

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2018
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. L. Shanks, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. M. Grindrod, Cllr. S. Blastock

APOLOGIES

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. K. Mans

IN ATTENDANCE

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

1514. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Blastock Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

1515. **MATTERS ARISING**

1498. Cllr. Steele said regarding the marquee, the funding letter has been written and will be signed by the Chairman of the Residents Association.

Cllr. Knight said the water company took a long time to sort out the water at end of Dock Lane and Ropeway corner. Cllr. Steele said the road is heavily used and the water main is bad all the way along and they should repair the whole section, as we are continually getting little breaks and the corner is very dangerous. Cllr. Knight said nothing will happen until something serious happens.

1516. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1517. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

1518. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present.

1519. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans not present.

1520. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris said council tax has increased 3.06%, £5 maximum allowed for next year. Said has been trying to contact Mrs. Pearson regarding the car park.

Said NFDC now have a Leader Programme with 1.4m of funds to use on grants for small businesses. Can apply for up to £2,500 - £50,000, 40% or less of your project. Encourage people to improve their business, take on a member of staff, encourage employment. Any businesses can apply. 2 NFDC administer this.

Said it is free money. Said if you know of any businesses who would benefit, please let me know. Cllr. Shanks asked where is it advertised? Cllr. Harris said on website and believe they have held events. Cllr. Steele asked about the email we received about the antenna in NFDC car park here. Is it for the internet? Cllr. Harris not seen the email. Clerk to forward.

1521. **PLANNING**

17/01083 – Replacement of the Shore Hide and toilet facilities
Warren Lane, Beaulieu

Cllr. Knight said they are building on SSSI and said we would not get permission if we wanted to build down there, but they seem to approve. Cllr. Steele said maybe because it is a replacement. Said she phoned Andrew Rawlings who lives there and they do not seem too worried about it. Cllr. Steele feels there is no point turning this down and Cllr. Knight agreed. She said she just wanted to make sure the residents of Warren Lane were happy about it. All councilors in agreement – No. 1. Cllr. Steele said the NP are going to publish their report on the coastal path on the 7th March, also said most likely route that we do not like with masses of spreading room is going to be the one. All negotiations and Julian Lewis writing to them, seems for nothing.

1522. **BROADBAND**

Nothing to report.

1523. **PARKING AND PALACE LANE**

Cllr. Knight said he has read the response from Cllr. Humby and feels they will not do anything. Cllr. Steele agreed, said traffic speed has been monitored and concluded there is not a serious speed problem. Cllr. Knight said if traffic calming in Ashurst has caused more lorries to come our way, then it is not showing on their surveys. Cllr. Steele said that traffic calming was done after the survey was done in August 2017, possible that traffic calming has caused this post that. Cllr. Harris said he spoke to traffic people at NFDC about this, and said maybe you should redo the survey. Cllr. Knight thanked Cllr. Harris. Cllr. Steele said should we write a reply to Cllr. Humby and say we would like you to do another survey as feel Ashurst traffic calming has changed things. Cllr. Harris agreed and said we should say it is much more serious now. Said he will also chase. Cllr. Steele feels we might not get traffic calming as you need a very well lit stretch and things like lots of houses, schools along the way and it is not suitable for a more rural bit, totally not suitable for Beaulieu. Cllr. Knight said if we pester them again we might get something. Cllr. Harris said we need to tell them that things have changed. Cllr. Shanks feels the damage to Three Dials was a one off and said my house is as close to the road as theirs, and have lorries, tractors etc going past at speed all the time and lived there 30 years and never had an incident. Cllr. Steele said the next stage is to reply to this letter. Cllr. Harris said send to Cllr. Mans as well.

1524. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Lloyds Bank - £13,678.21

Cllr. Steele asked if we had received the insurance claim money. Clerk replied not on this statement.

Letter from Forestry Commission – New management plan for Hatchet Pond.

Cllr. Blastock said she went to Open day at East Boldre Hall regarding this. Said different representatives attended, NE, FC, Wildlife, all presenting their findings on Hatchet Pond. Found very rare wildlife that is in the pond and invasive, non native plants in there. After a period of time these plants grow at a fast rate and endanger our precious wildlife. They are putting it forward to the public how best to deal with this. It may mean closing parts of it, could be charging people, moving the car park to the top. How best to eradicate the invasive weed. Quite a

long list of things. Said Cllr. Knight and myself on 1st March are going to attend an event, by Katherine Chatters at Testwood Lakes, where they will go into more detail. Cllr. Harris said they have tested the water and very rich in phosphates. Cllr. Knight said you would have thought Hatchet Pond would be organic and the phosphate level would be low. Cllr. Blastock said they have lots of ongoing studies, but they believe that the wormers they give to cattle, plus people going into the water and the rubbish, it is all having an effect. Said they are not going to drain the pond. They have no intention to add new carp to the pond. Too many will stir up the sediment and phosphates. Cllr. Blastock to email Cllr. Harris the details. Said it was quite an eye opener, there is a medicinal leach in there which is very rare and the pond is one of the few places it can be found. Cllr. Steele said she is surprised how much bigger it has got. Cllr. Knight said they increased the water level. Cllr. Blastock said they showed a picture of it from World War 1 and it has increased quite a lot. Cllr. Knight said the monks were responsible for that dam. Cllr. Steele said amazed it has not broken. Cllr. Knight said when he was at school two boys drowned in there, has deep holes. Cllr. Steele said it use to freeze and people skated on it. Cllr. Knight said I expect they dug the holes to make the bank.

1525. CHEQUE SIGNING

Beaulieu Village Hall Trust - £36.00

Proposed: Cllr. Blastock Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod

1526. QUESTION TIME

Cllr. Steele said she was getting a little concerned about the very big oak trees in the short cut through the pubic footpath. These are Estate trees and a very sizeable branch has come off and it is sitting in a 'v' and worried it will come down and hit someone. Has reported to Mrs. Pearson. Cllr. Knight said is it worth contacting the HCC footpath dept and who would be liable if someone got hurt. Cllr. Steele said probably the Estate. Should we ask NP tree dept to come and look? Cllr. Knight said the footpath is HCC and they would come and inspect. Cllr. Steele said with the coastal path coming it is a worry as very high trees and dying off and should come down. Cllr. Shanks said if she sees branches caught in a tree, she takes a photo and sends it to the tree people and they come out. Cllr. Steele said she would get in touch with HCC. Cllr. Knight says it needs to be safe as a public footpath and people have a right to use it.

Cllr. Knight asked Cllr. Shanks about the water by her house. She said it was marginally better. The second outlet has not been cleared, which Mrs. Pearson said would be done.

Cllr. Blastock said when she went to the Hatchet Pond meeting, she was approached by Mr. Scott, from the Ramblers Association and he wanted to know who sorts out all our footpaths, as he believes they need sorting. He wants to come along with his gang and sort them. I said he needs to contact the PC and take it from there, as I cannot give permission. Cllr. Knight said he is in a difficult position as public footpaths are a right of way. Said public footpath from Beaulieu to Buckers Hard. Cllr. Steele said the Ramblers Association make sure the footpaths have yellow arrows on them and that they are maintained. Cllr. Blastock said can he go off and clear things. Cllr. Knight said as a pubic footpath

thinks he can. Cllr. Steele said they are taking particular interest because of the coastal path.

Meeting closed at 7.20p.m.

Date of Next Meeting, Thursday 15th March 2018 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of Village Hall.