

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2016
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mrs. R. Pearson

IN ATTENDANCE

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

1288. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather

Seconded: Cllr. Knight

1289. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Norris said that Cllr. Shanks and himself attended HCC's "Future of Local Government" on the 20th. Said it was very intense and there is a lot of proposed changes in local government and this was the county councils view on it all. Talked about the car parking sign in the car park being enlarged and we have written to the Estate.

1287. Cllr. Shanks said Mrs. Pearson, Mr. Dolbear and herself went to look at the site where it floods by her home. It would appear there are pipes there that take water off into Mill Pond, but they are all blocked and further up there should be a gully taking water to the copse. Mrs. Pearson has arranged for the Estate to work on these. Cllr. Norris said to monitor it and see what happens.

1280. Cllr. Norris said we turned down the planning application for Heatherlands and see that it has been withdrawn as we suggested. Said saw the Under Manager of Greenclose Hotel group, and that the Montagu Arms planning for the Barn has gone to committee this week.

1287. Cllr. Norris said we mentioned the Victorian Christmas Evening last meeting and pleased to say it is coming back under a new Chair and new committee. Said Cllr. Fairweather and himself will still be involved.

Cllr. Steele mentioned the 30mph sign in Palace Lane, we were going to contact Cllr. Thornber and ask him when it is going to be moved. The sign when coming from the village at present is totally obscured by branches and traffic roaring down there. Cllr. Norris said he has asked the police to use their radar trap there. Thinks in the absence of Ken, we could contact Highways and ask them what progress is being made re moving it and also one way sign by Fairweathers has not been repaired.

1206. Cllr. Steele said the date for the defib training on 31st October is full, 20 people. Invoice £250, but £100 donated by Cllr. Harris. Previously the Ambulance Service did us a good deal, but that's a one off. Cllr. Norris said this will come up under cheque signing. 8 from school, various locals from High Street, 3 who run sessions at village hall, Montagu Arms staff and maybe 2 from Fairweathers attending. Cllr. Steele feels it is money well spent in the community.

1290. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1291. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beaumont said he was happy to see Samantha from Clobb Copse Farm here tonight and also spoke about the Coastal Access Path and gave the Chairman reports for consideration.

Mr. Mills said there was still concern from Furzey Lane residents regarding Embers Camping.

1292. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present,

1293. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber not present.

1294. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris said NFDC are reviewing collections of rubbish in terms of 'bring sites' i.e sites where you take your bottles etc. We now have roadside collections for all recycling materials. It is a budgetary issue. The usage of bring sites has declined. Agreed to withdraw some, but 20 will remain. 105 now. Cllr. Harris said he will again be chairing the group to look at budgets for the forthcoming year. Has been saying to PC's if they have any queries about how NFDC spend the money and why they are doing certain things, then please let him know. Cllr. Harris mentioned Cllr. Norris' presence at the Verderers Court and thanked him for the valuable contribution he made and played a big part in the decision made. Cllr. Norris asked how Cllr. Thornber was. Replied that he has not been well and been in hospital and at Oakhaven for respite care as on leaving hospital his wife was also ill. But home now and hopefully on the mend. Cllr. Harris said he has not seen him at any meetings and knows he has not put his name forward for next year. Mr. Beaumont said there are rumours that some people are trying to form a new conglomerate and does this not affect your council? Cllr. Harris said there are conversations and hardly a meeting goes by without it being mentioned. Cllr. Norris said he understands you have brought management consultants in now, Following HCC having gone out to consultation and £180,000 on a report restructuring the county. The comments from NF Association and Council is they are not necessarily in agreement to the Hampshire proposals and have in fact got management consultants in and are awaiting that report. Is this correct? Cllr. Harris confirmed it was. The Leader of the Council said nothing will happen without a full council discussion and debate. Said it is lead by central government and Treasury can see there are huge savings to be made with three tier councils. Parish, Town and County have said they feel there are savings to be made. Said a lot of people are not in favour of an elected mayor.

1295. **PLANNING**

No planning applications.

Tree Works

Furzey House – Prune 3 x Scots Pine Trees, Fell 1 x Lawson Cypress Tree

Decisions

16/00542/LDCP – The Rings, Harford Heath

Application for a certificate of Lawful Development for a proposed single storey

Extension – Permitted Development
16/00656 and 16/00692 – Heatherlands, Furzey Lane
Demolition of dwelling and garage - Withdrawn

1296. HIGH SPEED BROADBAND

Cllr. Norris said normally we do not have anything much to report, but can report a famous victory. The battle of Beaulieu 1 has been won. At very short notice I received emails to say get yourself over to the Verderers Court and make a presentation. 80-90 people were there, it was very busy. I talked about the cabinet at Hatchet Pond. Said HCC have done quite a good job in the fact that they are going to take the base of the old bus shelter out and NE want sharks teeth, so in fact the actual space the cabinet is going on will be 3/4m. The installation done in accordance with installing a cabinet on SSSI. It is a win win situation for Verderers as they get 52sq m. of grazing which they would not have had. Said my idea of selling it, put cabinet there, you get all tis which will naturally seed = increased grazing. Then talked about the NP strategy of vibrant communities and talked about the delicate balance and what wonderful guardians of the forest they were. I was quite nervous but then started to 'ham' things up a bit, people started laughing and I could tell the room was with me. They thought that the Chairman of Beaulieu is a bit of a comedian, but it actually worked. This morning at 8.15 the phone rang while I was out, from the Clerk of EB, saying isn't this wonderful news, then various emails come in, one from HCC. What happened was Brockenhurst made a presentation and Brockenhurst have been deferred for 3 months. That is our biggest step forward. Said Glen and Patrick will be meeting the head of HCC and senior Open Reach staff next week. Cllr. Gibbs said hopefully they will come up with a plan and time scale. Cllr. Gibbs thinks Cllr. Norris has done a sterling job. Cllr. Norris said thanks, he was in the right place at the right time. Said the hurdle has been jumped. Said they want the dust to settle and know they are going to be monitored when they come to install it, know they are going to be watched over, obviously by NE. Cllr. Norris said he supported the joint proposal of HCC and BT Open Reach and said he did not know till this morning that we had actually got it. Said someone in the court got up and talked about Pond Head and how disgraceful the FC works were and were not complying and the place was flooding and she said there were 2 men here today trying to get 3/4m and having to go on bended knees to get it and there are the FC driving about all over the place without a by or leave, and this helped our case. Then a gentleman got up and talked about conservation, did not understand any of it, maybe that is why we got through, I was some light relief! But its good news for Beaulieu. Cllr. Norris said HCC want to do it properly and make sure it is right. I think if they push Beaulieu 1 on and then the High Street will happen. No time scale given as they do not comment. Councillors congratulated Cllr. Norris, said he was glad the PC did it.

1297. CAR PARKING IN THE VILLAGE

Cllr. Norris said we had a meeting of the CP Committee after the PC meeting. Said the CP Committee is a sub committee, so unless anyone has any issues, I

do not think we should discuss it now. Cllr. Norris asked if it was correct that Peter Stagg was doing something with Haywards Meadow. Cllr. Knight said he had not heard and Mrs. Pearson was not here to ask. Cllr. Fairweather said he knows the tenants of the field have been told they may have to vacate it at short notice. Cllr. Steele said do we know if planning permission has been put in yet. Cllr. Norris said he did not know, but said parking is a lot better than it was and meant to ask Cllr. Harris how he was getting on with restricted bays in the car park. Cllr. Gibbs said he has noticed there are more spaces in the High Street. Cllr. Norris feels it is because of the signs and says it has cleared the High Street a bit and said tickets were issued yesterday and car park warden been around. Said it has made an immense help, but we need to keep the rest of the whole project rolling and try and make sure we get Haywards Meadow. Will call a meeting of the CP committee when I think it is necessary.

1298. CCTV FOR THE VILLAGE

Cllr. Fairweather said he has completed the planning application, but waiting for a revision on plan from RWD for floor plan, which hopes to get this week. Then plan is to go through the application with the case officer in person, so do not submit and it gets rejected again. Have done the Heritage statement that was required. Said he feels we still have a big challenge in terms of access to information, but says until we give some money to the people who installed it, we will not have passwords etc. Have been asking them for info, but they are not responding. Said we will pay. Cllr. Gibbs asked how much and Cllr. Norris said we were following your advice and we were going for a lease. Cllr. Fairweather said we need to get planning and if we give them a down payment they would let us have recording. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Fairweather to investigate. Cllr. Steele asked who is going to be the main point of contact if someone needs access. Cllr. Fairweather said we need to discuss this. Is there a charge? If for individual use how would we decide? Cllr. Gibbs feels it would be fair to charge. Cllr. Fairweather said it could take some time to look through the footage. Cllr. Steele said would it be a parish council responsibility or use the security firm to provide us with the info? Cllr. Gibbs said it belongs to the PC so therefore falls to us to take on that responsibility. Said if they give us a time and date it would make the task easier and tell them there is a nominal charge and then they might change their mind. Cllr. Fairweather said the box is in Abbey Stores, but we can dial in through broadband. Cllr. Norris said progress is being made.

1299. CORRESPONDENCE

Received a letter of complaint from Mrs. De Salis about the last meeting, saying not a good example of local democracy at work. Cllr. Norris replied saying thank you for attending the meeting and that your experience was unsatisfactory. Following these comments I intend to reorder the hall for further meetings. Said we have no agenda available, so explained we try to be paper free as government request, but there is one on the notice board and we will put one on the screen at meetings. Said we were a small PC and councilors receive no remuneration. Hope to see you again at one of our improved meetings.

CPRE – Requesting donations, but we subscribe.

Hags Brochure

Get advice with NRG

Glasdon Brochure

Das UK Group – motor accident

Clerks & Councils Direct

NF Disability – Grant aid. Cllr. Norris asked if we wished to help.

Proposed: Cllr. Gibbs Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod

Lloyds – 29th Sept. £19,426.00 – said reserving up for CCTV and various other projects.

Letter from CGT asking for applications. Cllr. Shanks feels we should not be putting in an application. Cllr. Grindrod said we were asked by the VH Trust for donation, so if we apply we could hand some over to them. Cllr. Steele said the VH Trust can make their own application, but feels it is not the correct thing to do. Cllr. Norris said the PC have been invited to make an application and asked councilors to think about a project that would be worthwhile doing and discuss at next meeting. Cllr. Fairweather said car parking is our priority and we could use the £500 to make spaces by the village hall on the grass and the Estate might do that quicker if we paid. Cllr. Steele said it should be an amenity that benefits the community. We have done seat, done flags. Cllr. Norris said they civic flags have been quite useful. Said we could buy a rope for the new life belt. Cllr. Grindrod said at some time we will need to refurbish the playground. Cllr. Norris said we are going to sign cheque for garden maintenance and it is quite big.

NFDC

Info Bulletin – 2016

Precept – Sept - £4,000

GIS Service Level Agreement

Tens License for Victorian Xmas Eve – sale of alcohol – 26th Nov

Increased in kerbside recycling saves £143,000

NFNPA

Park Life

Local Plan Review – Consultation Draft

Enforcement Control

HazelCope Farm – Unauthorised Development – formation of hard standing.

Unauthorised change of use – conversion of agricultural building into shower and toilets. Retrospective application received.

1300. CHEQUE SIGNING

Royal British Legion - £60. Following demise of Beaulieu branch of British Legion, the PC felt we should honour the war dead of our parish on Remembrance Sunday. Said he has laid the wreath since we started this, but if any member of the council wishes to do this, then I am prepared for them to take over. Councilors felt the Chairman should do this.

NFDC - £50 – GIS Membership. Overlaying map system. Cllr. Norris said he uses it and finds it useful, you can find phone boxes, listed buildings etc.

£210 – Mark Young. Cllr. Norris asked Cllrs. Shanks and Steele if everything is satisfactory. Cllr. Steele said all ok except rubbish disposal. Need to find a way of not having to pay Mark to take it away. Cllr. Knight said if it is burnable he will do it. Its costs £15 for each disposal. Cllr. Gibbs asked if Mark took it

to Charlie would the cost be £15. Cllrs. Steele and Shanks will talk to him. We will pay these invoices, but would like to find cheaper solution.

BVHT - £36

Defib Training - £250

Proposed: Cllr. Shanks Seconded: Cllr. Steele

Cllr. Norris thanked councilors for their support regarding the wreath. Cllr. Steele said she would put flags up on relevant days.

Cllr. Norris asked the clerk to email Cllr. Harris about the short term paying bays.

Said we have been asked to nominate a Saturday for free parking, suggest we ask for 26th Nov for Victorian Christmas Evening. All councilors agreed.

Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Grindrod to put Victorian Christmas on the website and about the road closure from 3-9p.m.

1301. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Fairweather wanted to make sure the Victorian Christmas details went on the website.

Cllr. Gibbs said the gate onto Fire Station Lane the cable has broken. Wanted to clarify question on broadband, did they say what next steps were? Cllr. Norris said in terms of moving forward we need to manage our expectations, not serving superfast broadband within the next few weeks, but approval is there and everyone is working with FC to make sure the deployment is in line with the approval as I am sure lots of people will be looking closely at this.

Regarding speed control for Beaulieu, Cllr. Norris said not got speeding control for Palace Lane yet, will remind them.

Cllr. Norris said Samantha who lives at Bucklers Hard is interested in joining the PC and that is why she has come along tonight to see what happens. Said if you want to attend another meeting, please do come and we will have a chat in the meantime.

Meeting closed at 7.42p.m.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 17th November 2016 at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.