

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2016
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mr. A. Mills

IN ATTENDANCE

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

1319. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Shanks Seconded: Cllr. Steele

1320. **MATTERS ARISING**

1308. Cllr. Steele asked why do we have 24hr parking in the car park and not say 3hr parking. Said the only downside of 3hr parking would be the boat builders who have clocks and park in there all day. It would mean we get a proper turnover in the car park. We also have walking groups who stay all day and it also encourages overnight camping. Cllr. Norris said hopefully Cllr. Harris will respond when we get to Item 9 on the agenda.

1321. **CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

Cllr. Norris said he was pleased to say the casual vacancy is going to be filled by Sami Blastock and will reread the duties of a councillor. Said you will sign the Declaration of Acceptance and then you can act as a councillor and sign an Agreement to abide by the Code of Conduct accepted by our council. Also you have to declare your interests.

1322. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1323. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

1324. **POLICE LIAISON**

Cllr. Norris said it was really nice to see PC Eastwood at our meeting. He reported that Beaulieu area has been very quiet. Had a few issues in Brockenhurst, but its that time of year for burglaries. New Milton, Barton on Sea and Lymington are being hammered by crime, but concern is that these areas are being heavily policed, and worried that the high visibility of police will encourage the criminals to go elsewhere, so reminds everyone to lock doors, leave lights on, alarms on and be vigilant. Apart from that been very lucky, PC Eastwood said time clocks are a deterrent and do work. Said in the first week of December last year, Pennington had 23 incidents involving properties and break-ins, this year there were 41, so almost doubled.

1325. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber not present.

1326. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Norris said no councilors attended the meeting on Proposed Local

Government Changes. Cllr. Harris said the Autumn Statement made no reference to evolution and powers and feels this has slipped right down the agenda.

Mentioned traffic and that NFDC sometimes undertake work for HCC, but worried about budgets, but agreement has been renewed, but funding reduced. Said HCC are only dealing with issues where there has been a fatality. Spoke about "Great British Spring Clean", is a campaign like "Keep Britain Tidy" that aims to give the country a tidy up over the weekend of 3 to 5 March 2017. Getting volunteers together in your area to litter pick. Mentioned the Visitor Centre in Lyndhurst, said the museum itself is not closing, the NFDC over the next 4 years are withdrawing the funding for staff who tell visitors where to stay, places to visit etc. The tourist point is closing because of reduced funding. Said the NP are withdrawing their mobile info units (bicycles). Mentioned local Volunteer awards, said these have always been low key, but this year the Chairman wanted something bigger. This year they were given certificates and a celebration. Some of them are amazing with what they have been doing for years to be recognized. So if there is anyone in your community you would like to nominate, please let me know, we want to make this an annual high profile event. Mentioned parking and said he will chase Colin Reed, and said has a similar problem in Brockenhurst, but said it does take an awful long time to make changes. Cllr. Steele asked about the public consultation, Cllr. Harris said notices will go up, an advert in the paper, that takes approx 8 weeks. Said there were lots of procedures involved. Cllr. Steele wondered about changing the whole car park to 3hr stay. Said it would make sense and advertise it as such and encourage people to use the museum car park, where they can stay all day. Cllr. Norris said we have asked for a larger sign in the car park. Cllr. Fairweather said if the Estate's new proposed car park does not accommodate residents and traders who currently park in there, then we have shot ourselves in the foot, as they will go to the High Street. Cllr. Grindrod said they could use part of the community field for residents and RDW and they could pay the Estate rather than NFDC. Cllr. Norris said he thinks if that happened we would have to reverse it. Cllr. Fairweather said he does not think 20 spaces goes far enough. Cllr. Steele said couldn't we find somewhere separate for RWD, somewhere at the back of the Montagu Arms, as they are clearly a big bulk (25 spaces) that have to be accommodated and are taking up half the car park, so if they could be found somewhere else then that would really help. Said the limited waiting spots in the High Street are working and it is now possible to come into the village and park and use the paper shop etc. Said if we have new car park at top of High Street then we will be making progress. Cllr. Norris said we haven't had a meeting of the car parking committee, as really waiting. Said Lord Montagu mentioned the proposed car park at the Estate Dinner, so obviously very much on his agenda and going to do this. Cllr. Steele felt we are waiting on planning application, Cllr. Norris felt an application has not yet been put in. Maybe need to ask Mrs. Pearson to make sure it is rolling on. Cllr. Norris said the trouble is, it is displacement parking. Cllr. Shanks said she thought this was discussed months ago and it was

months ago that we asked for some short stay places in the car park and felt Cllr. Thornber said it would go ahead and see if he could sort, so if that had been done then this period between now and then, it could have been sorted. Said she feels we are right back at square one again. Cllr. Harris apologized and said Cllr. Thorner has been suffering from ill health, so has had to take up some issues, but unfortunately we have lost some time. It is unfortunate but now talking to people who will be able to do something and so trying to move things forward.

1327. PLANNING

No planning applications.

Decisions

16/00759LBC and 16/00758 – 1 Northern Cottages

Erection of glass roof veranda – Refused

16/00824 – Boundary House, Furzey Lane

Replacement Garage – Granted

16/00897 – Saltmead, Thorns Beach

Alterations to pedestrian and vehicular entrance areas.

Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Fairweather for site visit but said this application has now been withdrawn.

16/00838 – Manor House

Replacement Windows – Granted

16/00857 and 16/00906 - Hill Top House

Single storey extension and demolition of existing garage - Withdrawn

Cllr. Norris thinks they were badly advised, they did not take advice from NP and the architect comes from way out of NP area, and not aware it is different here. It was a rather imaginative glass box on the side of house, but bigger than originally agreed and shock of new on Grade 2 Listed Building, was too much for conservation officer.

16/00926 – Hazel Copse

Temporary change of use of piggery to shower block

Cllr. Norris said it was attracting lots of attention on NP website and thinks it is going to Committee. There are probably 26 letters of objection. Said conservation officer feels there is not a problem. We did ask if there would be any enforcement from NP and their response was they would probably be putting a few conditions on, so not be a need for enforcement, but would flag this up on their computers at end of year to remind themselves that permission was finished for the 60 days. Could all change at Committee next month and could be further developments, but quite an aggressive campaign to stop it. Cllr. Knight asked if objections were mainly from Furzey Lane residents, Cllr. Norris said yes, but also the Dolbears who have put photographic evidence up. We said we would support it, but will accept the decision of the NP.

1329. CCTV

Cllr. Fairweather said he has submitted our third attempt and has asked if they will invite me to go through it with them if it is not acceptable this time, but not heard back, but has done all the relevant documents, heritage

statement, initial plan and listed building statement, so hopes will proceed. Cllr. Norris said you can only do what you have done and will wait for them to come back.

1330. **HIGH SPEED BROADBAND**

Cllr. Norris said as you are aware Beaulieu Cabinet 1 is on BT work stack and BH is live. Getting 38 megabits speed

1331. **DEPLOYMENT OF SID/SLR IN THE PARISH**

Cllr. Norris said we managed to get a grant from CGT. We said we would use it for traffic calming in the parish. Said if you would like to proceed, we can hire a SID/SLR or SDR from NFDC. It is quite expensive, but it might help resolve problems in Palace Lane with traffic leaving the village, where there does seem to be concern of speed and we know from last reading that the percentile is way over, most people doing over 40mph in 30mph limit. Have had complaints from residents in that area. Need to know when 30mph sign will be moved. Cllr. Norris said if councilors are in agreement we will put SID or SLR in Palace Lane early January, then we are seen to be doing something and then when have figures we can go back to the police administrator of the speed van and ask for a placement in Palace Lane. Told we have had 2/3 animal fatalities, so it is a black spot area. Cllr. Shanks said would it not be better to pay for the van. Cllr. Norris said the Verderers have a funding arrangement, but don't think it is available for PC's to hire. Funded partly by the Verderers and HCC. Cllr. Shanks said would they be swayed as we have so many animal deaths. Cllr. Norris said he could talk to Sue Westwood. Debated where they would site the van. Cllr. Norris said even if the van does not have a camera, it would be a deterrent. Cllr. Shanks said it only takes a couple of people from the village to say they have been caught and that goes round like wild fire. Cllr. Norris said if we get in touch with NFDC and do a hire for a week, would you be in agreement? All agreed. Daily rate approx £68 + £30 battery for a SID. Said SID's record speeds. Got readings for last one and said the police really should be responding as majority are doing over 40mph. Said he will proceed and report back. Cllr. Harris said Exbury were having similar conversation, should you talk to them? Cllr. Norris said although we are adjacent, we have Denny Lodge between us. Cllr. Harris will talk to Denny Lodge.

1332. **VILLAGE MARQUEE**

Cllr. Fairweather said he had a conversation with Cllr. Gibbs when they were taking the marquee down from the car park at Fairweathers after Victorian evening, and used at fete and other village events. Said it is evident that it is getting quite old and getting harder to put up and even harder to take down with parts getting caught and quite a lot of bits missing. Suggested to Cllr. Norris that the PC should front a fund raising to replace it before it cannot be used or someone gets hurt. Quite a few of the fixtures are not safe. Looked on internet costs approx £2,500. Cllr. Grindrod said is it not worth hiring one for events, then no hassle of storage etc. Cllr. Norris said that is a possibility and the CGT have put money aside so fund started, but wondered why PC are involved. Cllr. Fairweather said it was Cllr. Gibbs suggestion. Cllr. Steele said the PC could make a grant towards it, but does not think we should take responsibility

for it. Cllr. Norris said we have made Peter Melhuish aware of our thoughts. Cllr. Fairweather said when he asked Ian McGrigor if we could use it he said it was something like £80, so what funds has he got? Cllr. Norris asked if you paid it, he replied no, it was a village event and not paying. Wonder where money is held? Cllr. Norris said he has asked Lord Montagu to find some storage, because other things are going to happen, like chairs from here being removed and a parishioner looks after the fete tables, but will not be doing this forever. Said some people look at the PC to take the lead on these things and it is a community asset. Please think about it and we will put on the agenda again. Will ask Peter Melhuish to come to meeting and talk to us and anyone else who is interested. Cllr. Fairweather thinks Cllr. Grindrod's point is valid and Cllr. Norris asked him to contact Buchanan marquees for a price.

1333. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr. Norris mentioned Widgety, but feels this is really for individual traders to engage with, not PC.

Email regarding phosphate levels in the Beaulieu River. Said a dishwasher tablet is 1/3rd phosphate. Asked Cllr. Grindrod to put on website. Cllr. Steele asked if the drain repair in the village has done the trick. Cllr. Norris thought so.

Lloyds Bank, Balance £16,899.66 – 30th November 2016

NF Disability – letter of thanks for grant. Cllr. Norris said Jelly Tots were delighted with their grant, but too busy to write.

CPRE – Magazine – “Countryside Voice”, Field Work

Hants and Dorset Gardening Services

NFNPA – NF Volunteer Fair

1334. **CHEQUES**

BVHT - £36.00

Proposed: Cllr. Knight

Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

Cllr. Norris mentioned the Christmas event in the village hall and said the hall does not have a premise license, and the organisers suddenly found themselves without a license. Feels we should ask the Licensing Officer to come and talk to us and invite village organization to attend. Said he might email Steve Green.

1335. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Blastock said with the possibility of the new car park, she did hear it mentioned about the lighting, they felt the lighting was inadequate in the village hall car park. Cllr. Norris said it is normally the other way round. They wanted to know when new one is built will there be adequate lighting. Cllr. Norris said we do not know.

Cllr. Shanks asked if maybe Cllr. Grindrod could put a banner up on the website about crime, not just as a news item.

Cllr. Grindrod said he would still like some sort of speed device in the High Street. Cllr. Norris said it was on the list with the Bypass. Also mentioned drugs in the village. Said he had heard there was a dealer coming to the village. Told PC Eastwood, but cannot do anything, as they have to be seen to be dealing.

Meeting closed at 7.40p.m. Cllr. Norris wished everyone a happy Christmas.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 19th January 2017 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.