

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017  
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT**

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

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Gibbs, Cllr. Mans, PC Eastwood

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Knight for chairing the meeting last month and said the time of today's meeting was not on the agenda.

1408. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Steele      Seconded: Cllr. Blastock

1409. **MATTERS ARISING**

1397. Cllr. Steele mentioned the coastal path, and said they have now started to send out advices as to where it is going to go. Lymington and Sowley have had theirs, so expect we will know in the next couple of weeks. Cllr. Norris asked how far into Sowley they have notified, as it will come into this parish. Cllr. Steele said about Browns Lane area. Cllr. Norris said do they hand deliver? Cllr. Steele said you receive a letter/notification where it is coming through and you get a certain amount of time to appeal and they inform you how the appeal process works. Said appeal process is quite swift. Has concerns still about Factory Field/Dock Lane section. Cllr. Norris understands there is a safety issue recorded in the Minutes, but what exactly is it? Is it walking up the main road towards Moonhills, or is it tree roots? Cllr. Steele said as far as Factory Field is concerned, it is that people may tamper with the boats, and get onto the slipway. It is not a good place for the public to be around and there is the issue of tree roots in the section that runs adjacent to my house. Very high exposed oak roots. This path was only ever intended as a short cut. Cllr. Norris said it is a public footpath and that will be a problem. Also same problem in the High Street, that path was for people to get to their allotments. 1000's a day using it now and it was never the intention. Cllr. Steele wrote to John Treswell about the roots and feels the Estate should fell one of the oaks as looking pretty dead. Said if the roots get a lot of traffic over them, the trees will suffer. He said someone from NE will come and look. Cllr. Norris said they must have a duty of care. Cllr. Steele agreed and said if not we will have some very dangerous trees. Other safety issue was one of the reasons loath to take up the hill rather than Dock Lane, there is no safe walking path up to Hilltop. Mr. Bentley-Buckle investigating inside path to Arnewood and cut through onto Exbury Road. Cllr. Norris said that would be more sensible, from Factory Field straight across Dock Lane and up through OOTC, but then OOTC will have safety issues with young children, as the Sailing club do. We need to make them aware of that. Cllr. Shanks asked if there is a walk by Oxleys. Cllr. Norris said there is a permissive footpath to Moonhills.

- Cllr. Steele said the issue there is that a shoot operates. Cllr. Norris said they have the same problem at Sowley. The Solent Way goes right through Sowley shoot, said very dangerous and you find people walking through the gun line.
1401. Cllr. Shanks mentioned the felling of the oak at Clock House and had we spoken to Mrs. Pearson. The clerk said it is the oak right next to Clock House on the Palace House side and the NPA has passed the application.
1397. Cllr. Bastock mentioned the coastal path up through Cllr. Knight's. It was suggested at one stage that they would actually go through his barn and take the gate that leads out onto Exbury Road, but has said to Mrs. Pearson, that he does not want this. When looking for alternative ways Cllr. Knight's area came up. Cllr. Norris said his area was totally bisected by the path and ruined it, so understands how he feels.
1410. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None
1411. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
Cllr. Norris said I would like to pause here for a moment as we remember John Beaumont who passed away suddenly last Wednesday, he regularly attended Parish council meetings particularly interesting himself in planning matters. He would also bring various of his crusading causes to the attention of the council using item 5 on the Agenda, Public Participation to achieve this end. We are certainly going to miss him for various reasons and in various ways. May you now rest in peace John.
1412. **POLICE LIAISON**  
PC Eastwood unable to attend the meeting, but sent a report to say Beaulieu, Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst continue to be targeted by burglars. The break ins are mainly daytime and to unattended properties with entry usually forced. Small items, cash, cards, passports and jewellery taken. Said to please remind residents, neighbours and visitors to be vigilant. Talk to each other and help each other where possible when going on holiday by changing curtains and parked vehicle profiles on the drive and by altering internal lighting where possible.  
Cllr. Steele asked if we will see PC Eastwood soon, but knows he is very busy. Cllr. Norris said if he could get here I feel he would attend. Cllr. Shanks said she had two men turn up at the house on the pretense of being interested in her son's old car and having a look around. The police said they would not be interested in the car, just looking to see if anyone was around and if not, get in, take and go, as quick as that. Try and make other people aware that this does happen with people coming to the house, with not very sensible reasons. If this happens, please let them know. Cllr. Norris checked with Cllr. Grindrod that we have something on the website. Cllr. Steele said after the latest Dock Lane incident where tools were stolen, the residents association are investigating CCTV. Moonhills Lane has started the work on looking at them. Think they Contacted Cllr. Fairweather to ask what the council had done. Cllr. Norris said it was nice that BPC are leading the way with CCTV. Cllr. Shanks said they know but if real, they move on.
1413. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**  
Cllr. Mans not present, but sent apologies.

**1414. NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris thanked Cllr. Norris for his attendance at the meeting he arranged with BT to discuss broadband. Two things from that meeting 1) In our housing policy its to include a provision for broadband to front doors to all new houses. BT said they have encouraged people to register their interest in broadband, its important to them to know what the interest is. Said NFDC are having a campaign to tell people to register and that should help. BT said uptake in some areas is poor. Cllr. Norris said in the case of Buckler's Hard, a lot of people did not know it was there. BT have said if they have an area where there is high interest they will go and do it, providing it is not too problematic, so we need to show that we need it, so encourage everyone to register. Cllr. Harris mentioned car parking and Cllr. Norris asked if we could discuss this under item 13 on the agenda. Said spoken before about a new management team and strategy being implemented, looking at investing money for the future. Said quite a few exciting things happening. Also Film in the Forest, we have subscribed to a scheme run by Creative England, signed a 4 year agreement to encourage films and productions to be made in and around the forest. Said a film company can spend up to £40,000 a day. Just starting our 2<sup>nd</sup> year and it is going very well. Said Star Wars was being filmed in the power station. People are working on new projects, so very good for economics for our area.

**1415. PLANNING**

Cllr. Norris said he has been pestered by the Lymington Times as they want to know when we will be making a decision on Thorns Beach. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Steele is she wished to say anything. She said that we were told originally that they had till June 22<sup>nd</sup> to either amend or withdraw the plans. Led to believe they are going to be amended and resubmitted. Talked to Clare Ings and was given the impression we would be given an extended time table to make a decision. Said if it comes back and clearly within the 30% and both sides agree on floor space. Said it is a good design for the site. Cllr. Norris said there is nothing to dislike about it. Cllr. Steele asked if she should contact the NPA and ask for timings on Thorns Beach. Cllr. Norris agreed.

Northgate – 17/00413 – Replacement Outbuilding

Replacement of a stable with a garden room. No increase in foot print, exactly the same location, on existing concrete slab. Cllr. Shanks feels it could very easily be turned into accommodation. It has a bathroom, a lounge, separate study. Said the house already has had a huge extension. Cllr. Steele said all we can do is put conditions on it. Said the structure looks ok, floor space not increased. Mrs. Pearson said the Estate do not see a problem with it. Agreed to recommend permission (No. 1) on condition that it does not become habitable accommodation. Said it complies with core strategy and sits well in its environment.

Decisions

Master Builders House Hotel – 17/00258/LBC – Withdrawn

Swinesleys Farm – 17/00272 – 2 storey extension – Granted

Curtle House – 17/00324 – Replacement outbuilding - Granted

Tree Works

Palace House - CONS/17/0396 Fell holm oak – Raise no objections  
Boundary House, Furzey Lane – CONS/17/0399 – Raise no objections

1416. **SIGNING OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

Proposed: Cllr. Blastock                      Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod  
Annual Governance Statement Approved and recorded as Minute  
Reference Number 1417.

Cllr. Norris explained the Annual Governance Statement, said it is the Parish Council's financial records and thanked Mrs. Pearson for the external audit. Said there were some differences, but will be posted up in the public domain, so if you have any queries, please bring them up. The purpose is to make the PC aware of what its doing, why its doing it and how much. It is a discipline, so that you have good governance in place.

1418. **HIGH SPEED BROADBAND**

Cllr. Norris said he was grateful to Cllr. Harris for holding a meeting, which he attended to let BT know the PC are interested in getting a delivery in our community. Brockenhurst PC also attended, as they are trying to get 2 cabinets. The whole thing was reported by the Lymington Times including some misreporting. Asked questions and told Beaulieu 1 will definitely be done in September (Hatchet Pond). Said what has to happen is the telephone box has to be removed and the road dug up to put a power cable across it and apparently July/August are not good months for digging roads up in the forest, so September. The question was asked as to who benefits from Beaulieu 1 and Cllr. Norris said most of the residents of East Boldre and some of Furzey Lane. Cllr. Norris said what was supposed to happen here, is that there is fibre optic from telephone exchange and cables are in the High Street, but will not connect as they say it is too expensive. Asked how Buckler's Hard have high speed broadband and why Beaulieu has not and were told the Estate gave some land, but there was no power, so had an expensive trenching costs. Cllr. Norris said we just have to keep attending meetings and asking questions. Cllr. Steele said as there is fibre optic in the High Street, what if individual properties wanted to pay, is that possible? Cllr. Norris said it might be, but would imagine it would be several thousands of pounds, but if community got together? Said they are talking about 2018 for the village in the latest letter to a parishioner. Said I believe we do not need a cabinet as we have the telephone exchange. They told Dock Lane it was coming out of the telephone exchange for them, so they paid approx. £1,000 per house, but still no sight of it. Mrs. Pearson said they were told it was coming down the High Street. Cllr. Norris said when he had a meeting with Hampshire roll-out officer, he said the best place to live was Beaulieu, as broadband speed would be really high as we could have fibre optic from the telephone exchange, but stories change. Cllr. Steele said she thinks Dock Lane are now having a cabinet, which Mrs. Pearson confirmed and said going just inside by the cattle grid. Said she will put a note in the Residents newsletter encouraging everyone to register.

1419. **CCTV**

Cllr. Norris said the system is working and very clear pictures. We do need to get the Code of Practice written up. Would like to go ahead and get a couple of signs up in the village that says there is a surveillance system operating. Two reasons

1) We have to do it by law and 2) if anyone was thinking of doing a burglary, it might put them off. Said saw John Leach and thanked him for the support re: camera on Montagu Arms. Should have notice on notice board and on bottom of road sign, put a sticker on the very bottom of it, so will catch pedestrians eye. If someone from county council comes along and says take the notice off, then we will, but by time that happens people will be aware. This is the sensible solution, as you know how long it took to get the cameras up, it will take forever to get a sign on the Montagu Arms. Cllr. Shanks said should we get a sticker done for traders to put in their windows? Cllr. Norris thought this was a good idea and needs to talk to Cllr. Fairweather and agreed to put on the website. Said we need the policy as number plate recognition is a sensitive area.

1420. **CAR PARKING**

Cllr. Norris said he knows Cllr. Harris is concerned about this and several people in the village are quite concerned. Said he has contacted Colin Read at NFDC and he sent a very good briefing document and we have to consider what we are actually going to do, time scale and organise a meeting for all parties concerned. Think survey will take a year. Need to consider the time bays, should it be the whole or half the High Street, the northern end of the High Street, two hours parking with no return. The bottom of the High Street as far up as the corner of the lamp, both sides restricted and enforced. Some residents want to be able to park outside their homes. Cllr. Norris said to Mrs. Pearson, what will be very important to this is the proposed car park at the top of the High Street, it is of vital importance. Mrs. Pearson said she is working on moving the planning consent from Haywards Meadow to up by Harlicks Cottages, but need to put this application in as one (moving planning consent and for the car park). Said architect is drawing up plans for the house site. Colin Read is worried that the NP will not like the car park. Cllr. Norris said in his briefing note, Colin said if there is a genuine need from traders and residents that a car park is really needed, then that will certainly help. The NP said could we not push the house to one side of the field, which Mrs. Pearson does not want to do, as feels in the future we may need more car parking spaces. Cllr. Norris said that is good news. Mrs. Pearson said they are trying to get NF Tourism to change their publicity to say there is generally ample free parking at the NMM, park there and walk or cycle to the village or Bucker's Hard. They said they will try and roll this forward as they do reprints of their publicity. Cllr. Steele said with the coastal path coming it will be essential we get more parking. Cllr. Norris said we need to have a meeting of the car park working group and try and get more traders and residents to attend. Traders are saying their takings are dramatically down and blaming car parking. Cllr. Norris hopes they will attend as not many did before. Cllr. Steele said that is exactly what I fed back down the chain. Said maybe the penny is beginning to drop. Cllr. Norris said when date fixed we will go round and encourage them to attend and we say our proposals and if they do not agree they should voice their views. Agreed meeting date of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 6p.m. Venue to be confirmed.

1421. **OUR NATIONAL PARKS UNDER PRESSURE CONFERENCE**

Cllr. Norris said this conference looked like a good idea. Two day conference at The Balmer Lawn Hotel, good speakers, hosted by NF Association. Had nice

letter from John Ward and thought it would be free, but cost £250, so not going. Now going to NFDC meeting – Green Halo briefing, 19<sup>th</sup> July 5p.m. – 6.30p.m. Said if anyone wants to attend, please let him know. Cllr. Bastock said she would attend.

1422. **CORRESPONDENCE**

NFDC

Temp Events Notices – Motor Museum/Monorail Field – 17/18<sup>th</sup> June  
Treehouses, Wedding – 24<sup>th</sup> June

1423. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

BVHT - £36.00

Proposed: Cllr. Shanks

Seconded: Cllr. Bastock

Cllr. Norris said Nicky is now an employee of the PC and have outsourced the payroll. Payroll people think as month end, they will not send the details, so keen to get this done within the month, so if I receive paperwork, rather than leave it till next meeting, would you be in agreement for me to write Nicky's salary cheque. All agreed.

1424. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Knight asked if anything happened about the surface of the road at the top of the High Street. Clerk confirmed she had contacted Highways. Cllr. Norris said the bottom of the High Street is bad.

Cllr. Blastock reported she had attended the NF Consultative Panel. Very interesting and will be honest and say was going to cheat and wait for the minutes to arrive and let you have a copy. A RAF wing commander there explained why helicopters do low flying. Said they are number one in the world for their flying and made no apologies for their team practicing out on the forest. Few disgruntled people about why they do this. Said meeting was over two hours.

Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Blastock for attending and said it is very important that we are represented and raises the profile of our parish.

Cllr. Shanks said herself and Cllr. Steele are doing the flower festival on behalf of the PC and wonders what the PC are prepared to do as to buying the flowers. It is the Beaulieu Abbey Church Festival, 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr. Norris thinks we spent £80 last year. Suggested allocate £100 this year.

Proposed: Cllr. Blastock

Seconded: Cllr. Knight

Cllr. Shanks asked Mrs. Pearson how long the sculptures will be on the mill pond.

Mrs. Pearson said it is a sculpture in someone's garden, it is just like the cannon on Mr. Cole's lawn. Said it is one of several tree sculptures that are planned.

Mrs. Pearson said maps to land owners re coastal path came out today and coming out in stages. Received from Park Lane to Moonhills Gate.

Meeting closed at 7.50p.m.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.