

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2016
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. S. Gibbs

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. M. Harris, Mr. J. Beaumont, Mr. A. Mills, Ms. S. Blasstock, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1302. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

1303. **MATTERS ARISING**

1287. Cllr. Shanks said Mrs. Pearson was brilliant in getting staff out to deal with the situation regarding flooding near my home. They cleared one drain to take water into the copse, but the one they cleared was just about working, the one that needed clearing, which has been squashed by vehicles, they did not do anything about, but was impressed that Mrs. Pearson will send staff again as soon as possible. Said I will liaise with her to show exactly where it needs clearing and therefore get the water off the road.

1206. Cllr. Steele said the defib training went really well. 23 people attended and what was really good was we had 8 from the school, who really appreciated it. Said it was well worth doing. Have now run two courses and got a good number of people from the school, hotel, Estate, Cooke-Hurle's, and Fairweathers. Said afraid we have an extra invoice to pay as we had to send the training defib back in the post costing £27.60. Feels it was a very worthwhile exercise. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Steele for organizing this, when she had a busy morning gardening for the PC.

Cllr. Norris said he represented the PC at the wreath laying and was asked to read out the names of First and Second World Wars village folk who gave their lives and that occasion went off really well. Said members of Port Regiment from Marchwood attended and they looked extremely smart and added dignity to the occasion.

Cllr. Norris said Beaulieu 1 cabinet is now on BT Open Reach's work stack, so we are making progress. I did ask how high is the work stack and they will let me know, but did say probably have it by end of year. Buckler's Hard is now live.

1304. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Steele and Cllr. Shanks regarding planning applications.

1305. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beaumont mentioned burglary at Chocolate Shop and asked if CCTV caught the person. Cllr. Norris said regrettably no, because we cannot access it. It is very frustrating when we have a desperate need. Said now we have broadband issue more sorted, we can concentrate on CCTV.

1306. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present. Cllr. Norris said there was a beat surgery on Saturday. The clerk received PC Eastwood's report too late for the meeting, but circulated it. His report said that Beaulieu, Ashurst and Brockenhurst have been targeted for burglaries, so please lock doors, set alarms and be alert to properties empty by neighbours.

1307. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber not present. Cllr. Harris said he has not seen him at any recent meetings. Cllr. Norris said we wish him well.

1308. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris said re electoral reviews, no update of local government. Lots of meetings across Hants, said hoped it would go away. However it's a Treasury initiative and not letting go as they feel there are huge savings to be made. Will keep us informed. NFDC having a reorganization and setting up group to re examine/reducing hours and reducing 60 councilors to another number. Wanted to thank Cllr. Steele for the defib training, said it was absolutely excellent and really pleased I attended. Said I know the machine tells you what to do, but it does not tell you all the other bits you need to know. Said years ago there was only a 5% chance of surviving a heart attack, now defibs are becoming more common place, it is a 10% chance, but there is still a lot to be done, and BPC are way ahead. Said all my other PC's will be getting a lecture from me about it. Said on his way home from the training, I called into a local hotel and asked if they had a defib and they did not. Suggested they should. Cllr. Steele said the Heart Foundation have said their quota for next year is now open, so any PC's or organisations who are thinking about getting a defib, should get in touch with them, or go on their website. Cllr. Harris will tell his PC's. Mentioned dementia, and said this week there has been national publicity about dementia increasing and said 1m people have been diagnosed and probably another 1m who are being looked after by a family member. Said some villages and towns are way ahead and have dementia friendly signs up. Said looking for volunteers to go round to shops etc and make people aware of dementia. Reported that he has sorted out the sweeping of the High Street ready for the Victorian Evening and the free parking for that evening. Cllr. Norris asked how are we getting on with the short term bays in the car park? Cllr. Harris has chased them and thinks the report has been done, but will check. Cllr. Norris said when he came here this morning at 10am, all along one side was 24hr clocks. Cllr. Steele asked why do we have 24hr parking in there at all? Why not just short term? Said when we get our new parking for residents and traders, who will need 24hr parking? Cllr. Norris said it is very cheap parking. Cllr. Harris said he will ask the question.

1309. **PLANNING**

16/00759LBC and 16/00758 - 1 Northern Cottages

Erection of a glass roof veranda to be fixed to existing conservatory.

Cllr. Shanks declared an interest. Three councilors in agreement to approve, providing conditions laid down by conservation officer are observed.

16/00824 - Boundary House, Furzey Lane

Replacement Garage

Cllr. Steele declared an interest.

No site visit. All councilors agreed to approve.

16/00897 – Saltmead, Thorns Beach

Alterations to pedestrian and vehicular entrance areas, replace existing fence and new solid oak security gates.

Cllr. Fairweather looked at this and councilors have agreed refusal, as this would have an adverse impact on the character and appearance of a country lane.

16/00838 – Manor House, High Street – Grade 2 Listed

Replace windows.

NP asking is windows need to be replaced.

BPC support the application as replacement of windows is the only practical solution.

16/00857 and 16/00906 – Hilltop House

Single storey extension; demolition of existing garage

Site visit arranged for 28th November.

16/00926 – Land at Hazel Copse

Hardstanding

BPC supports this application, number 1 option

16/00937 – Hazel Copse

Temporary change of use of piggery to shower block for 60 days next year.

Mr. Mills said Embers are offering 90 days of camping, not 60. Nothing on website.

BPC supports this application for temporary 60 days, number 1 option. Ask NP what monitoring will be taking place.

1310. **DECISIONS**

None.

1311. **HIGH SPEED BROADBAND**

Nothing to report, apart from Beaulieu cabinet maybe here end of year.

1312. **CCTV**

Cllr. Norris said in Cllr. Fairweather's absence we are waiting for drawings.

1313. **COMMON GOOD TRUST**

Cllr. Norris said we have made an application to the CGT and if successful we could use the money to have 6 deployments of a SID around our parish.

1314. **DEPLOYMENT OF SID'S/SLR'S**

Cllr. Norris said we can hire these from NFDC. Need to consider sites. Cllr. Shanks suggested the Bypass, Cllr. Grindrod suggested the High Street. A SID is £68 + VAT + £60 setting up and £30 for a battery change. Cllr. Shanks said that 82% drivers speed in Palace Lane, so if after the 30mph sign is moved, it would be a good idea to have it there. Cllr. Norris said he will contact NFDC. Councilors agreed that if we do not get the CGT grant the PC will pay for deployments.

1315. **NP LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION**

Cllr. Norris said they are tightening up on various things and one thing that struck me on housing was they are going to limit the size of housing. Said a proposal for approx. 30 houses to go in at EB and have identified other areas. They seem to be making a lot of fuss about commoners having various rights to

houses. Going on from that there are 100 properties in the NF which have an agricultural covenant on which means they have to be occupied by an agricultural worker or sometimes they let forestry workers have them. An agricultural worker earns £19,000, school teachers £22,000, staff nurse £21,000, wonder with the decline in agriculture, is it not time the covenant idea fell through and made key workers able to live in these properties. They are asking the PC to respond. Is this something worth responding to? Cllr. Steele said you can get a change of use, but Cllr. Norris said it is difficult, not easy and getting tighter. Cllr. Steele asked Cllr. Harris his thoughts, and he said we should respond. Cllr. Norris will comment on this.

1316. **CORRESPONDENCE**

General

Lloyds Bank – 27th October - £18,420.28

Clerks and Councils Direct

Rural Services Network – Weekly Email Digest and Rural Transport

CPRE – Membership Card and Hampshire Views

HCC – Admissions to School – Sept 2017

Letter from Jelly Tots Playgroup. Cllr. Norris feels we should support this group, agreed to grant £150 – Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

Cllr. Norris said when looking at the bench today, it is only fixed at the back, but noticed that the war memorial had a new wreath on it from the school and thought this was quite touching, and said we should write a letter, addressing it to Katherine Jones.

1317. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Clerks Salary - £761.50

B.J. Marcer – Fixing Bench - £65.00

BVHT - £36.00

M. Young - £90.00

Cllr. Steele – Defib return - £27.60

NF Disability - £100

Jelly Tots Playgroup - £150.00

Proposed: Cllr. Grindrod Seconded: Cllr. Steele

1318. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Grindrod wondered why we allow HGV to drive through the village at 30mph. Can we get their speed reduced, as some roads have bans on them.

Cllr. Steele said the High Street is looking quite dark, street light by the Cooke-Hurle's has branches obstructing it. Cllr. Shanks will speak to them.

Cllr. Shanks asked if the heating can be on and stays on when we have PC meetings. Cllr. Grindrod says we need to make the switch into a remote control and maybe the PC could donate some money towards this.

Meeting closed at 8.00p.m.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 15th December 2016 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.