

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2017
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Mrs. R. Pearson, PC Eastwood, Mr. A. Mills

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. M. Harris, Mr. J. Beaumont, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1352. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod

1353. **MATTERS ARISING**

1351. Should read: water running off fields is still causing flooding outside Shepherds Mead. Cllr. Norris said update for your diaries – meeting with the Licensing Authority, this has been taken up by Brett Johnson and there is to be a meeting with Patrick Curran, Licensing Officer on Tuesday 14th March at 11am in the Hartford Rooms, John Montagu Building to explain the licensing regulations.

1354. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Steele asked how do we stand if it is a matter of interest for the council, re planning application for CCTV.

1355. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beaumont had three questions to ask 1) When will Haywards Meadow car park be operational 2) Action of Coastal Access Path 3) Why was the speed machine recording vehicles going out of the village, not in. Cllr. Norris said 4,000 go up that hill every day, only 500 within the speed limit. We have had complaints from residents and damage to properties caused by lorries accelerating to get up the hill and that was why. Will talk about Haywards Meadow later and Coastal Access Path under Quadrant meeting. Mr. Beaumont said when Coastal path done there will be a mass of people looking for car park spaces. Said raised this with NF Association and do not think enough attention is being given to hazards this is going to cause. Cllr. Steele said we wrote to John Treswell at NP expressing our concerns re parking and talked at length and what we want is to encourage people to use Museum car park and it is free.

1356. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present, but sent report to say thefts from motor vehicles across the forest are on the up with one from Fairweathers Car Park. A reminder not to leave bags, wallets, purses and other valuables on display. Thieves do check boots! Will be leaving a sticker of 'No Valuables left in this vehicle' in newsagents which are free and act as a bit of a deterrent. Cllr. Shanks said can we put a banner on the website to flag this up.

1357. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber not present.

1357. NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Cllr. Harris not present yet. Cllr. Norris said he received an email from Cllr. Harris to say approximately 11 car parking bays in car park will shortly be changed to short stay. Asked about high speed broadband and if he could find out anything, because I now seem to be in the dark about it, but no response yet. Mr. Beaumont said he had seen Cllr. Thornber and he was hoping to attend meetings. Cllr. Norris said we had not seen him for some time.

1358. PLANNING

Cllr. Norris said the first application is not actually us, this is what I got planning permission for – Beaulieu Cabinet 1, in the parish of East Boldre. Seen various reports and either going to supply 400 or 200 homes depending which article you read. Where the sharks teeth are, managed to offer that to the Verderers for loss of grazing taken by cabinet. Said it will happen next month. Said felt it was going to serve us but now feels it will not. Cllr. Gibbs believes it would serve part of Beaulieu. Cllr. Norris feels they are thinking part of Beaulieu is top half of Furzey Lane and will not come down into the village. Told fibre optic cables would come out from telephone exchange for the village. Said if within 500m of telephone exchange you may well have a direct line to that telephone exchange, in which case you will not get high speed broad band because it goes out to cabinets and you are connected to the exchange. Said Sydney Jackson signed up for high speed broad band and they have 26/27 at least and Norley Wood are live and Portmore about 80, so it is beginning to happen, but wants to push Beaulieu to the forefront. Contacted Cllr. Harris as knew he was trying to do something with NFDC as regards roll out. Cllr. Gibbs asked if you would like me to get involved again and Cllr. Norris said yes please. Cllr. Gibbs said he would speak to his colleagues. Cllr. Norris said that would be wonderful. Cllr. Steele said residents in Dock Lane are clubbing together and getting high speed broadband, but not sure where from. Cllr. Gibbs said from cabinet at top of Dock Lane. Said everything in place and ready to go. We were consulted about this as right on our parish boundary.

Cllr. Norris said the glass canopy at Northern Cottages has gone to appeal. It is on-line and will be notified by Inspector on line. No comments expected. Palace Cottage Annex – 16/00993 and 16/00992LBC – Single storey extension Reinstatement of previous structure. All councilors support and grant permission, but will accept the decision reached by the NPA's officers.

Montagu Arms – 17/00035 – BPC put in retrospective application for CCTV camera. The Conservation Officer said the camera is causing harm to a listed building and should be removed unless there is an outstanding reason why it should be there. Suggests maybe camera be tucked under the eaves or find alternative sites. Have looked at all possible sites and the Estate and BPC feel the Montagu Arms is best suited. Need to respond by the 20th. Cllr. Norris said all the work has been done by Cllr. Fairweather, so needs to talk to him. Said we support this application and go to committee. Cllr. Shanks said if they suggested putting the camera under the eaves should we not look at this. Cllr. Gibbs said the eaves are still listed building. Conservation officer wants alternative sites not

listed building. Cllr. Norris said he does not know anywhere nearby that is not listed. Cllr. Gibbs feels we have a very good reason, we have had a murder in the village and accidents in the High Street, cameras would have caught the number plates. Cllr. Norris said we might have to withdraw the application as time is short. Will talk to Cllr. Fairweather.

1359. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris said apologies for lateness, delayed at a meeting. Said the short stay parking bays for the car park have been signed off and will proceed shortly. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Harris and said he had passed the email on to councilors and car parking committee. Said lots happening at NFDC, budgets for the year and will not know final figure from government until Wednesday. Lots happening with merging with other authorities. Joint working with others to save money etc. On Monday went to special cabinet meeting to talk about Asset Investment Strategy, finding ways of using assets to generate income for authority. Said NFDC are now looking at things in a far more business like way, have to be more commercial in our outlook. Assets = property, council owned or to be owned and used to balance the books. Cllr. Norris said at the last meeting you mentioned Colin Read and that something might happen in the High Street, has anything come of this? Cllr. Harris says he has not managed to speak to Mr. Read yet, as he is an incredibly busy man, but will talk to him and report back. Cllr. Norris said if it was a matter of enforcement, I do not think it would be too difficult as warden who checks the car park walks down the High Street and goes in the Abbey Stores, so vehicles parking in restricted area could easily be checked on. Cllr. Norris said he has started to subscribe to NFDC glass collection reminder message. Said still uses the glass recycling facility at Hazel Copse, which I believe is going to be withdrawn. Said the bins there are often full to overflowing. Asked Cllr. Harris if he is sure they are doing the right thing in removing all these bins, as I think they are still needed. Cllr. Harris said there were 100 across the forest and being reduced to 20 and said there is a curb side collection for every home. Cllr. Gibbs says every house in the forest has the ability to have a glass collection, you just need to apply for it. Cllr. Norris feels it is a great pity, as you also have the camp site at Hazel Copse and visitors with glassware. Was talking to lady that does the bins and she said they are not very full at the moment due to time of year, but Beaulieu car park is busy. Cllr. Gibbs said maybe the Estate could offer a bin there. Cllr. Harris said please let him know any postcodes where they do not have bins and he will look into it. Said Embers should provide a glass bin as it is a business.

1360. **SLR DEPLOYMENT**

Cllr. Norris said we deployed the SLR for one week in January, hired from NFDC. It was not cheap and we received a print out. Our main objective was to try and slow vehicles coming out of village, who accelerate to get up the hill, and know $\frac{3}{4}$ of the traffic is exceeding the speed limit. Said a resident has asked if the whole of the B3054 running through Beaulieu and up through Hazel Copse be reduced to 20mph. Parishioner was going to contact Sue Westwood at Verderers for statics for animal deaths on that road. Something like 3 donkeys have died and fatalities at Hazel Copse and also told that

the Patels at Hilltop House when they initially moved in use to walk their children to the bus stop, but says it is now too dangerous. Seems to be a traffic issue developing in Palace Lane again. The 30mph sign has moved. Said we now need to ask for some sort of enforcement to make people aware that it has moved. Cllr. Shanks feels the 30 markings on the road are effective, and would be good if that could be done, as more people might notice this more than a sign. Cllr. Gibbs asked who do we think are the persistent speeders are, locals? Residents seem to think it is big lorries. Cllr. Norris said talking to someone outside our parish, they asked why do we let big lorries go through Beaulieu. Said two come over every morning from the IOW. Cllr. Knight said they bring rubbish over and go to Marchwood tip. Cllr. Gibbs said surprised it is lorries causing problems, understands they throw stones up but getting speed up is difficult. Cllr. Knight said between 6.30 – 7am they drive past his place fast. Cllr. Gibbs said if we ask for a 20mph limit, we are unlikely to get it as tried before. Can we put up a false camera. Cllr. Steele said the only way to stop speeders is speed cameras. Cllr. Norris said Colin Hibberd makes these decisions and said we could ask him how we go about this. Mr. Beaumont thinks the speed coming down the hill is twice as fast as going up and said some cyclists are doing 50mph, said we need speed camera and fines. Cllr. Steele said she has been overtaken at Ropeway corner on countless times. Cllr. Gibbs says we need to find a way to slow traffic, rumble strips, speed camera. Cllr. Norris said we need to investigate possibilities. Mr. Beaumont feels the SLR is a lot of money and Cllr. Norris agreed it is very expensive, said we will see if we can take this forward.

1361. **QUADRANT MEETING**

Cllr. Norris said he attended the meeting on 8th February, chaired by George Bisson and then Nigel Matthews delivered three papers on various subjects. One was drones being flown in the forest, it is quite a problem in some parts, particularly Denny Lodge, said frightening people who are riding horses and also nesting birds and are basically banned from flying one in the NF. If you want to use one you have to get permission from FC and not between March – August when birds are nesting and also during this time dogs must be kept on a lead. NP own a drone and only allowed to fly it 12 days a year. They feel a lot of people who move here to not understand about the forest, but going to do a Welcome Home Pack and its 10 things that they think you should know. i.e. do not feed the ponies and a card with Agisters phone number on it and various other things. Mentioned the concierge service at Brockenhurst Station, bicycle with person and because of the closure of part of the Visitor Information Centre at Lyndhurst, NFDC part, they want to extend the concierge service to Lyndhurst, so three people job sharing, before the museum opens to sell tickets for the tourist bus. Said they want to make everyone aware that the quarterly meetings of the NPA are fully written up on their website and if you really want to know what is going on in the NF, then go and read this. Said he was very impressed with Alison Barnes' report to the authority, it was extremely thorough and covered everything. Quite impressed. Also discussed and on the website is regarding the Coastal Path. All thought the accessing authority was going to

be HCC, but it will be NP. Mentioned the issue of spreading. Cllr. Gibbs said if you are walking the path from Beaulieu to Buckers Hard, can you spread out? Cllr. Steele said yes from the path to the river.

1362. **CORRESPONDENCE**

General

HALC – Service Brochure

Solent News

Glasdon Brochure

Lloyds – 23rd January 2017 - £17,077.66

Broxap Brochure

NFNPA

Appeal, Northern Cottages

1363. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Clerks Salary - £761.50

Beaulieu Village Hall Trust - £36.00

E. Young - £127.50

NFDC – Hire of SLR - £400.00

Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Gibbs

1364. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Gibbs said Cllr. Fairweather and myself discussed the marque did we get any further. Cllr. Norris said we are waiting from Peter Melhuish to return from holiday. Do we restore or buy something lighter and modern, but need a good trailer. Need to talk to all those concerned. Feels quite a few people will help with the expense of a new one, CGT have money put aside, the Residents Association and Music in Beaulieu. Also mentioned the drain guard right outside the Montagu Arms, looks dreadful. Said he will go into the hotel and ask the manager how long it will be there.

Cllr. Knight said only the items he mentioned last month, said nothing has been done at Harlicks Hill, Penerley, Bunkers Hill, outside Chestnut Cottage, water still running down the roads. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Knight to draft letter for the clerk to send to Colin Hibberd and cc Mrs. Pearson.

Cllr. Grindrod said the other area of the village where lorries speed is by Beaulieu Garage and also the High Street. Said bicycles are still coming down the High Street, which is an accident waiting to happen.

Cllr. Steele said still trying to find a solution to Mark's rubbish, said can come to me, but seems logical if Patrick's Patch had some sort of rubbish/recycling. Cllr. Gibbs said it does, but would not want weeds. Said still paying Mark to take it away. Cllr. Shanks has also offered to dispose of it in her garden. Also Mark has suggested seasonal planting in the Twinning Garden for instant colour. Cllr. Gibbs said can we ask Mrs. Pearson or Peter Staggs about the rubbish. Also said saw in the Lymington Times there was an article that the fire station have now got these new kits, which include a defib and other things and

wondered what our fire brigade have. Cllr. Knight said they have it all. Asked if we still have a first responder car. Cllr. Knight said they have given this up. Cllr. Steele wondered if there were any first responders in the village.

Cllr. Norris said the proposed car park at Haywards Field has been slightly delayed due to a planning complication, but told decided as putting planning in for the meadow, the village hall committee wanted to couple this with the application to remove tree and put in parking bays at top of car park. The delay on the Haywards Field is because planning permission on that field was granted to build a shared capital housing venture and someone has realized this and gone to NP saying if give up the ground for a car park, can I have ground by Police House for my development.

Meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

Date of Next Meeting, Thursday 16th March 2017 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Committee Room at Village Hall.