

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 20TH JUNE 2019
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

None.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. K. Mans, Cllr. M. Harris, Mrs. E. Schofield, Mrs. R. Pearson, Mr. Emery, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1729. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Blastock Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

1730. **MATTERS ARISING**

1728. Cllr. Blastock said it should read 'having photos, not having picnic'.

1728. Cllr. Fairweather mentioned the sign he needs to put up in the play area. Not done, waiting to hear if Mark picked up anything from the course he attended. Do I need to add anything other than the defib and first aid trained people at Fairweathers and Montagu Arms and in emergency go to Lymington or Hythe hospital. Cllr. Grindrod said there is nothing else. Cllr. Fairweather confirmed he will make notice.

1731. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Fairweather, Cllr. Steele and Cllr. Shanks re planning applications.

1732. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1720. Mrs. Schofield said it should read '3 cars parked in the school car park were from the rented property'. Said we all have to have permits to use it.

1733. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present.

1734. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans said they had a good Ofsted for Children's Services, said it was outstanding, which is very rewarding. Said HCC have £80m to save over next two years. We do not know how much government will give us, it is difficult to predict. Said local councils are going to have a really difficult time setting a budget next year. Said we have reasonable reserves but are using some. We are spending capital to make savings. If we do have any money after met statutory requirements we will try and find ways to ensure condition of our roads does not deteriorate. Feels we are not doing too badly, but have less money and more roads. Said we had Cabinet meeting and signed up to Climate Emergency. Practical measures on the ground to promote sustainability. Talked about carbon neutrality, planting lots of trees. Said let me know if you have any road issues. Said devolved budget is open again and please ask people to apply. Cllr. Norris said when talking about heavy vehicles etc, is this road surfaces rather than traffic speeds. Cllr. Mans replied both. Cllr. Norris said if we were to resurrect the B3054 again, re concerns of property damage and safety on walking on

pavements, could we get a more positive response than we have had? Cllr. Mans said it is worth doing and keep up the pressure. We do what we can with money available and accident records. Cllr. Norris said we have records of speeding, accidents have involved animals not humans. Cllr. Norris said we had a letter from local school about what the PC were doing regarding plastic waste, especially in the village shops. One of the traders did come to see me and there is a scheme that I am aware of where in some public houses, if you are a cyclist or walker and have a reuseable bottle, you can go in and ask for water and they will fill your bottle. This person is doing it but not happy doing it and suggested PC supply/install in the village a drinking fountain. Trend developing that people want to reuse their bottles. Asked if there was any guidance. Cllr. Mans said send me an email and I will direct it to the correct department. Feels we are doing something and moving in the right direction. Said a lot of plastic is not recyclable and figures show recycling in Hants is quite low. High percentage of plastic is hard to recycle and ends up in landfill abroad. Said a new fund has just been announced. We need to find new ways of containing things like water and yoghurt, that's the way to go. Need to be making plastic that is recycleable. Said we should have gone the way Germany has, with a bin at end of each checkout, so you can put the packaging in that you do not want. A lot of packaging is to protect the fruit for transport, it reduces the amount of waste individuals have to dispose of. Cllr. Blastock said haven't Waitrose started to let you bring your own boxes for cereals etc. Cllr. Mans said delighted doing this and they do not have the disposable plastic bags anymore. Said having more loose fruit and vegetables. Cllr. Fairweather said the fountain idea is great and Fairweathers is a refill centre and proving popular. Cllr. Mans said he will try and find more details. Cllr. Norris said we could write to the water company if that is what we decide to do. Cllr. Mans said head it up 'sustainable solutions', means they have to answer constructively. Cllr. Shanks said say the idea came from the school. Cllr. Norris said he has not pursued it with the school, but we could do a competition and they design something for a bottle return scheme in the shape of the NF pony. Cllr. Steele asked Cllr. Mans when the £80m has to be saved by, Cllr. Mans replied in two years but we have to have a plan to get to that figure. Cllr. Norris said I believe you are now leader at HCC.

1735. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris apologised for late arrival, been discussing the Hampshire Consultation and how it will affect services in the county. Said regarding the water fountain said we are responsible for all the public conveniences, and all have water so maybe able to install fountain and will ask the question. Said all is well with DC. Looking at number of wards within the NF District and made recommendations to reduce, and calling the Boundary Commissioners, who will do an analysis. Said they will be consulting with PC's and asked views. They are looking not to have split parishes, keeping communities together. Recommendation is to come down from 60 to 46/48 wards. Said re recycling, we are very proud that we collect waste every week, now in minority. Cllr. Norris said we have a rat problem in the village and it would make it worse if waste not collected every week. Cllr. Harris said as a nation we have to recycle more. Cllr.

Fairweather said another problem with Beaulieu is the donkeys and if volume of general waste was presented to them, we would have more of a mess, and would have to think where volume could be stored. Cllr. Norris asked if the Film Awards recently was down to you. Cllr. Harris replied I did make it happen. Will attend a wash-up meeting and believe it will be held again and hope it will be successful.

1736. **PLANNING**

19/00452 – Clobb Gorse Cottage, St. Leonards Road

Demolition of existing dwelling, 1 new dwelling

Cllr. Fairweather declared an interest. Cllr. Norris said we went on a site meeting. It is to demolish a 1958 cottage, replacing with building which defers to Arts & Craft style. Not uncommon in Bucklers Hard/Thorns Beach area. Councilors liked and at the time of looking inclined to support it. However the briefing notes came after and Cllr. Steele pointed out that on floor space there is a disagreement, with floor space between proposer of project and NP. Over calculation of 30% increase. Cllr. Steele pointed out that underneath the balcony there is an area and NP take that as habitable space and also the space under the bow windows. Spoke to planning officer and they say if they reduce the floor space and be compliant with the 30%, they would probably approve. Cllr. Norris said I commented that we felt the building was very high and NP feel the same. Said the NP sk them to drop the height. Calculation by NP is that it is 40% increase. Said no overlooking problems. Ecology problem there, pretty well populated by bats. Cllr. Knight said he asked about the height and owner said it was not possible to reduce it, would spoil the character of the building. Cllr. Blastock asked why does he want it so high? Cllr. Norris feels it is the character of the house. Said it is not complaint and we cannot support. Cllr. Steele said can we say we support the application if it was compliant on space. Cllr. Norris said we will recommend refusal for the reasons listed below. No. 2. Proposed plan is not compliant with Policy DP10 of the core strategy replacement dwellings, once compliant we would support this. Cllr. Shanks said should we not go on site visits until we have the parish briefing. Cllr. Norris said this is not always practical, but I take your point.

19/00431 – The Garden Cottage, Thorns Beach. Replacement dwelling, demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. Open cart store and garage, machine store, loggia, dovecote, creation of access, boundary wall and gates, associated landscaping and works.

Cllr. Shanks declared an interest. Cllr. Norris said Beaulieu Estate might like to speak on this as this is a tenant, Mr. Ratcliffe. This is a very big application and reasons not voting tonight. Controversial application, some of the core strategy being ignored completely, over 30% of DP10. Mrs. Pearson said they were advised as small dwelling can go over – 100sq.m. Not occupied for number of years and maybe question as to if a residential property. Cllr. Steele said main problem is that it is separate curtilage from Thorns Beach House. Applicant wants cart store, garages, very sizeable. Do not see how we can give permission with massive outbuildings to a relatively small cottage, we do not allow other people. Mrs. Pearson said the Estate demolished a large shed and probably the

base is still there and there were greenhouses, as it was a market garden. Cllr. Steele said we need advice on what rules are re sheds etc., can they be replaced? Cllr. Norris said we need a site visit and talk to planning officer. Said I wonder if the machinery store is a sacrifice building, going to be a deal, as overkill, so they get what they really want. Mrs. Pearson said the cottage is for a security man. Cllr. Norris said we accept that, as we did for NF Plants to have a small agricultural workers cottage. Said not everything is in the core strategy documents. Cllr. Steele said they are tightening up on what is subservient when talking to them about Moonwood. More strict on outbuildings. Cllr. Norris feels like for like, put greenhouses back, as could be made into living accommodation. Agreed site visit needed and will get guidance on outbuildings, concrete bases etc. Said no comments on website yet. Asked if the architects are the same ones that got Thorns Beach through? Feels views at the moment, accept small building 100 sq.m. but number of outbuildings is excessive. Cllr. Fairweather said on reflection I might have to declare an interest.

19/00427 – Moonwood, Moonhills Lane – Detached garage.

Application been before us previously, we objected to the size of 3 bay garage and workshop. Asked if it could be reduced in size as did the local Residents Association and not so dominate and feels this is now what we were asking For. Cllr. Steele said now subservient to house. Recommend permission, we asked for it to be made smaller and it has. No. 1. All councilors agreed.

19/00433 – Little Moonhills, Exbury Road - Replacement outbuilding, demolition of existing building. Renewal of planning permission.

Cllr. Steele declared an interest. Said three year window to start work has Elapsed. Feels we support as supported before. No.1.

Decisions

19/00101 – Bucklers Hard Marina – Reconfigure and extend existing marina. Granted.

1737. **AGAR RETURN**

Cllr. Norris thanked Mrs. Pearson for auditing the AGAR, which you have all received a copy of.

Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather

Seconded: Cllr. Steele

1738. **PLAYGROUND**

Cllr. Steele said we had ROSPA report and they mentioned the fencing, which the Estate have kindly replaced and looks good. Said benches are sloping forward and suggest tightening screws, needs making right but not dangerous. Did not notice there is a loose bolt underneath swing, which needs tightening. They do risk score of 1-7, ours are mostly 6 or lower. Cllr. Norris will look at swing. Chippings need raking. Overall clean bill of health. Said did monthly check and chippings very compacted, need raking from edges. Mark on holiday next week. Said Cllr. Grindrod will take over checks for next three months. Asked if he could look at check list and see if there are things we need to do, any new ideas. Feels we should have a sinking fund for maintenance and replacing equipment. Cllr. Grindrod asked who is responsible for the field, Mrs. Pearson replied the school.

1739. **WORKSHOP AT BEAULIEU SCHOOL**

- Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Shanks and myself attended a workshop at the school. All present were school management committee. Said children were very confident and hand writing very good. Father John said they have good teachers. Said the playground is a school asset and children like it. Unfortunately football nets broken. The policy is it should be open after school and locked in the morning.
1740. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 Lloyds Bank, Balance 31st May 2019, £18,089.
 Financial Services compensation scheme
 RHIB – Insurance Renewal
 Glasdon Brochure
 NFNPA – Park Life
 NFDC – T emp Events Notice, Tree House, Wedding, 20/7/2019
 Victim Support grant letter, suggest we support with donation of £50 to Hants and Hants and IOW Victim Support.
 Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Blastock
1741. **CHEQUE SIGNING**
 BVHT – Room Hire £72.00
 Proposed: Cllr. Knight Seconded: Cllr. Blastock
 Playsafety Limited - £82.20
 Proposed: Cllr. Shanks Seconded: Cllr. Steele
 Mark Young - £120.00
 Proposed: Cllr. Shanks Seconded: Cllr. Steele
 Cllr. Shanks - £69.99 – Plants
 Proposed: Cllr. Blastock Seconded: Cllr. Steele
 Mrs. Deering – £57.10 - Ink cartridge
 Proposed: Cllr. Shanks Seconded: Cllr. Knight
1742. **QUESTION TIME**
 Cllr. Fairweather asked how the proposed car park is progressing. Mrs. Pearson said have applied for two houses for estate workers, but a new policy coming in and have to wait. Said gravel at end of marina, retrospective planning permission required. Said there is now a bat monitor in Hazel Copse Barn.
 Cllr. Blastock said there is a pot hole outside Beufre Farmhouse. Cllr. Norris said there is a website where you can report. Cllr. Blastock to report. Said salt bin not refilled. Said dragons teeth pass Master Builders is covered in brambles and a car smashed into them. Said outside Bucklers Spring, six cars were parked, some on yellow lines, making it dangerous for other road users. Clerk to write.
 Cllr. Grindrod asked if some of the community field could be used for parking.
 Cllr. Norris said lets keep pushing for car park at top of village.
 Cllr. Knight said more and more cycling events coming through the village. Cllr. Norris said they do bring in trade to local pubs.
 Mrs. Schofield said cyclists still coming down the High Street.
 Cllr. Shanks said the road signs going up to Hilltop are obscured by trees. Clerk to report.

Meeting closed at 8.30p.m

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 18th July 2019 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.