris asked if councillors were all happy. All agreed. Cllr. Fairweather feels happy as not a full commitment yet. Cllr. Norris said whilst Cllr. Gibbs might be disappointed, I think it will make him pay attention to detail and will tidy it up. Cllr. Steele feels this is a very fair thing to do. Said Cllr. Gibbs said the important thing was to have the commitment the PC would support it. Cllr. Norris said we are dealing with public money and believe we all want the tent.

1548. **COASTAL PATH**

Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Steele about the PC's approach to this. Said I know you are affected also as a resident, as I am affected as a tenant. Said the PC is not able to raise an objection, reason for this we are not a land owner and negotiation is directly between land owners and NE, that is where the discussion takes place. However I have sent around a link to NE website which has got all the details in about 5 chapters on coastal path and coastal access report. Said I have a briefing note from North Solent Coastal Group. Said the NSCG, the Chairman is Lord Montagu and Vice Chairman is John Hackman. They do issue a strategy that they are putting in place, said to Mr. Rolf that he should read this. Said he would send him the briefing note, as Lord Montagu was keen for anyone who was anywhere near it or had land and be affected by it, to be very much involved. Cllr. Steele said originally that group was set up for house owners on foreshore and around

Beaulieu river. Said latest briefing note from that group is important, as it does tell you if you want to object, some good advice as to how to go about doing it. Cllr. Norris gave Mr. Rolf his copy. Cllr. Fairweather asked if everyone could have one. Cllr. Norris asked if we are making a representation about the coastal path and filling out the form? Cllr. Steele said she has the form here, which she will pass around. Only difficulty is to know what category we fall into, said Chairman might know. Cllr. Norris said he looked at it and its 'other – parish council'. Cllr. Steele said we do not fall into the others. Said basically we cannot make an objection if we do not own any land, but we are entitled to make a representation about anything we feels affects this stretch. Think most obvious one is parking. Have a map of the route that comes through the village and said we are already suffering because of parking and more people will come and park in the High Street, put on their walking boots and walk to Bucklers Hard. Think with the coastal path being advertised and given a big push, we will only see more walkers parking in the High Street. Said annoying thing about the whole arrangement of the coastal path and when we had meeting with NE at the beginning, they made it quite clear there was no provision within the act to deal with parking. They are not obliged to provide any parking or to ask HCC to provide any extra parking, so think the most obvious ground we need to complain about is the pressure on the High Street through parking and other stretches going to suffer are areas in Sowley around Browns lane. Areas where people are going to be allowed down lanes going to the foreshore and we already had problems there with fishermen. Think there might be quite a few people wanting to use that access to go to the beach, parking on Sowley Lane could be a major issue.

Map3D. Cllr. Fairweather said he wants to add the parking at Park Shore, which has limited spaces and will attract interest. Cllr. Steele said what I was proposing to do is the first point in representation would be the parking, start with High Street, then Sowley, add Park Shore, anywhere else? Cllr. Grindrod said Fire Station Lane. Cllr. Steele said anywhere in the village really, expect people to be parking in Dock Lane, which they already do. Cllr. Norris asked the Manager of the Montagu Arms his feelings and he replied that parking is a challenge, lots of walkers using our car park, it affects us regularly and we struggle for parking for our guests. Cllr. Steele said the coastal path is coming from Baileys Hard through the bottom of playing field, Fire Station Lane, so people could easily want to park in your car park. He said it would make things worse for us. Cllr. Steele agreed and said it will be almost impossible to know how many people will use the path. We know from NE that it is going to be greatly advertised and the Ramblers Association, who are very hot on this, will make sure their rights are abided by. The other problem in our patch is extent of spreading room in particular the east side of the Beaulieu river where the path comes down Dock Lane and then about half way down it goes inland, goes through the fields and comes out on Exbury Road and then it follows the Exbury Road, so rules of coastal path are any land inside, between the path and the coast, unless it is a garden, which they accept, anything else becomes spreading room, which allows the public to walk in there. That is taking the concept of spreading room to the extreme. This act was originally formulated where they thought there might be a few yards or a short bit

of land between the coastal path and shore, not deemed to be like on the Exbury Road several miles inland and the Dock Lane community have taken legal advice. Told by our QC that the concept of spreading room has been abused and in his view what is known as 'an error in law' and could quite seriously be contested in the courts and there is a reasonable chance it will be. Other thing is, and the Chairman mentioned this, is the ferry. That is still a possibility and if you read the report it says NE have discussed this with the Beaulieu Estate and Exbury Estate and they say it is their preferred option, they would like a ferry. Beaulieu was reasonably happy, but it was Exbury who were not so happy. One thing we could do, we can give an indication of what we think would be a better route, so what we could say is that we would support the ferry option if viable and other option looked at, which Julian Lewis tried to get NE to take more seriously is to have a break in the trail. A break would not mean you cannot walk the trail, but if it is an alternative, not the official one, it does not have the spreading room. It is the spreading room that is causing the problem. Said he was trying to look at the definitive path in Dock Lane, said I am aware on HCC map, the footpath that runs across Factory Field is only one, there is another one that goes in through Dock Lane. Cllr. Steele agreed. Cllr. Norris said it occurred to me looking at the proposed route the two points of crossing the road, the B3054 are dangerous because there are two blind corners. Said would it not be better and solve the Factory Field problem for the PC to suggest that people proceed further up the B3054 and cross into Dock Lane. Cllr. Steele says this is what my objection says and this is the Sailing Cubs objection. We can say this because we own land, that this path is affecting. We could as a PC say on safety reasons. Cllr. Norris said as locals if you go to Church on Sunday you know you are going to meet your maker on the corner, so you know to run across. It is dangerous and for strangers walking along and not concerned of traffic, they might step out onto the road and there will be an accident. Cllr. Steele said John Hackman is doing the objection for the Sailing Club, they have a lease on Factory Field, so they can do one and one of his main points is that it is a very dangerous crossing. Cllr. Norris said we would support that and Cllr. Steele said do we want to support the idea of a break in the trail and do away with the spreading room and the ferry? Cllr. Norris said I think yes, and asked councillors if they agreed. Cllr. Steele agreed. Cllr. Norris said we want people to come and enjoy themselves, but we are getting overrun anyway. Cllr. Steele said that is Cllr. Fairweather's point. Cllr. Norris asked Mr. Rolf to speak. Said he is a tenant at Park Farm, Park Shore, said he met with Mrs. Pearson and NE and walked the path. NE assured him they will not cross the top of our fields and no spread age eastwards from Park Lane down through, but Cllr. Fairweather supplied me with this booklet and $\frac{3}{4}$ of dairy platform is in the spreading room. Said I have 340 cows on our land. Cllr. Steele said this is what is so extraordinary, people will find themselves in fields with animals in. Mr. Rolf said it is $\frac{3}{4}$ of our dairy grazing platform here and they want the public there. Said they are allowed from 16th March to 31st August to wall freely all over that. Cllr. Steele said everything seaward becomes spreading room. It is ludicrous. Mr. Rolf said NE assure me if we give up this piece of land for them to walk across the top of the field, there would be no spread age down here, where 340

cows are. Cllr. Steele said how can they assure you that when the basic rule is any seaward land between path and coast is spreading room. Mr. Rolf said the worrying thing is, if people decide to have a picnic in this field, which they are entitled to, said all our cows comes in at 3pm to be milked, so someone could come along, jump over the fence have a picnic and think no cows in here, but an hour later there will be 340 cows in there and he said to me if anyone got hurt it is our responsibility, so how can we protect people? Cllr. Steele said as you are a tenant you can make a proper objection. Mr. Rolf said who to? Cllr. Steele said you make it directly to the Sec. of State. Cllr. Norris said we can give you a form and Cllr. Steele said she is happy to show you what you need to do to make an objection. Cllr. Fairweather said he will let Mr. Rolf have a form. Cllr. Steele said because you can object, your objection will go to the Sec. of State as an individual objector. Cllr. Norris said you are in a better position than we are, we can only make a representation. Cllr. Steele said the trouble with that is they go to NE who put them all together and try and get the main points out of it and give it to the Sec. of State, but an objection goes straight to the Sec of State. Asked if he has talked to Mrs. Pearson about it. Mr. Rolf said I think they are so focused on what they want to protect and Lord Montagu's response re Park Farm is about environmental issues and not mentioned the dairy herd. Cllr. Norris said you have to fight your quarter. Mr. Rolf said they are busy protecting what they want to protect and said contact the NFU and object. Cllr. Norris said you have your own right to object. Cllr. Steele said you are in a very strong position and said she would be delighted to help with the form. Cllr. Norris said if you are in the CLA, go and talk to them, they must have had this problem across the country. Cllr. Fairweather said if a farmer in our parish is going to be significantly affected by the choice of route then I do not see why the PC cannot make representation on their behalf. Said it is about preserving a rural infrastructure of our parish, which I feel is a once in a life time game changer and whilst we are not land owners, if the land owner does not focus, then I think the PC have a responsibility. Cllr. Norris said you are probably right, we can put it in our representation. Cllr. Steele said we can do a representation section on spreading room and we will use two examples, yours on the foreshore as it is catching your dairy pastureland and it is totally unacceptable and is a danger to walkers and we will use the east side and on a general basis that the spreading room in the parish is far too extensive and maybe the law has been taken advantage of and abused. It is an error in law and our two main concerns are you Mr. Rolf and the east side of Dock Lane. All horse fields will be affected. Said the Beaulieu Estuary Group have been doing the negotiations about the break and the ferry, so have put out a document saying how we can object. Said how can you call the Exbury Road a coastal path. Cllr. Norris said this has to be in by 9th May, so asked Cllr. Steele if she was happy to liaise with everyone. Said she would draft it and circulate it, may have to get more details from Mr. Rolf. Cllr. Fairweather said he has concerns about safety opposite St. Leonards properties, as cars go in the ditch and people walking along there when they could go in an adjacent field. Cllr. Steele said we cannot cover everything, there are so many bad areas where they have not done the right thing in this patch, but cannot cover everything and need to focus ourselves a bit. Cllr.

Fairweather we will wait and read Cllr. Steele's representation and give our views.

1549. **DATA PROTECTION**

Cllr. Norris said all I need you to do is read the privacy notice on the PC website. I will issue you all one, please sign and return to the Clerk. One copy for yourself. It is giving permission to store your data. Said the only thing we have not got in place is that we are slightly different from the clubs and small employers in the fact that we being a public body, are required by law to have a Data Protection Officer and we have not got one. We cannot have a member of the council. Spoken to barrister at NFDC and he said we cannot, so try and find out what other parishes are doing and get someone to do it. If employing less than 50 people, you do not have to have a DPO but because we are a public body and terribly small we have to have one. Did phone Exbury PC and asked how they were getting on appointing a DPO and they said 'we are not doing it'. At the moment this is not audited so not going to come and audit us. Only trouble will occur if there is a breach of data and someone complains to the ICO, then we will get an inspection. Good it is not audited. Cllr. Fairweather said maybe we can appoint someone from EB PC and we do them.

1550. **HIGH SPEED BROADBAND**

Cllr. Norris said something that was mentioned at the Residents meeting, but never got spoken about again. At the very beginning when Lord Montagu said there might be some good news of broadband. Cllr. Norris said he has emailed Glen Peachy at HCC asking him about this and as yet no reply. This map is the proposal for broadband for Beaulieu village. North of Dock Lane there is going to be nothing. Cllr. Steele said Dock Lane have put their own private line in. Said I have not disheartened him, but Mr. Patel was saying because he is a high powered consultant he needs high speed broadband because he does consultations via skype etc and he certainly needs it, so given him Mr. Peachy contact details and said would you like to contact him, as the more pressure put on and the more they know about us the better. Out of courtesy thought I would show you this, which I got from Mrs. Pearson. I emailed her after the meeting and said 'what news?' This was from the IT dept. at Motor Museum. Cllr. Steele said how far out of the village does it come. Cllr. Norris said cabling coming from a cabinet. Cllr. Fairweather said he has cable going through his garden. Cllr. Norris said the scoping exercise is supposed to have finished end of last month. Deferred everything and I got told to come back in 6 months time and said they would let me know, but they did not. Will keep the pressure up, at least there is a plan afoot. Cllr. Steele said it is not even going into the church.

1551. **CORRESPONDENCE**

CPRE – Countryside Voice/Field Work/Hampshire Views

HMRC – Employees tax code

Forest Matters – Friends of the New Forest

Elan City – Radar speed signs

NPA – Poster – 'Please keep to main tracks'. Minerals and Waste Monitoring

Wickstead – Brochure

The Shed Man – Bus shelters

1552. CHEQUE SIGNING

BVHT - £36.00

HALC - £291.00 - Membership

Seconded: Cllr. Steele

1553. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Norris said they may have public liability and imagine they are getting lots of claims for pot holes. Cllr. Shanks said the question I raised, why is that not a possibility then? Just do that patch so it is not as dangerous as it is and come back in October and do the whole lot. Cllr. Fairweather said something that I raised, as it said one way parking in the High Street will be suspended. I ask where is everyone going to park. No consultation about that at all. Cllr. Norris said free parking is not going to make any difference as the car park is full. Will the Estate allow residents to park in Church Meadow or where are they going to go? Cllr. Steele said Church Meadow would be the only other place. Cllr. Grindrod said have the school objected. Cllr. Norris said the school do know as I spoke to them just out of courtesy. Cllr. Grindrod said how will the children get to school. Cllr. Norris said they are not starting until school opens. Start at 9.30am so children can get in and finish at 4pm. Cllr. Shanks said is there no possibility of parking in the playing field, even putting down some sort of ground guard, just temporary. Cllr. Fairweather said who would pay for it. Cllr. Steele said Church Meadow takes quite a few cars. Cllr. Norris said he will email on behalf of the PC and asked Cllr. Fairweather to follow up with an email and if the Montagu Arms get on board as well. Cllr. Norris said I think I will speak to other traders. Cllr. Norris said to get them all to email.

Cllr. Shanks said how disappointed I was after the Chairman and myself met Mrs. Pearson about the flooding on the Lyndhurst Road, that the southside of my house was flooded for 3 days, a car accident there, people having to wade through that were on bikes and the whole thing could have been fixed immediately by clearing the culvert. Said spoke to Claire in the Estate Office and she said Mr. Staggs went and felt it just needed a man with a shovel. It was cleared and immediately the water disappeared and this could have happened 3 days before and meant the accident would not have happened and people were having to turn around. All avoidable and after having spent time with Mrs. Pearson.

Cllr. Steele feels she should get on with the Twinning Garden. We know we have to do something and get it up to scratch in time for the French visit, end of May. Talking to Mark, I think the gravel needs roughing up, it is compacted and has weeds, get Bill Nicholas with digger to rough it up. Put new gravel down and I imagine that will spend the £500 that the Twinning Association as allocated. Asked if you want me to get someone to look at it? Agreed to get Will Humby to look and give a quote. Need to get plants also. Cllr. Norris said the French visit is around 1st June. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Steele.

Cllr. Grindrod mentioned that the public community field gate is constantly locked, can we get a key? Happy to keep the key. Said he will contact the school. Asked if we get notified re cycling events as could put on the website. Cllr. Norris said we should be consulted. Cllr. Grindrod said he would look on the NPA website. Cllr. Shanks said the Wiggle website has maps etc. Cllr. Grindrod to look and report back.

Cllr. Knight mentioned repairs needed to the highways that we report and does not get fixed. Cllr. Norris asked how he is finding the road by the cemetery, said barriers fallen off the road. Cllr. Blastock said that road has got worse. Cllr. Blastock said Cllr. Norris' comments about councillors going to

Quadrant meetings, said Cllr. Knight and myself are going to the Verderer's meeting, which finishes at 5pm, so will try and go the Quadrant meeting after that. Cllr. Norris said the reason he mentioned it was that the boss of the NP would be speaking, so should be very good.

Cllr. Norris said one thing I did not say in my Annual Assembly report is that I would like to thank you all for your support. Cllr. Fairweather said thank you Cllr. Norris for your Chairmanship and leadership.

Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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