

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 2016
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

Cllr. Norris was pleased to report that the Parish Council's Flag Officer has the Union Jack flying in the High Street to celebrate the Queens Birthday.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr. K. Thornber will join the meeting later

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. K. Thornber, Cllr. M. Harris, Mrs. R. Pearson, Cllr. E. Heron, Mr. C. Read, Mr. J. Beaumont, Mr. A. Mills, Mr. I. Thompson, Mr. C. Cooke-Hurle, Trevor – Choc Shop, Mrs. V. Roberts, Mr. R. Gaynor, Mrs. A. Marcer, Ms. P. Lemoine, Mrs. C. Hills, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1225. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Grindrod Seconded: Cllr. Steele

1226. **MATTERS ARISING**

1219. Cllr. Steele said the floatation aid has not been put up yet. Mrs. Pearson said it will be done soon.

1210. Cllr. Norris said he was delighted the authority had promptly put up Exit and One Way signs in the car park, as the signs were inadequate and it was dangerous. Cllr. Heron said unable to put markings on the surface as it is a heritage site.

1183. Cllr. Norris said regarding the lights in the car park, he has forwarded an email from Cllr. Thornber to Mr. Cooke-Hurle, saying it was difficult to change the colour of the light to yellow as they are contracted and it has been dimmed to 35% below normal and 65% below normal at midnight. Felt this is the best we can do at the moment.

1227. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1228. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllr. Norris said he would invite businesses/residents to take part in discussions under Item 9 of agenda.

Mr. Beaumont said thanks to the PC and Cllr. Thornber for their services to the community on this day when the Queen services us so brilliantly.

1229. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present.

1230. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber arriving late.

1231. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris reported that he received a report from Harry Oram regarding over the next 20 years the total decline in forestry. Said sawmills will be closing and is

very concerned. Cllr. Harris said he has written to Julian Lewis who has written to the advisor on the coastal path re parking. Said other parishes are also concerned. Reported all well at NFDC and new management team in place and ready to deal with challenges ahead. Said funding is under pressure. Mentioned referendum on 23rd June and said read the book by MEP 'Why Vote Leave'. Introduced Edward Heron, Deputy Leader and portfolio holder for Transportation Planning and Colin Read, Deputy Chief Executive and Operations Executive Head, who have come to listen to our car parking discussion.

Cllr. Norris said there are two items regarding car parking in the village

- 1) current congestion – this is ongoing.
- 2) Perceived problems – the attraction of the English coastal path.

There appears to be no policy from anyone re: car parking. Cllr. Norris said he would welcome business owners and the community to speak. Said the number of people who have turned up tonight reflects the genuine concern in our community. Asked Cllr. Steele to give a report, as to how the PC see the problem and then will ask business owners/residents to endorse or enhance what she has said, which will give us a full picture. Cllr. Steele said most of us who live here know the parking issues, particularly the High Street, as that is at crisis point. As a result, Beaulieu as a well known tourist village, is losing trade and traders are having serious financial problems, because potential customers cannot stop and park. Fairweathers are suffering, due to non customer parking and also parents collecting their children from school. The PC has become increasingly concerned and last winter decided to do a survey to get a feeling of the problem. What we found was quite interesting. Potentially in the High Street there are 52 car parking slots and that is counted past the entrance of The Lodge, but not too near the bypass to be unsafe. On average on week days there are 44 traders and residents and some school overflow in the High Street so only 8 free spaces available and falls to 6 at weekends, so you can see the situation is incredibly tight. Interesting thing was the heaviest users are the traders themselves and it is quite understandable that should be the case, as it is free and you pay in the car park. Think situation has been made worse by the fact that businesses have been encouraged to flourish and yet the Estate has not always provided the parking for employees. Also High Street heavily used by walkers who park and walk to Bucklers Hard. If park at Bucklers Hard there is a charge, whereas free in the High Street, so leave there cars there all day, so there is little movement during the day, leaving very few opportunities for people coming to the village to stop and call into shops. Situation in the car park is also very tight and also now increasingly full. There are 52 spaces and 3 disabled. The boat designers in an effort to alleviate pressure of parking in the High Street have issued their staff with parking clocks (25), which is roughly half the car parking, not always there together. Local walking groups are increasingly using the car park for meeting place, so 10/12/15 cars coming for an extended time. Car park too small. People feel the problem should be dealt with in a two prong fashion. We definitely need some dedicated off street parking for traders and residents and also need some sort of movement in the High Street. Would like to have some limited waiting space in the centre of High Street, 1 or 2 slots that would enable

people to come and do some shopping. Have spoken to the Estate about some off street parking and they are thinking about this. We really need help from NFDC as to what we can do and what is feasible. Must be other forest villages where there is a problem. We need to find some way forward or will have a pretty village with no shops. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Steele. Cllr. Norris said himself, Cllr. Thornber and Cllr. Fairweather attended a meeting with Lord Montagu and highlighted the problems, so knows he is aware. As indicated may try and do something for us. I asked him for 50 car parking spaces. Would that be enough? Asked members of the public to speak. Ann from Newsagents said students from Sparsholt college park in the car park and get a coach and cyclists leave cars. Said had business now for two years and worked there for 10 years and is 1/3rd down on business and unless we get some restricted parking on High Street she will have to close. Cllr. Norris said you are not alone in feeling like that. Cllr. Steele asked Ann 'do you think limited waiting would help you?'. Ann said yes, but we do need to get traders out of the High Street parking. Said NF Activities have 10 cars first thing in the morning and 6 go off, rest stay, where else can they go? Ian from the Tea Rooms said he has been there for 26 years, parking has got worse and worse over last 2/3 years, said seems the car park has got smaller and smaller, when redesigned lost a lot of spaces and as businesses come and grow the car park gets fuller. By 8.30/9am the car park is half full. Need to get traders off the High Street. Before any restrictions on High Street we need to find somewhere for them to go. Vicky from Art Gallery for 30 years and has noticed pressure in parking has increased, particularly this year. Arrive at 9.30am and car park is half full. Cllr. Steele said it must reflect the yacht staff having parking clocks. Cllr. Norris said what we have to be careful of is not moving the problem to another area. Notice certain car parks in NF where you cannot use the parking clocks. Perhaps we could have it that 24hr clocks are not used in this car park. Mr. Beaumont said the answer is staring us in the face, Lord Montagu needs to be told we will have a dead village unless he allows parking in Haywards Meadow. It would take all the traders and residents. Ann said that Lord Montagu said that whatever we put forward he will back all the way. Cllr. Norris said at the meeting that Lord Montagu was very friendly, very warm and he said to ask for what I wanted and will probably be told no. Asked about Church Meadow and he said no. Suggest Fire Station Lane and Haywards Meadow. He is minded to think about it. Mrs. Pearson said she has been told to look at Haywards Meadow, said it is not as straight forward as just putting gravel in it. It has a stream running through the middle of it. Said he has asked me to look to see what is feasible and could be done. A restricted area only for traders and residents, not public. Said he is mindful we have a very pretty village and trying to keep this and this is reason slightly reluctant with Haywards Meadow, as it is the first thing you see as you come in, a nice green meadow, not tarmac. He is supportive of traders and always trying to maintain look of the village. Mrs. Pearson said it is very easy to point finger and say the Estate should sort it out. Cllr. Norris said we are not pointing the finger at the Estate, said it is a community exercise. Said if the car park was relaid out there would be about 10 more spaces, by taking down pieces of hedgerow, looking at Housing Association car park. There are extra spaces

that are very easy to get and there would be a return as the authority can charge for the spaces. Takes on board there have been additional businesses, but there is a plus side as in winter they are still spending in the shops. Did look at Cllr. Norris' suggestion for Fire Station Lane, but then the school would be unable to host football matches, so put that to one side. Cllr. Norris said he fully understands and Simon says it would clog up the lane even more. Wondered if it would be walkers that use it or the yacht designers car park. Cllr. Norris said he visited the site and they have just marked out an activity track and it is right up to the fence, so accept that. Cllr. Shanks says Haywards Meadow is very low, so feels with good landscaping it would not be seen and would blend in. Mrs. Pearson said Lord Montagu has asked us to look at it. Christine Hills thought the Estate at some stage were looking for planning permission for Haywards Meadow. Cllr. Norris said that is none of our business. Christine Hills asked if that is one of the reasons and Mrs. Pearson replied 'no'. Cllr. Gibbs said there is parking spaces behind the cottages in Fire Station Lane, which does not seem to be used that often. Mrs. Pearson said it was for residents. Cllr. Gibbs says 2/3 cars are parked there, asked where other cars are parking? Is it the High Street? Can we encourage them to use it? Cllr. Gibbs said the second question is about time scales, we have been talking about the car park, extending space for the last 10 years and no one has done anything. Is there a reason for that? It would give us at least 10 spaces. Cllr. Heron said unless we have enough car parking so everyone could use it, then getting 10 extra spaces may not solve the problem. Said if you have street parking regulations, put restraint on how long someone can stay there, but if you push people out of one area with restrictions, then they will park all over the place. If you start parking restrictions, then pretty much all of Beaulieu will have to have it further out and further out. Said traffic regulations management current year program is unlikely to take it. 2016/17 committed and 2017/18 the county council funding is purely safety regulated. Said they can certainly look at the current layout of the car park and see if we can get any extra spaces, as always in our interest, but would be surprised if get anymore as quite good at cramming them in. One thing that is fairly simple to do, as understand the entire car park is long stay, should we look at introducing short stay spaces. They can stay for 3 hours, half could be short stay. After 3 hours you will get a ticket. That is fairly easy to do. Suggest we get a small working party up very quickly. Suggest representatives from traders, parish council and Estate. Look at how many spaces we can get and how to move forward. Cllr. Norris said in respect to Cllr. Thornber, he has been working with us and had a meeting to start the ball rolling. Cllr. Norris asked Ann how she felt, she said still need to get traders off the High Street. Said everyone had a disappointing Easter, said people are not turning up for hair appointments and village hall is losing bookings. Cllr. Norris said fuel deliveries are being a problem in High Street. If you give your address as Beaulieu High Street they are very reluctant to come and talking about using smaller tanker and charging a premium to deliver. Said he is amazed by the number of cars per house and what goes on in the High Street at 6.30am. This village was designed when we had horses for transport. Cllr. Steele asked about limited waiting, knows it will take a long time, but asked in your experience, is it

a useful thing to do and does it work and in the long term is it worth pursuing. Said we need for people to be able to stop outside the shops, buy something and leave. Cllr. Heron said if it is unsafe they will sort the problem, so under the current traffic management scheme for next year, we could not do it even if I thought it is a marvelous idea. Cllr. Gibbs said 'so someone has to die?' Replied they are only looking at casualty reduction. Said enforcement is a big issue, said there will always be people who ignore it and enforcing it is difficult, but 80/90% of people will take note. Said having limited amounts of it works, say 10 spaces where people cannot stay very long, then yes it works. Cllr. Norris said at Easter the village was rammed, cars parked on forest verges near Bucklers Hard turning. Cllr. Heron said our infrastructure was not designed for this. Said sort out working party and there are some things that can be done to alleviate the problem, but not fix. Some things can be done if you get the funding and there are things we can do to make the problem significantly better. Mr. Beaumont said outside the post office there are white lines where you are not meant to park, if we had some white lines outside the papershop, from chocolate shop to Whitehall, no parking except loading/unloading, then people could get their newspapers. Cllr. Heron said we would need a traffic regulation order. Cllr. Norris said he will ask Mr. Cooke-Hurle to speak as he does not have a business and is a long standing resident. Said he has lived here 25 years and does not have a problem personally, but that doesn't say the village doesn't have a significant problem. Said what we are hearing is changing things on a radical basis, thought the first step would be to get traders not to park on the High Street and park in Haywards Meadow. Leaves an issue still, putting 10 new spaces in the car park is great, but paying there and High Street is free. Look beyond the current restraints of funding etc. I see the scenario of traders having good parking facilities, say Haywards Meadow and then in High Street if you introduce parking restrictions, suggest 2 hour restrictions and then residents who are less than 40% of the problem are given 1 free residents parking permit and if want more then pay for it. Residents need to be part of the solution, but we do need to park outside our houses, that would free up about 30 spaces for people who could only park here for 2 hours. Cllr. Norris said in Winchester that works well. Cllr. Heron said we will go through the details with the working party. Mr. Read said whatever we do has to be a co-ordinated approach, said short term parking in the car park people pay £20 per hour, so a lot of residents buy and can use elsewhere. Working party need to look at what is working well across the district. Cllr. Norris said that is why we were pleased you came tonight, and you have a good overview. We wanted to present you with our cause and what our problems are, then you and Cllr. Thornber suggested we develop the group and start working on solutions. Ann asked how long this will take. Cllr. Heron said he wants the working party formed quickly and some things can be done comparatively quickly i.e looking to see if we can get more spaces in the car park, put short stay in which will be fairly quick. Working party could report back at next meeting. Cllr. Norris said through Cllr. Thornber we will get an interested party together, but conscious that these people are worried and needs sorting. Cllr. Norris thanked everyone and closed this part of the meeting.

1232. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Cllr. Thornber reported they need to save £98m this year, the environmental dept £14.3m on £103m budget. Environment dept consulted through the county on a series of options to tell us where savings can be made. 60% took the view that traffic management measure should take a reduction. Traffic management in the county is £1.2m and it is as a function to receive a £48m cut, £1.2m become £668,000 as a consequence. The new exec member will make a decision on traffic management in May, a moratorium is recommended on all traffic management measures other than those which are casualty related. When saw report, wrote to Head of Environment and said in the case of the NF, there are human casualties and animal casualties, and glad to say looks as though animal casualties will be included in the NF. That said unless there are casualties, we are going to become reactive and not proactive. This will mean speed limits, road narrowing, chicanes, bumps, zebra crossings, HGV bans and anything which is to calm traffic, will not unless casualty lead be what we can implement and in 39 years this is one of the saddest moments in reporting to my PC's. Councils want to do what is best and come up with suggestions. In the past we have been able to try to meet demands, the moratorium until 2017/18, we have a year of transition. Hopeful since we started dialogue about parking in Beaulieu village, that I can argue that it is in the pipeline and get around it that way. In terms of other matters to report, and it is a neighbouring village – broadband in East Boldre is becoming a terrible problem. Recently at the PC meeting I was told the Waterside Practice were withdrawing from EB their weekly surgery in the village hall, It was because they could not get broadband speeds and access they needed for their medical records. Taken the matter up with the Director of Public Health, and she has established that it is not broadband and lack of speeds, it is the practice has not gone through due process. Due process means they can take steps to consult all the population and she has directed they will all go through that process, in the meantime the once a week visit from a doctor will continue. Said West Hants clinical commission will agree we cannot leave people in EB, who do not have cars, no bus service, expensive taxis, can not leave them isolated.

Devolution – funding, the chancellor wishes to announce in this budget that Hants/IOW would be the first devolved area, the south to balance those devolved areas in the north. The condition that was placed that to gain some funds the devolved administration had to have an elected mayor and this has not gone down well in some parts of the country. It introduces another tier, elected mayors have wide scale powers including the work of our environment dept and taking over the planning of road and road traffic measures. To our amazement Solent approached through 'the partnership' for Hants, had said they would not tolerate a mayor, went to government and said we will. Now have 8 councils on the eastern side, S/E, who are making considerable head way with the treasury and that leaves Basingstoke, Aldershot, Test Valley and Winchester out on a limb. At the moment those councils are saying, how do we protect the assets which rightly belong to us in the west from the depilation's of an elected mayor who has certain powers. Seems to me we may well find that Hants divided

into two unities, one the east and one the west. In addition to this the leader is with him on the NF, saying I do not want to be part of a western union, we belong to Christchurch and Hants, pre 1974. We have been offered £30m for the whole of Hants. A county like Somerset, less than half our population is getting £30m, £24m of it has to be on capital, so we are not being assessed in terms of our size. A lot going on in the background. The whole concept of devolution has been rather scuppered by the treasury stepping in.

Forced academisation of 450 primary schools being turned into academies will take place by 2020 announced by the chancellor. These academies will not have parent governors on boards, they will have a whole host of independent people and organization that can take over. CC will retain only the planning of school places and the building of them and we cannot force these academies to take children within their areas totally free. Number of other things that will happen – government take the view that local education authorities are not fit to run our schools and Hants with 540 primary/secondary's has a better education record than most in the country. We are fighting hard and the PM turned down the views of local education authorities yesterday in PM question time. The CC have got to form a business unit – a PLC which is all of our education dept, or look to become a Multiple Academy Trust, so the field of education has been thrown up in the air. There is not a great deal of evidence that academies produce better results and that is going to be our argument. So you could have your school here, is suddenly told that you must not depend on the MEA, you must become an academy and form up with whoever approaches you to become an academy. The thinking is flawed, but that is the situation. Cllr. Norris asked will they go into cluster groups. Cllr. Thornber replied yes and rural schools in particular do not have the critical mass. We have 400 of their primary's and help to improve and give HR, legal and financial advice to and say to them 'we will give you an LEA under a different name. Said our 540 schools will be taken away by government and given 125 year lease – that's nationalisation. Cllr. Gibbs said this has been something that has been muffed for some time. Cllr. Thornber agreed, but said they are largely the secondary sector, not primary. Said out of 18,000 primary schools, 740 had become academies. Mr. Gaynor said if the policy is still under debate, will it happen yet. Cllr. Thornber said there are few exceptions from reading the critique by House of Commons library, quite clear that government wants this by 2020. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Thornber for getting the signs done in the car park so quickly, making Beaulieu a safer place. Ask Cllr. Thornber if he will come back to us when he wants the working party to meet.

1233. **PLANNING**

16/00180

The Old Electric Light Station

Permission for permanent siting of 'green' roofed timber eco studio for us as office accommodation.

Cllr. Steele said this application has already been passed. Cllrs. all agreed

1234. **DECISIONS**

CONS/16/0208

Carpenters Cottage, Dock Lane

Raise no objections

1235. **CCTV**

Cllr. Fairweather reported that finally had response from Steve Avery and he seems to have relaxed on this and will square it with the conservation officer, so hopefully no problem with the listed building application. Asked if it required full listed building application, said there are no exemptions, no detailed plans needed. Said he has the forms and will do on a basic level and get planning officer to look before we send. Cllr. Norris said it looks like we will get what we asked for. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Fairweather for his hard work.

1236. **NEW FOREST ENCLOSURERS**

Cllr. Knight reported on the meeting and said they went through every enclosure in the forest piece by piece. Said they intend over next 20 years to remove all coniferous/soft wood and open up the forest and allow woodland grazing. Said the verderers enclosurers set up after second world war, that they wanted an influx of timber, so verderers gave the FC permission to plant some enclosures', only one crop and they can not replant. They are Dibden, Fawley, Marchwood, Ipley, Longdown, Burk Hill, Mark Way, Matty and a few others. Said Mark Way already gone and going into Dibden now to clear. Did plant several hard woods in enclosurers, mainly beech and going to leave the odd beech here and there. All pine going and not allowed to replant. Did replant a bit in Fawley which was burnt. Cllr. Norris asked why Harry Oram was so upset about it. Cllr. Knight said Harry was a forester with the FC, his whole life and his main concern is there is going to be no income, they will not have any conifer timber to produce, where is the income going to come from? Said this was John Stride's, the planner, his vision on how the forest will look in 20 years. Cllr. Gibbs said is it really by taking all the conifer out, is that really going to kill all the sawmills, as not many anyway. Cllr. Knight said there are 3 or 4 sawmills in the forest, which use forest timber. Said there will still be hard wood that is left, but no soft wood. Cllr. Fairweather said if they open it up and have animals grazing in the enclosures' will there be enough animals to graze the verges etc. Cllr. Knight confirmed there would be. Said there were so many people at the meeting who have an interest, ie regarding butterflies, birds, plants, bats, the list is endless. Cllr. Norris said there is a website, so have a look at that. Cllr. Gibbs asked what the verderers view on this was. Cllr. Knight said only one verderer attended and he did not say anything. Mrs. Pearson said it is quite important to the forest, re sawmills and other businesses, i.e. fencers, who need soft wood from the FC. Said you need the soft wood eliminate to keep the industry going. Cllr. Knight said it does not affect our parish. Mrs. Pearson said it does, as if sawmills go, as 45% of our forest is softwood and if we have to add transport costs to get to sawmills this will affect us and a lot of people live and work in the parish who rely on that business, from sawmills, fencing people and wood suppliers generally. Said FC use contractors and those contractors are local people. Cllr. Gibbs said also businesses who deal with farm machinery will be affected. Cllr. Knight said the forest will just become a glorified playground. Mr. Mills asked why? Mrs. Pearson said there is more conservation interest in hard wood, as opposed to soft wood. Cllr. Knight said it is a consultation. Cllr. Norris said if so, then we need to voice our objection and said Harry has spoken to me and he is running free mini bus tour around the forest for anyone who wants to go. Said Harry is on

the NP Authority, also Brockenhurst PC Vice Chair and also Quadrant chair for NF East for NP. Has not lived in the forest long time, but with FC a long time. On the tour he will discuss his points of view, which would be good to go along. Cllr. Gibbs asked what is the next step for the PC. Cllr. Norris said we should all read Harry's document and everyone to visit the FC website and then come back as to how far you want to take it. Cllr. Norris said he would like to go on the tour and Cllr. Knight agreed. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Knight for attending the meeting.

1237. **THE QUEEN**

Cllr. Norris said the date of the celebrations is 11th 12th June. Said on Facebook he read a comment, like it's the queens birthday and no sign of any bunting in Beaulieu. Spoke to Lord Montagu and asked him if Beaulieu were doing anything for the celebration and he did not think there was and if we did something to let him know. So generally all pretty low key. I think what we should do is buy bunting of union jacks. Said to Lord Montagu if we buy it for the High Street, would the Estate put it up. He seemed to think that might be a solution. Cllr. Grindrod kindly offered to do a BBQ. Cllr. Gibbs thought the boat designers might do a BBQ. Cllr. Norris said at the moment we will do the bunting, unless anyone would like to form a sub committee and run something. All agreed to do bunting and send a telegram. Cllr. Shanks said as we have to replace the tree in the courtyard, could we replace and have a plaque on it. Agreed very good idea, all in favour.

1238. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Royal Oak, enforcement officer said the complainant is still not happy, but they are doing nothing illegal and have taken two of the flood lights down and trying to keep the peace.

General

The Pensions Regulator – Law on Work Place Pensions

Broxap – Brochure

Lloyds Bank, Statement 31st March 2016 - £15,193.53

CPRE – Hampshire News, Countryside Voice, Field Work

Zurich – Quote for insurance

HMRC – Budget Info

BDP – Annual Review of Accounts

NFNPA – Enforcement Control

1,2,3,4 Penerley Farm Cottages, Moonhills Farm, Ravensbeck Cottage, Rowes Lane, EB, The Stables, Otterwood - Agricultural occupancy condition monitoring
Bramble Cottage, Furzey Lane, Occupancy condition monitoring (commoners Dwelling)

1239. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Beaulieu Settled Estate - £670.27

Cllr. Norris said the Estate did a wonderful job on refurb of notice board, it looks like new and a credit to the parish. New notice boards are £1500 – £2000. Cllr. Gibbs said there use to be one at Furzey Lane, but has gone, are we going to replace it. Cllr. Norris said no, we have a website.

GIS Partnership - £50

Beaulieu Village Hall Trust - £36

Proposed: Cllr. Gibbs

Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather

1240. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Gibbs asked who is responsible for the dog bins. Cllr. Norris replied NFDC. Said the one in Fire Station Lane is broken and Baileys Hard one is overflowing. Clerk to report. Mrs. Pearson said they have reported them. Cllr. Steele said the gate to the courtyard garden is open. Mrs. Pearson said it is on their list. Cllr. Norris asked how the bench is coming on, Cllr. Knight said he will get this done soon.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Mrs. Pearson said before you close the meeting, can I ask for assistance, we have a Mr. Darcy who is complaining about water flowing down Harlicks Hill, which we believe is coming out of a manhole. Mr. Darcy is making an official complaint that the Estate are doing nothing. Cllr. Norris asked if he was a resident, apparently not, he just drives through. Cllr. Norris asked clerk to report to Highways.

Date of Next Meeting + AGM – Thursday 19th May 2016 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall. AGM will be at 6.30p.m. followed by Parish Meeting

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Apologies ; None

Matters Arising – None

Chairman's Report – Cllr. Norris said my report is on the website.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 19th 2017

Meeting Closed at 8.23pm