

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016  
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT**

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

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. L. Shanks, PC Eastwood, Mr. A. Mills

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr. K. Thornber, Cllr. M. Harris, Mrs. R. Pearson, Residents from Furzey Lane,  
Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1254. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Gibbs      Seconded: Cllr. Steele

1255. **SIGNING OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

Proposed: Cllr. Knight      Seconded: Cllr. Steele

1256. **SIGNING OF ANNUAL RETURN**

Proposed: Cllr. Grindrod      Seconded: Cllr. Gibbs

1257. **MATTERS ARISING**

1248. Cllr. Steels said re the talk by Southern Water that the kitchen in the Village Hall gets fat poured down it. Cllr. Gibbs said he saw the workmen when they were in the village and he says the mains has a bulge in it and fat gets stuck and causes blockages and will carry on being bad unless the water board sort this, which they do know about.

1252. Cllr. Steele reported that arrangements with Mark the gardener are better. Cllr. Shanks is leading and instructing him. The Twinning Garden and Courtyard Gardens are fine. The Playground will need more chippings and hedge will be cut tomorrow. So new arrangement seems to be working.

1251. Cllr. Fairweather said regarding Sam Sutton's correspondence re: broadband speed – could we please have an update.

1258. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Gibbs re camping at Hazelcopse. Cllr. Norris said he had done the correct thing by declaring an interest.

1259. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

1260. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present, but sent a report to say that crime in Exbury area has subsided. Carried out speed enforcements in High Street, but so far without penalties, but will continue when duties allow at varying times. Reported that Spring Autojumble was a success and a similar model will be used for the September Autojumble.

1261. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber reported that they have a traffic order proposal to extend the existing 30mph, 113m north west, near the Out of Town Centre. Have advertised in statutory way and objections need to be registered by 20<sup>th</sup> June, but do not

imagine that anyone will object. Said there is a policy change in traffic management measures as need to save £98m in this year from budget. This means no speed limit changes, HGV bans and changes to routes, no chicanes, no adjustments to road widths, unless casualties and county council deem it necessary. County Council have adopted casualty lead approach to road traffic calming measures. Said concerning our area in the NF, does that include ponies etc. Reported on Boundary Review and been chairing county councils approach to Local Government Boundary Commission and proposals . Were able to get LGBC to accept in two districts, and think again for the forest and Havant. 9 other areas said they will let us know. Eastleigh asked for extra councilor and NF losing one, and have raised objections. 11 councillors now and will reduce to 10. Said his division is now one of the largest in country, 8 parish councils will now be 11 to service. Has made his point of view known. The LGBC say no division should be so large for a single member to service, but this has been ignored. Said my division stretches from down the coast to the outskirts of Southampton, Fordingbridge, Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst. We lose Boldre to Lymington. Devolution – from meetings it is apparent that government want an elected mayor who will take on powers. Said George Osbourne wanted to announce Hants/IOW as first combined authority in South, but no agreement. Treasury said we could give you combined authority of the Solent and are putting proposals to government, but would leave Surrey, Basingstoke, Test Valley, NF West out on a limb. Nothing will happen until after the referendum. Lots of meetings, but on ice at the moment. County saying we could take on the powers of the District and Borough Council – its open warfare and has a long way to go. A number of other counties have run into the same problem. Some combined authorities are unable to agree. The devolution deal is in a state of flux. The Chairman asked the Cllr. Thornber for an update on broadband. Cllr. Thornber reported that within the New Forest there are 2 phases of installation of BT cabinets, namely phases 1 and 2 . Within phase 1 there are 9 cabinets (including Beaulieu 1) whose locations are disputed by the Statutory Agencies because such cabinets would be sited on Common Grazing Land (CGL). Within phase 2 there are a further 14 disputed cabinet locations. In all 23 such cabinets are in dispute. Such cabinets should be sited adjoining existing BT cabinets if they are to be efficient. Cllr. Thornber acknowledged the role of the Court of Verderers in conserving CGL but reported that the Court are seeking land in mitigation for the loss of CGL to BT cabinets. Each cabinet is less than 1 square metre, but another statutory agency has asked for 10 square metres per BT cabinet. In all therefore 23 and 230 square metres of CGL are required if progress is to be made. Cllr. Thornber reported that he and the Chairman of East Boldre PC and its clerk had been virtually cold calling on local residents to ask if they would accommodate such cabinets in their garden. Such alternative locations (from the identified locations which are all in close proximity to existing BT cabinets) require laying cable under roads and other infrastructure which is doubling or trebling the budgeted cost per cabinet installed. The County Council cannot prove value for public money with such escalating costs and indeed there is a loss of speeds the further away a second cabinet is away from the original BT

cabinet. Cllr. Thornber reported that he has been pursuing private lane for mitigation purposes, and there are two possibilities being pursued. He believed if there is a further lack of progress the matter should be resolved at Ministry level.

1262. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris said if we vote to leave, devolution will die on its feet. Said the dog bin in Fire Station Lane is now working. Re change of polling station, said he will speak to Rosemary Ruttins and will review and try and bring back to village hall. Cllr. Norris said the polling cards stated the polling station says Rectory. Cllr. Harris said he would mention it. Thanked PC for their contribution to the Forestry Commission review. Cllr. Norris said he went on the talk with Harry Oram and we are all of the same opinion and concerned about the Dibden Purlieu by pass and worried we will lose it. Verderers have agreed. Cllr. Harris said he wrote and supported and expressed our concerns re local employment and loss of the soft wood. Said FC workers were 80, now down to 40. Contracts have to go to tender, so local people do not get the work. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Harris.

1263. **PLANNING**

Cllr. Norris said we have 3 applications and will discuss 2 at this meeting and take Newlands Farm to next meeting, we have already granted for dormer window etc.

Woodstock 16/00391

Moonhills Lane, Beaulieu

2 storey side extension, single storey infill extension, first floor front extension with balcony, replacement roof, alterations to existing garage to create home office, detached garage.

Cllr. Gibbs declared an interest. 3 councillors did a site visit and said the owners have had full consultation with NP. Said the house will alter quite dramatically, a total renovation. Said local community have accepted the plans. Condition on home office/gym to remain incidental to house and not used as accommodation. Cllr. Norris said I propose we pass these plans. All councillors agreed.

Swinesleys Farm 16/00446

Hatchet Lane, Beaulieu

Timber cladding and roof alteration to existing barn

All councillors in favour

1264. **DECISIONS**

Monkswell House 16/00309

Palace Lane

Withdrawn

1265. **CCTV**

Cllr. Fairweather reported that the application has been submitted, but cannot be registered as incomplete, they need more details. Said he will talk to Steve Avery. Its needs validating. If we cannot do this we will need help. Cllr. Gibbs says he knows a parishioner who could help.

1266. **CAR PARKING**

Cllr. Norris said a committee has been formed and grateful to Mrs. Pearson who has agreed to come on board. Meeting arranged for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 6p.m. Cllr. Thornber, Cllr. Harris, Mrs. Pearson, Cllr. Steele, Mr. Cooke-Hurle, Mrs. Marcer, Mr. Green will start talks and report back.

1267. **CAMPING AT HAZEL COPSE**

A letter of complaint about the activities of Eco Camping at Hazel Copse Farm was received.

Residents from Furzey Lane attended the meeting to express their concerns and said they had no consultation from Beaulieu Estate or Eco Camping before the opening.

Residents Comments

Linda Dearing, Beaulieu Residents Association member said they were upset about the lack of consultation from Estate and Eco Camping before the site was opened. They are concerned about the noise, about families being up late at night and partying till 2.a.m. Horse owners are concerned, worried about the noise at night and camp fires. Mr. Barber said he fully endorsed Mr. Mills letter. Said we live in the National Park, a highly protected area. Said we need to consider parking and the access of some 40 cars coming in and out onto the busy Hatchet Lane. Said drainage will be a problem, is it connected? Portacabins - how will they be serviced? If by lorries, it will mean the access will be more busy. The cycle track brings concerns, how will it connect to existing footpath? It is close to the houses in Furzey Lane and there will be the noise issue. Also concern regarding the fire pits alongside tents. Concerns about vandalism of nearby properties and noise spooking the horses. A parishioner asked if Beaulieu should have a commercial campsite, does Lord Montagu want this? Linda Tibbets said when she goes away in her campervan, there are always fire regulations and it is an issue with fire pits close to tents and a big issue in the NF. Cllr. Steele said should we ask the Fire Brigade to do a risk assessment. Mr. Dearing said the 'no access' notice has been removed and this causes security issues and may cause a reduction in the value of properties. Also an issue of bats around as these are protected and sensitive. Also concerns regarding pheasant rearing. Mrs. Barber said re joining the walking/cycle track from the post box to Beaulieu, when residents asked, this was refused by the Estate, but ok for the campers. Said if the Estate want to help farmers, couldn't they have used somewhere else. Cllr. Norris said the PC will not react, needs time to consider issues, but knows residents concerns. Mrs. Barber asked Mrs. Pearson if there were any other locations that could be considered. Worried about access on and off the campsite, as a very busy road.

Discussion

Mrs. Pearson said Eco Camping Ltd run camp sites commercially and have a NE License. Said the pigsty has been converted into shower/toilet block, so no temporary buildings, making use of a building that was already there. Had new cesspit installed and new water pipes, so does not think there will be a problem with drainage. Pigsty has new roof and the back area hard standing has been extended by one third, this was previously an area of brambles etc. Said village

shop will be supplying milk, bread etc. Said fire pits are purpose made and they sell logs from Wessex Tree Surgeons, who are a local company. There is a manager on site in the office, who apparently slept through the noise at 2a.m. that was reported. Have chatted to the Dolbears about track from camp site to Brockenhurst and said they can use the same route as horse riders, but put on hold when sign disappeared. Do not know where this went to, but new one put up. Have applied for retrospective planning permission for change of use of pigsty and to increase the hard standing.

Cllr. Norris asked if Eco Camping Ltd was the trading name for Embers and understood they can only trade for 60 days? Mrs. Pearson said it is aimed at high end family camping, £10-£15 per night, per person. Asked if the 60 days can be extended. Mrs. Pearson replied “no”. Asked if number of tents can be extended to 60. Mrs. Pearson will check but thinks 40. Cllr. Norris asked about the lease. It is for 2 years from the Estate, as pay back for showers. Said the Estate is trying to get rural areas to flourish, diversity of farm buildings.

Mrs. Pearson said she would like the camp site to run for the season and then talk to residents. Cllr. Norris said we need to get cyclists off that road as very dangerous and it’s the only main road to the village. Said we would meet again at end of summer season and see what has worked and what has not and will ask Embers to attend a Parish Council meeting.

Cllr. Fairweather said we need to do visits to the site, maybe three times and see for ourselves.

#### In Conclusion

Cllr. Norris said we had noted their comments and concerns. We would monitor the situation and after the season was over would put the matter on the Agenda for review and discussion at the September meeting.

#### 1268. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr. Norris thanked Mrs. Pearson for the Estate putting up the bunting for the Queens birthday celebrations. Reported that the Annual Audit has been completed and thanked Mrs. Pearson for the Internal Audit on this.

#### HCC

Operation Resilience – High Street drain clearance – 29<sup>th</sup> June

Forward Plan of Key Decision – 1 July – 30<sup>th</sup> September

Traffic order proposal, Palace lane, 30mph speed limit extension

#### NFDC

Invite to NFDC Civic Service

Detailed local government review now seeks opinions of residents and businesses

#### General

Poulson – ground care, construction and maintenance

Realise Futures – Eco Furniture

Hags – Play equipment leaflet

Lloyds Bank Statement, 25<sup>th</sup> May, £17,484.26

Aon Insurance - renewal

#### 1269. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Beaulieu Village Hall Trust - £36.00

E. Young - £90.00

Purchase of Bunting - £44.52

HALC – Affiliation Fee - £233.00

AON Insurance - £631.13

Proposed: Cllr. Gibbs

Seconded: Cllr. Knight

1270. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Steele said she had a date from the school for defib training, but it was Referendum day, so will get a date for September. Asked when seat will be done, Cllr. Knight said soon, as he had been ill.

Cllr. Gibbs said he has done weeding in the Twining Garden and asked shouldn't we use weed killer. Cllr. Steele said we do, but only when the weeds are small, as large dead weeds look worse.

Cllr. Fairweather asked if the Estate could tidy the Queensmeade Garden. Mrs. Pearson said they will. Also said the net that separates the school playground from the garden centre needed repairing and Fabio asked if he could do this, so this has been done. Agreed to talk to the school about buying them some 'goals', An outside community gym perhaps?

Cllr. Norris said 'the gossip' has mentioned the Post Office may relocate as they have changed their terms and the PO needs to be open at weekends. Abbey Stores are offering it to other businesses. What if no one takes it on? What will happen? Mrs. Pearson said James Hiley-Jones said it is too costly. Cllr. Fairweather asked if we can encourage traders to take it on and encourage our businesses to support it more.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall