

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 20TH JULY 2017
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr. P. Fairweather, Cllr. L. Shanks, PC Eastwood, Mrs. R. Pearson

IN ATTENDANCE

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

1425. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Grindrod Seconded: Cllr. Blastock

1426. **MATTERS ARISING**

1397. Cllr. Steele mentioned the coastal path and the initial route has been released showing the two sections coming through our parish. There is a certain amount of alarm and despondency. Said one of the most difficult areas they are coming through is the Dock Lane area and problem there is a very sizeable amount of spreading room. Original idea of coastal path is something fairly close to the coast and some land between the path and the coast, known as spreading room, in the case of Dock Lane is a mile and a bit. Said from Exbury Road to Beaulieu River is spreading room. Been a series of meetings and a big push to see if NE could consider breaking the trial, which is not something they want to do, as want a continual path around the coast, but they are taking in so much land that it then becomes accessible to the public and quite unrealistic. Cllr. Norris said also thinks one of the problems is that some of the spreading takes you down to the river bank. Cllr. Steele said public will also use Factory Field slipway. Cllr. Norris said does he believe they have moved the consultation date back to end of August. Cllr. Steele confirmed, but knowing the amount of consultation needed, feels this date will slip. Always going to be very difficult, as big areas of excepted land, almost impossible to get all the way around the Beaulieu river. Lots of spreading room and unless its excepted then the public will have a right to roam. Said there are lots of fields with horses in at Otterwood. Cllr. Knight said that land is broken up into 2-3 acre paddocks, a 100 acres with approx. 50 different owners, but none of it excepted. Cllr. Steele said fields are not accepted. Cllr. Norris said unless you grow a crop, the public could be wandering around those fields. Another issue of concern is The Hummicks, the residents are worried as they do not have fences, the whole point of The Hummicks Housing Development was that it was open plan area and do not have boundaries, they are now in the accepted land, so no way the public will be able to tell if they are walking in someone's garden or if outside someone's garden. Cllr. Knight how do they get on with people who put a bull on their land. Cllr. Steele said apparently they have to remove it. Said there is a serious move to try and get the worst aspects of this stretch to get a break in the path. There is facility within the law to do it and if necessary lawyers will be employed. Cllr. Knight asked Cllr.

Steele if she attended the meeting last evening. Cllr. Steele confirmed she did. Cllr. Norris said he did not, but Lord Montagu sent the minutes after the meeting. Cllr. Steele said she had a meeting with NE to talk about Dock Lane situation.

1427. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Norris said we have one planning application tonight and two councillors have declared an interest, but they are not present.

1428. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A parishioner said she has not been coming here long enough to offer an opinion. Cllr. Norris said the Standing Orders are that you are allowed three minutes to speak.

1429. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood sent the following report. We arrested a male responsible for a number of Beaulieu burglaries and they have since stopped. What was interesting is that there were 3 properties identified by the offender post arrest and where the owners never reported to police due to them being holiday homes and did not think worth while. It goes without saying that forensic opportunities may of been missed and an earlier detection possibly had, should the owners alerted the police to the these incidents. I note the comment from Cllr. Steele re my attendance. I will try to get to a meeting soon, however I am in Paris for the next and so send my apologies. Finally I have received several complaints with regard to cyclists travelling against the traffic after using the cafes. Short of a polite reminder sign which I appreciate may have apathetical issues, I can't think of a way to tackle this but will stop and advise when I see anything.

Cllr. Norris said thinks this is probably on a Monday when we have a lot of Germans in village, about 40 on bicycles, go into Ian's tea room, have a briefing outside and all go down High Street. Cllr. Grindrod says it often happens. Cllr. Knight said the first cycling event we had, there were bottles, can and cycle tubes all over the place, but another event a fortnight later, someone went round behind and picked it all up. Cllr. Norris said UK Cycling appear to be on a charm offensive. Good Friday when there was a large cycle event coming through Beaulieu, there was a church parade down the High Street, the church warden was extremely worried and I said go and speak to the marshal who stands at the bottom of the High Street and let them know what is happening. Said the marshal was charming and said he would notify everyone tomorrow that there is a church parade, and said its yours village, your right to do all that, we are just visitors, here, but most co-operative. Think they have realized they need to get the locals on board. Cllr. Grindrod felt these events are once a week. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Harris if he knew, he replied he was going to raise it under his report.

1430. **HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans not present.

1431. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris asked if we had received the document from Peter Totty, 'Threats to the New Forest National Park in the 21st Century and the relevance of law. Said it was an excellent document, asking if the cycling events are sporting racing events or a collection of people having a good time out on their bikes. If racing the police have a right to be involved. Said what this gentleman is arguing for is

the NP to seek a legal opinion. Said if racing they should be subject to the law and police involved and it might lead to less numbers of events in the future. Said it comes up in all the parishes he is involved with. Wants to encourage people to contribute to this debate. Mentioned NP Plan, said the NP will be at the NF Show so intends to talk to them there. Said we have SID deployment. Cllr. Norris said we have both northbound and southbound, which is good. Said apologies for not attending car parking meeting. Said seen Dean today and said he wonders how we can galvanise to get things moving. Cllr. Norris said his feeling was that the meeting just kicked the can down the road. Said Dean was reluctant to do anything until we get a firm commitment regarding the car park or work has started on it. What he did not want to do, was start work and then find he had wasted his time, or he implemented something and there was displacement parking because there was not a car park for the displaced cars to go to. Said we have a problem with the speed that the landlord is moving at, but thinks this was made clear to the resident agent at the meeting. Said over 30 people attended the meeting and subsequently had people come to see me that were residents and unable to attend. Said a story going around, that is not correct, is that you have to have your car registration recorded and if you don't have the correct number plate you are not allowed in the High Street. Said the minutes will probably be out after the weekend, then we will have another meeting. Cllr. Steele said it was a great opportunity for Dean to hear the issues, but we did not achieve anything and everyone will think nothing is going to happen to alleviate the situation for the summer. Said meeting was worthwhile as Dean now knows the feelings and distress of residents/traders. Cllr. Norris said he was hoping Dean would start the survey and then come up with recommendations, as to where we have restricted parking in the High Street and said the PC are prepared to back it with money, and had resolution to do that. People want to see some progress. Nothing is happening at the moment. Felt traders and residents are all pulling together, we just need the car park. Cllr. Harris said he will go back to Dean and say you need to lead on this. Cllr. Norris said if NFDC are involved it would put pressure on the landlord, to think this is getting serious and really want a car park and I have let out too many properties without parking. Cllr. Norris said if Dean has any bright ideas, please share them with us. Cllr. Harris said lets make this happen. Cllr. Steele said the PC needs to lean on the Estate and get the planning application in. Said unfortunate they need to move the house planning consent. Cllr. Harris said NFDC are working of their local plans and one of the strategy's being discussed is how to help local businesses grow. Said very keen to hear from local businesses. Cllr. Steele said they cannot grow if we haven't the parking. Cllr. Norris said they have the same problem in Brockenhurst. Cllr. Harris said he will take that point back. Feels exporting is what we need to expand, need to be doing much more than we do. Said he meet this week the third NF MP, John Glen from Salisbury. Said he will also be at the NF show, so will talk to him. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Harris for his support with the car park and said we have more to do. Cllr. Harris said lets make this happen.

1432. **PLANNING**

Cllr. Norris said we have one planning application, which has been backwards

and forwards for over 6 years and is Thorns Beach. Said Cllr. Steele is going to take us through it. Cllr. Steele said we are being asked to give planning approval for a replacement dwelling, demolition of existing dwelling, single storey 3 bedroom dwelling, divided by external terrace, 2 separate areas, one for living and one for accommodation. Also a bar. Said building has been designed with double height roofs, mezzanine level which is a dressing area. Various covered areas. Also for a summer house and 4 car garage. Designed to have a New England coastal feel, so totally different from what is originally on the site. The walls are mixture of weatherboarding and lime washed reclaimed bricks. Roof is cedar shingles. Now much lower building, set back more inland, also accommodation side put on more of an angle, so facing more inland so do not get quite so much spread across the front of the property from the Solent. Said Cllr. Norris, Cllr. Knight and myself made a site visit with architects and general feeling is as a building it is much more acceptable and in keeping with this site and sits in the site much more naturally than original design. Critical consideration now is, unlike the last application which came under 'of exceptional quality', this is coming under the NP core planning strategy, under DP10 and DP11, extra space of 30%. Difficult with this new plan, as there is some confusion as to what sort of space NP is prepared to count as habitable. Complicated building with mezzanine and some outside spaces, which could possibly then be filled in and counted as habitable space. First plan was withdrawn and now amended and put together with the NP. They have had endless consultation and more or less got to the point where it is within the 30%. Parish briefing today which tells us the critical bit is that their calculation of ground floor = 185 sq.m. and NP calculation is 200 sq.m. Said subject to that being resolved, NP are likely to consider the scheme favorably. They are keen to pass this development once resolved space issue. Cllr. Norris asked councilors what they felt and said you have had a very comprehensive briefing from Cllr. Steele, who has spent a lot of time on this. Cllr. Norris thinks now this design is perfectly reasonable proposal in that he has responded to what everyone has been asking him to do and ended up with the house the NP want him to have. Cllr. Norris said he is in agreement if get DP11 sorted. They have had letters of support as this man is now compliant. 8 letters of support from mostly people who live in our parish. Letters against this from, in my opinion, 2 self appointed regulatory bodies – NF Association and Solent Coastal Protection Group. I think they are trying to find every little excuse to stop this happening and not much 'meat' in their objections. Next door neighbor has objected as concerned about helicopters landing in the garden and disturbing wading bird life during autumn and early spring. Said didn't fee with all the planting that a helicopter would be able to land there. Cllr. Steele said he has made every effort to comply with the NP. Complete new design, perfectly reasonable for a coastal site, feels time has come when he should be allowed permission. All councilors agreed to grant permission No 1.

1433. **CAR PARKING**

Already discussed.

1434. **CCTV**

Cllr. Norris said this is up and running and working in the village. Saw Cllr.

Fairweather and said we want to put some signs up to let people know. Need Code of Practice. There was an accident in the High Street at the beginning of the week, someone lost their wing mirrors, but as Cllrs. Fairweather and Shanks are away, no one to release these images and until we have signage up to say we are running a CCTV camera, I think we should not release the pictures. Said Cllr. Fairweather is/has contacted Lord Montagu.

1435. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Lloyds Bank, balance 15th June £16,402.15 but will be writing a large cheque this evening.

AON Insurance certificate

Clerks and Councils Direct

Friends of the NF – Forest Matters

1436. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Central Southern Security for CCTV - £2,948.00

Mark Young - £165.00

Playsafety – Inspection of playground - £79.80

BVHT - £36.00

Cllr. Norris said he has been told the village hall are struggling for bookings.

Proposed: Cllr. Blastock Seconded: Cllr. Steele

Cllr. Steele asked if the playground report was comprehensive and would they tell us if the equipment requires attention. Cllr. Norris replied that it is and the only comment that they have made was about the sharpness of the chippings.

Cllr. Steele said is it sufficient to say if a child hurt themselves, would it stand up as far as the insurance company is concerned, if we had a claim against us.

Cllr. Norris said we would have to look at the policy. Said problem with the playground is the number of adults who use it. Said will let councilors see report.

1437. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Knight said nothing has happened about condition of road at top of High Street.

Clerk to report again.

Cllr. Blastock said nothing has been done about the white lines near Maritime Museum car park. Clerk said she had spoken to Katherine at the school about the cycling proficiency using a busy road. Katherine said the trainers were new and she had not used them before, but will have a word with them.

Cllr. Steele said a green cabinet has appeared at beginning of Dock Lane. Cllr. Norris said he is waiting for September and the promise of a green cabinet at Hatchet's Pond.

Cllr. Norris said he attended the NFDC Green Halo meeting. It was addressed by NP's Chief Executive and chaired by Cllr. Heron. Its about 'natural capital', its to involve industry with improving lifestyle for employees. Also talked about eco energy. Said it was the first meeting and will go again. Said to remember 'natural capital' – it's the forest, heathland and it all helps to reduce the pollution.

Cllr. Norris asked councilors if they would like an August meeting or not to have one. Said usually when we do not have one, everyone puts in a planning application and we have to have a meeting. Cllr. Steele said we can always have a planning meeting. Cllr. Norris said the problem with that is the public

have a right to comment. Agree to play it by ear. Clerk to notify everyone there will be no meeting in August. Cllr. Norris said a lot of councils do not have one in August. Proposed: Cllr. Grindrod Seconded: Cllr. Knight
Meeting closed at 7.30p.m.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 21st September at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.