

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

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr. S. Steele

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. K. Mans, Cllr. M. Harris, PCSO Sam Harrington,
A parishioner, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1527. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Knight for chairing the last meeting.

Proposed: Cllr. Blastock Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod

1528. **MATTERS ARISING**

1526. Cllr. Shanks said when talking about dangerous branches said in minutes that I take a photograph and they come out. Amended to say they do not come out, they say the work can be done, or they do it.

1529. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1530. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

1531. **POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO Harrington said PC Eastwood unable to attend the meeting as in Brockenhurst at present. Said things are very very quiet in Beaulieu. Cllr. Norris asked how the surgeries are going? Said the one in the newsagents that we hold once a month on a Saturday is good and next one is 31st March. Also hold one in Brockenhurst and it is busier there, due to footfall. Said had reports of ASB motorbikes on Beaulieu Heath, which is hard to follow up as we do not have enough details. Cllr. Norris asked if it was the airdrome, confirmed yes. Said motorbikes and a few cars. Said we need registration numbers, but said obviously do not put yourself in danger, try and get a picture, but your safety is important. Had a spate of burglaries, mainly Exbury, East End, BH Café and Brockenhurst and reminded everyone to be aware. Cllr. Norris said they had a bad ram-raid at Battamsley Barn, power tools taken. Cllr. Harrington said also at Exbury, power tools, garden equipment, chainsaws, outboard motors etc taken. They are targeting heavy garden equipment. Said reminder to keep everything locked up and not on show. Cllr. Norris asked if they have had occasion to use the PC's CCTV? PCSO Harrington said not recently, but have used it and its been very effective. Cllr. Norris said that is good news and what it is there for. Said when you see PC Eastwood can you remind him we do not appear to have had the link from yourselves regarding data protection and CCTV. Cllr. Shanks said there was a pot hole quite near where I live and it was really dangerous. Said she phoned Hants Police and the gentleman she spoke to was so helpful and would contact

the appropriate out of hours person and said by 10am the next day it was sorted.

1532. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans said they have had comments on pot holes and fully understands this is bad due to the bad weather. Said it is fine for the water to seep through the surface, it drains away, but if it freezes it cracks and water takes away the hard surface, hence pot holes. Said we are doing our very best to get these repaired and putting more money into this as soon as possible. Asked if Beaulieu had been affected badly by the weather and asked about the grit bins. Cllr. Norris said he looked in one the other day and was half full, said people do not use them very much. Said he thought the roads cleared fairly quickly. Was surprised the BH road was good as did not think they salted that one. Cllr. Mans felt HCC coped fairly well with the situation, but will check on areas they could do better. Said budget has been set. Council tax, half going to care for the elderly. Said my devolved budget is now finished and starts again in May. £8000 to be spent. Said if you know any organisations, as you may have links to voluntary organisations who could benefit, please let me know. Usually give between £500 - £1000, in my division to keep it local. It is a very cost effective way to give money to small projects. Cllr. Knight asked if he could make a complaint through you Chairman to the Highways dept who have done nothing about the state of the roads. We have had a leak in Hatchet Lane for three years, which runs down the road and in this weather it is terrible. Coming from a ditch further up, think it is a roadside drain. Harlicks Hill – B3054. Nothing being done, wonders if you can persuade them. Also Hopes Corner, Palace Lane B3054 with water running straight across the road on the bend. It will be dangerous when freezes. Cllr. Norris asked if it was the waterboard. Cllr. Knight said the waterboard saying it is HCC. Cllr. Mans said he will do what he can. Cllr. Knight said we have reported it but nothing happening. Cllr. Norris mentioned Palace Lane and the residents concerns and Cllr. Humby's reply with facts and figures which we feel are incorrect and at the moment it is a very low priority. Said I have done nothing further, as the residents are active and copied them in on the reply we received, but heard nothing more. I do not want to dampen their enthusiasm. Said we need to 'keep the pot boiling'. Cllr. Mans said he has spoken to his colleague about this and told him this particular one will not go away. Cllr. Knight said he felt the same. Cllr. Mans feels we will get there in the end and we need to try and move it up the priority list. Cllr. Norris said I can understand if they are fighting to defend their budget and fully expected to get a reply like that, but there are issues there and did have a meeting with one of your engineers on another matter and I found him quite helpful, because I said what we were trying to do and he said there are things you can do. Obviously the idea of humps and things like that are out of the question. Apparently the lighting and other things are not right, but there are some natural calming which I think would be appropriate and the engineer tended to agree with me, but said he was not the budget controller. Cllr. Mans said if you get an agreement with Highways come back to me. Cllr. Norris said we will keep in touch with the residents group and see what progress they make.

1533. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris said during the bad weather the staff kept the home fires burning

regarding services. There were a number of residents that they had to help, who were in danger of not surviving, but due to actions the staff took, it turned out well. Mentioned the antenna in the car park and bus shelters etc. The idea is that they will be put into assets that we own and charge £10 for these devices and we will get 10%. They will be used by people who for example have horses and want to make their paddock secure, this device will be low frequency and able to use the internet. Cllr. Norris said does burglar and fire alarms able to use this. It will transmit a signal and it will be picked up by the antenna and sent somewhere. Cllr. Harris said the public who subscribe can be alerted, say if you have an elderly relation that has fallen over. Cllr. Gibbs says it goes onto your smart phone and picks up the signal, you get it on your phone. You could be miles away and you get it and can do something about it. Cllr. Harris said this has not been signed off yet. Said re car parking and seeing Mrs. Pearson, feels we have reached a dead-lock. Said maybe he will talk to Steve Avery, but wanted to check with us. Cllr. Norris said please keep the pressure up, as we have gone as far as we can go and all our ducks seem to be in a row, and just waiting for one person and tomorrow night is the Residents Association AGM, which Lord Montagu will attend, and whether that matter will be brought up, because some of the traders are quite concerned and it ought to be going ahead. Other concerns of this council are as of yesterday the coastal path has been decided and our concern is that Beaulieu is going to be a natural break-in point for the coastal path and we are at breaking point already and if it will bring a lot of visitors and cars, where will they go and why haven't NE addressed any of the car park issues, not only here in the village, but over the years it has been a problem at Browns Lane, Sowley and see coastal path is routed up Browns Lane and there will be lots of additional parking down there. Displacement parking is something that does concern us and it will certainly concern some of the residents. Cllr. Gibbs asked who we are waiting for and Cllr. Norris said we are waiting for Lord Montagu to make his mind up whether he is going to pursue it with the NP, relocation of the building consent and wooding of the area. He said he was thinking about it. Said he has a lot on his plate and imagine displacement parking in Beaulieu is quite low on his priority list. Cllr. Gibbs said at the last Residents Association meeting he said Lord Montagu was not keen on paving over a field. Cllr. Norris said in the last conversation I had in December he was minded to do that. He felt he could persuade the NP to say yes. Cllr. Fairweather said has it been considered to relocate the house in the same field? Cllr. Norris said no he has not as far as I am aware. The idea was to go up to Harlicks and that is where he wanted to put it and it goes against NP policy – isolated dwelling etc. Ironical really as original police house was going to be a whole terrace of them and only ever built one. Said that is where we are. Cllr. Gibbs said was it always part of NE not to deal with car parking? Cllr. Norris said if you ask them, they say they do not have a remit for it. Cllr. Harris said there were conversations about NFDC and NP joining forces with their planning departments. Cllr. Norris asked if there was any data protection update for parishes. Told in December by NFDC legal services that it was becoming law in May and really small parish councils need some guidance on what data we are supposed to be protecting. As regards CCTV,

think we are sorted out and know what we are doing. Asked if every councilor has to give me a letter to say they are quite happy for their name, address and telephone number to appear on the parish website? Cllr. Harris said all he has heard is that parishes should get in touch with HALC. Cllr. Norris said he has been told they have not done very much. Cllr. Harris said he will make enquiries. Cllr. Gibbs suggested that it might be worth creating a small group within the parish council, the same as we did for parking and they will investigate, come back to the council and say we have gathered this information and this is what we have to do. Cllr. Norris said that is a good idea and asked who would like to be on that committee? Cllr. Gibbs said he would and is sure Cllr. Steele would. Cllr. Grindrod agreed to join. Cllr. Gibbs said they would go away and find out the basic rules and report back at the next meeting. Said there will be 5/6 things we have to do. Cllr. Norris said he is concerned about the minutes being recorded on the website and how long do we keep records for? As a public body do we have to keep them for 5 years and after that we throw away unless information in there that has to be retained for another 2 years? A parishioner said there is a NFDC Round Table event on data protection on Tuesday 10th April 9.15 – 12.30pm, at Appletree Court, but I am unable to get in on that as a business. Cllr. Mans said he should have mentioned earlier that on the agenda for meeting next Thursday is whether the two planning authorities should merge. If anyone has any views, please let me know. Feels it might mean a more unified service for the forest. Said he is in favour. Cllr. Fairweather feels it makes enormous sense.

1534. **PLANNING**

18/00101 Moonhills Gate, Exbury Road

Proposed access

Cllr. Knight said they have had previous applications. Said the manor bank goes through the centre of their property, but it is in our parish. Said there are no environmental issues. Cllr. Norris said they are moving the gateway a little way up and closing off the present one. They have taken pre-planning advice.

18/00099 Erection of 4 outbuildings

Cllr. Shanks said there are a lot of outbuildings there already. Cllr. Knight said they are all falling down and just being replaced. Said as long as the pool house and garage are not used for accommodation, that is his only concern. The pool house has a toilet. They are being built in exactly the same style as the house.

Only comment from NP was they did not want it to lead to a proliferation of small outbuildings, but thought that was part of their core strategy. All councillors in agreement to both applications – No.1

Tree Works

Hatteras, Furzey Lane

Fell 2 Leyland Cypress, Prune 1 Beech, Prune 2 Eucalyptus, Prune 1 Poplar

All councillors in agreement

CONS/18/0253 – Friars Oak, Dock Lane

Fell 1 Oak, Prune 1 Group of Oak trees, Prune 3 Oak Trees

All councillors in agreement

DECISIONS

17/00957 – 3D Farming Partnership – Leygreen Farm

Creation of pond and wetland area.

Grant subject to conditions

1535. **PALACE LANE AND HIGH STREET CLOSURE**

Cllr. Norris said we have discussed Palace Lane already tonight, so will not go over that. Said regarding the High Street closure you had a copy of the email I wrote to the engineer re closing of the High Street in the spring bank holiday. They wanted to close the High Street and Palace Lane for two days for extensive resurfacing. The reason they decided on that week is a health and safety issue with Beaulieu School, as the school would be closed that week. Fortunately they have agreed with us that it would upset the pattern of trade and peaceful enjoyment of the village, so they considered other options and decided to do the work in October half term. I was impressed that the engineer was prepared to come and talk to us before doing anything, whereas normally you find the road closed. He said the last people to know anything are parish council's. Said I did mention to him about Cllr. Fairweather's concerns and that he would like to be involved in any discussions regarding vehicular movements at top of High Street. Cllr. Shanks says she has looked carefully at the roads and not understanding why they are intending to resurface the bottom of the High Street down to Clock House, rather than bottom of High Street to the junction as that road is appalling. Cllr. Norris said that is being done at the same time. The engineer said there was a bit here and a bit there, so decided to bring two heavy machine in and will do the whole thing with a very high grade tarmac that will last. Said he did consider doing it at night, but the machines would keep everyone awake. Cllr. Fairweather said thank you to Cllr. Norris for not allowing them to do it in the Easter holidays, but do think there is an opportunity if they will grant access through the top of the High Street to our car park, the High Street could be kept open. Cllr. Norris said he thinks it could be a possibility. Said the engineer is new to the CC, very experienced. Need to tell him your worries and you will find he has some good ideas. Cllr. Gibbs asked why half term and Cllr. Norris said because of health and safety and the school is closed. Cllr. Fairweather said what about July holiday and Cllr. Norris said because they do not do road works during summer months, some unwritten thing. It was like when we wanted the broadband cabinet at Hatchet and involved digging across the road and they said they cannot do it in June, July, August, some policy. Said they originally planned to do it in January, which they changed. Asked councillors to think about it and put on agenda again and talk about what might be the best month. Cllr. Gibbs said what is the best month for traders. Cllr. Fairweather said probably January, but we cannot wait till then as top of High Street is terrible. Thinks we need to have an opinion amongst others. Cllr. Norris asked the clerk to contact the engineer and say thank you again for all his help and at our meeting agreed to ask if he would attend a parish council meeting and discuss other options.

1536. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Lloyds Bank – Balance 5th February - £14,357.21

(Insurance claim of £715.00 is included in this balance)

Glasdon brochure

Broxap – Litter and recycling bins brochure

Clerks and Councils Direct

1537. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

BVHT - £36.00

Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather

Seconded: Cllr. Knight

1538. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Gibbs mentioned the replacement marque, said he has done quite a lot of work on this. Cllr. Norris said it was not on the agenda, so out of time, as you wanted it added too late. Cllr. Gibbs said the current marque is not fit for purpose and dangerous and there have been near accidents over the last 18 months. Said Neil McGrigor and myself looked at a new marque from Bennetts of Wareham 45 x 30, slightly bigger than currently have. Said they are a really professional company and got a quote £6,000 + VAT = £7,200. Donations we have so far is Beaulieu Beaufort Trust, they will underwrite any shortfall. £2,000 from Residents Association, looking for £2,000 from parish council and looking for other donations. Point is we have it as an asset and the whole village can use it. The Estate have staff who if we pay them can put it up and down. We need to make a decision fairly soon, to get it in time for the fete. Will talk to the Residents Association tomorrow night. Cllr. Norris asked councillors what they thought about it. Cllr. Shanks in favour. Cllr. Fairweather asked where will it be kept? Cllr. Gibbs said it will be kept by the Beaulieu Estate, where the current one is. Said seen the building and it is dry. The current trailer which Mr. McGrigor kindly donated will be used and I will get a ladder rack. Cllr. Fairweather asked if all the regular users are happy that it is bigger? Cllr. Gibbs said it was not much bigger. Cllr. Norris said if too big he is worried it will take more people to put up. Cllr. Gibbs says current one takes 10 people, can do with 6/7, the new one 2 minimum, 4 maximum. Cllr. Fairweather said his concern is that it could not be used in his car park, as too big for the usual space for Victorian evening. Cllr. Gibbs asked if it could be used in another space in the car park. Cllr. Fairweather said it would need some consideration. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Gibbs if he has spoken to everyone, ie. original stakeholders – Church and Music at Beaulieu Abbey. Cllr. Gibbs said he has not asked them yet, but trying to stay with the bodies we have got and know they have funds to fund it. Said if we all agree to do this and underwrite it, it makes going to the other parties easier. Said if we get funds together, Cllr. Fairweather and myself as parish councillors could go to Bennetts and talk to them. Said you could have a modular tent, slightly smaller, but you can add another pane on the side of it. Cllr. Fairweather asked if the fete committee want a bigger one? Cllr. Norris said 12m x 6m they are ok with that. Cllr. Fairweather questions why do we want a bigger one? Cllr. Gibbs said this is the size they make. Said if you have a smaller one and add more panes it is more modular and takes more than 2 people to put it up. Said the company are highly recommended by residents here. Cllr. Fairweather said he was totally in support of it and in support of backing the parish council to support it, but have a question mark about the size. Cllr. Gibbs said lets get the funds in place and sort out that detail as part of it. Said he has to go knocking on doors and getting backing and then the Beaufort Trust will help. Asked if parish council were ok to donate £2,000. Cllr. Norris said not taking a

vote on this tonight, but can I have an indication of those who are in favour. All councillors in favour. Said you can let the Residents Association know that the parish council will support it and probably match fund. Said I will ask you, Cllr. Gibbs to lodge with the proper officer a proposition for the amount of money and that can go on the agenda for the next meeting. It has to be a written proposition, not verbally as it is standing orders. Cllr. Gibbs said that is absolutely fine. Cllr. Norris said the proposition must be in to the proper officer by the Thursday before the next meeting. Cllr. Gibbs says that gives me the confidence for Cllr. Fairweather and myself to go and sort the last details. With the Beaufort Trust assurance we can actually place an order. Do not want to leave it too long or we will not get it in time for events. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Gibbs for doing a wonderful job and that he has worked hard and it is good you have a result. Also mentioned the dog litter bin at top of Curtle Meadow field main entrance, Fire Station Lane the top is broken.

Cllr. Blastock says the 30 mph road sign on Cripplegate Lane is in the ditch, thinks it could have been knocked down by the car that was burnt out. Cllr. Norris asked if the car has been removed? Cllr. Blastock replied not yet. Also Lodge Lane, coming from cemetery going towards Cripplegate, the road is terrible and someone will go in the ditch. Said on the 1st March, Cllr. Knight and myself were booked to attend a meeting on non native species at Testwood Lakes, the weather was awful and we decided not to attend. It turned out the majority of people didn't attend, so it has been rebooked for 30th October. Said the Verderers Stewardship Day she will attend with Cllr. Knight. Said will ask who the verge officer is, as noticed in the past two weeks that the level of cars just being dumped around here has increased and would like to know how they are going to enforce it. Cllr. Norris said think it depends who owns the verge, some are Beaulieu Estate and their responsibility. Cllr. Gibbs said isn't it the responsibility of the verge officer to keep weeds etc under control. Cllr. Knight said it is illegal to park on a verge.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 19th April 2018 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.