

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2017
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. S. Gibbs, Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Blastock

APOLOGIES

Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. L. Shanks, Cllr. M. Grindrod, Cllr. K. Mans, Mr. A. Mills

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. M. Harris, Mrs. E. Schofield, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1453. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Blastock

1454. **MATTERS ARISING**

1436. Cllr. Steele asked about the see-saw. Cllr. Norris said the Beaulieu Estate have clamped the see-saw off. Emailed Greenspan and asked what they were doing. They said they had contacted the supplier of hydraulic rams in Holland, who were unco-operative, so they decided they would try to resolve it. Did a site visit to estimate the cost. Received email to say they had inspected and rectified it. Cllr. Norris said been to look at it and it is rectified. Emailed Claire in Estate Office and asked them to take the clamps away. They have been removed and it is now in use. Said regarding concerns re insurance, said everything was in order.
1444. Cllr. Harris said in his report re new policy to build 90,000 homes, it should read 9,000.
1447. Cllr. Steele said regarding the coastal path, NE have now delayed the report on our stretch until further notice, hopefully announce before Christmas. Reason for this delay is because the option of running a ferry from Bucklers Hard to Exbury is being looked at again. Said Beaulieu Estuary group, which we are part of, wrote to Julian Lewis and set out our concerns, particularly the extent of the coastal margin if path goes where they are suggesting. He took it up with great enthusiasm and wrote to the Chief Executive of NE, who is also slightly concerned that the size of the coastal margins maybe in conflict with the ACT and will get legal team to look at it. Chief Executive of NE is very keen it be re looked at. Position at moment is a problem with the Exbury side. Cllr. Norris asked who are the North Solent group? Cllr. Steele said Mrs. Pearson organized this group of interested parties along our stretch, so all who have properties on coast or river are all members of that. Said Sowley, Exbury and Beaulieu have got together and taken legal advice and have put in a very good objection. Said Julian Lewis has done us a huge favour. Said the Chief Executive of NE is concerned, says the coastal path should go around the coast and be able to see the water and in this case it would be going five miles inland and everything between Exbury Road and Beaulieu River is spreading room apart from excepted gardens, so taking advantage of the Act and getting lawyers to re look. Cllr. Norris said it is an ongoing story. Cllr. Steele said if you take it seriously you can get people

to re think. Feels it will take quite some time to resolve and NE will have an uphill struggle to encourage Exbury Estate to allow the ferry to go on that site. Said it does not have to be a regular running ferry, simply a water taxi that can be summoned. Said she will find out as a PC if we are authorized/able to put in an objection. There is a very complicated process of objecting, there are two categories, best one is for those who actually own land or have a lease. They can make an official objection, like the Sailing Club. Other people who are implicated, like myself do not really have a very good means of making an objection. Have to write to NE with complaint and they look at them, put them together and amalgamate them and they put to the Sec. of State. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Steele if she would keep the PC informed and if we are able to make an objection.

1455. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1456. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Schofield said she got out of her car the other week and tripped up the kerb, because it is not very light and tree branches are covering the lamp in the High Street. Clerk to write to Estate and ask if the branches obstructing the light can be trimmed and also write to owners of Whitehall and ask if they can please look at this. Also mentioned when in school holidays we can park at the school and the yellow lines are parked on, find it very hard to get out safely as view is obstructed. Asked if something could be done so that they don't park right up to the gap. Cllr. Norris said we will make a note of that and we are trying to sort out parking and have a similar problem at top of High Street, where people park nearly on to the B3054 and don't have a clear view. We tried to do something and the day HCC came out, there were no cars parked there, so they said there was not a problem. Said a past chairman of the Residents Association said the yellow lines are unenforceable. Cllr. Gibbs said have we taken photos? Cllr. Norris said it has just happened, but would be good to have photographic evidence. Said unfortunately not much enforcement going on in Beaulieu. Said our master plan is to get High Street residents off the High Street, to allow other visiting vehicles the opportunity to park there. Said we take your notes on board, but not sure what we can do if they are not doing anything illegal. Cllr. Knight said he went to pick up his grandson from school and said PC Eastwood was standing in the High Street at 3.30p.m., when the children were coming out of school, which I thought was very good. Cllr. Norris said he is a very good PC and we are very lucky to have him. Aware that police have looked at our CCTV images and have had a result because of it.

1457. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present.

1458. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans not present, but sent apologies.

1459. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris mentioned parking as he attended a Traffic Management Application meeting on 5th October and Beaulieu was top of the agenda. Looking at things

asked to do on a very limited budget and joint funded scheme. No further action planned at this time. Cllr. Harris spoke up and said the main criterial seems to be casualty reduction. Said casualty was here with Beaulieu traders, shops will be closing due to lack of trade. Said work has been done to increase short term bays, which was helpful. Advised them that BPC have offered £1,500 to help alleviate the situation. They said currently it is a Mexican stand off between three parties and nothing seems to be moving forward. We need to do something. Said contacted Cllr. Heron, said we need to progress this as the whole package. Have now heard Beaulieu Estate put in outline planning application for the car park and will keep in touch with him. Objective now is to try and draw parties together and try and arrange a meeting with Mrs. Pearson and if appropriate with Lord Montagu and to make sure NFDC are doing their best and trying to make this move forward. I hope we can try to resolve this. Cllr. Norris said if you can help it would be great. Cllr. Harris said BPC have been pushing hard for a very long time and very happy to help in anyway. We need to work together. Cllr. Steele asked if planning application gone in now. Cllr. Norris said it was a pre consultation and we have written the letter of support to Beaulieu Estate and enclosed your report/survey highlighting the problems and all delivered two weeks ago to the Estate office, before 15th October. It was a request from their planning consultant, that these documents were included. Have not had an update. Asked Clerk to contact Mrs. Pearson and ask if the documents have been submitted to the NPA. Cllr. Steele asked Cllr. Harris what he thought of the planners being in favour of moving the house consent. Is there a precedent for this as quite an unusual request. Cllr. Harris said it is very specific to here. Said you have to say it is for the health of the village and traders. Cllr. Steele said does it go before someone like Steve Avery? Cllr. Harris said yes. Cllr. Steele said it would help if the planners appreciated the serious reasoning behind this. Cllr. Norris said 'vibrant communities'. Cllr. Harris said he would see Steve Avery.

1460. **PLANNING**

Cllr. Norris said no planning today, but last week noticed Blackwater House has gone through and approved. We opposed it but it has been amended to what we thought it should be amended too.

Re Otterwood, Cllr. Norris said that Cllr. Steele pointed out there has been a letter of objection, more a comment, asking if lorries will be going in/out 24hrs a day if they have an on site manager, and wants to oppose this if this is the case. Just worried about the impact. Said we turned it down because it went against core strategy, but no further comment on website. Cllr. Steele said the person who wrote the comment lives in the cottage by the grid and he has a young family and concerned they would be delivering 4/5am, unsocial hours and wake the children. Cllr. Steele said he does have a point. Cllr. Norris said it was not something he had thought about, but do feel they ought to have the right in an isolated situation to protect themselves against attack on the business, or mechanical breakdown, which means a lot of plants lost, but if they have a site manager, this could hopefully be resolved. Cllr. Steele said maybe they could be asked not to have deliveries before 6.30am or a reasonable hour. Cllr. Norris said yes they could

put some conditions in, but enforcing them might be difficult. Said pity when the cottage was up for sale that NF Plants did not purchase it.

1461. **CAR PARKING**

Cllr. Norris said we have partially discussed this and do not think there is anything further to add, but await developments and have done everything we can. Cllr. Knight said there are new posts up the top of the High Street to stop parking on the kerb. Cllr. Steele mentioned the proposed barrier in Fire Station Lane and wondered if it was actually going to happen and the impact on our parking situation. Where will the barrier be? Cllr. Gibbs said there is no official decision. If anything it would be a Beaulieu gate, just above the fire station on corner. Cllr. Norris said is it proposed that the gate will be automatic or get out an open it? Cllr. Gibbs said no decision made. Cllr. Steele said what is the advantage of doing that? Cllr. Gibbs said the reason is that the residents of Fire Station Lane cannot sometimes park at all and on a number of occasions cannot access their properties as cars parked on both sides. Also hotel is finding people parking in their car park and not using the hotel, so hotel residents cannot park. There are a number of different reasons for doing this, if done at all. Cllr. Steele asked if the fire service ever has a problem. Cllr. Knight replied no. Cllr. Steele said it comes down to one thing, there is simply not enough parking.

1462. **CCTV**

Cllr. Norris said everyone received a statement regarding what our policy is. Cllr. Fairweather not present but working on it and talking to me about what he wants to do and does not want to do. Since June 2017 BPC has installed at the junction of B3054 High Street a CCTV. This equipment records vehicle movements, ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) and activity around the area. Signs are in place. The Policy is to allow only the Criminal Justice System use of the images and information produced. Stored images will only be kept for a minimum amount of time. In the event of an incident, which the surveillance equipment may have recorded, please phone 101 and report the matter to the police. The PC is unable to release images to the public. The administration of the system on behalf of the PC is Cllr. Fairweather. Should you wish to contact the PC, email the clerk through the website. The PC has adopted the Code of Practice suggested by the surveillance commissioner. The system has proved useful to the police. Keeping our community in Beaulieu safe is a PC priority. That is going up on the website and we are going to permit the police to go and look at it as long as they ask the PC or tell the controller what they are doing, so we know. Said it can be quite time consuming. Also need to be very careful about data protection and shorter time keep images the better and nothing must get out into the public domain. Cllr. Norris said pleased police are using it and getting results. Said Cllr. Fairweather is going to get some costings for A5 signage saying camera surveillance in the village, put these up in the shops, notice board and other places. Lets hope it reduces crime. Police had success as they were looking for a particular car and found it. Feels we did the correct thing in installing it. We were getting lobbied to start a neighborhood watch and no one to do it, so this is the best solution in having come security in the community.

1463. **BROADBAND**

Cllr. Norris said he had nothing further to add. Cllr. Gibbs said as a parish councilor, not an employee, has spoken to various people at BT Open Reach. Told me cabinet 1 turned on, great, but no good for High Street. Said looking at putting in fiber into Exchange and run FTP, because they cannot put fiber to everyone's location. FTP is file transfer technology that allows copper to reach fiber and they have said the biggest challenge is the money being made available and that is as far as I have got, as do not know where the money actually ends up, but feels it is HCC and feels they are over budget. Cllr. Norris said the annoying thing is we had a rural grant, but because of people like the Verderers, NE and Forestry Commission with so much messing about, the money went off. Cllr. Gibbs said not BT Open Reach's problem, it was more the fact that no one could make a decision, so they went off and did something that they could do. Lost sight of the fact that the biggest community who could use this, need it the most, is the High Street. Cllr. Harris held meeting at NFDC and HCC saying they have met their targets, maybe they have in places like Havant, where they can do it easily, but in NF district, nothing much happening. Cllr. Gibbs not sure what the answer is, but believes problem needs a bit of lobbying from NFDC. Cllr. Norris said they have been doing it, problem need to talk to HCC representative. Cllr. Norris said to Cllr. Harris that we have done that at your meeting. Outcome was we got Beaulieu 1 delivered in September, they would not comment on Beaulieu, only Buckers Hard. Asked why rolled out to Bucklers Hard and cannot have it in Beaulieu? Cllr. Gibbs said Open Reach cannot comment as they are only instructed to do it by HCC. BT will not do unless HCC says you have the money to do that. They have said Beaulieu is being relooked at. All they would say and from emails from Simon White, that BT did not know where Beaulieu 2 cabinet was. Cllr. Gibbs said his understanding is, it is actually HCC who need to tell BT that they can go off and do it. That simple. Cllr. Steele said you know there is a Beaulieu 3, said they have had an email and to get it up and running they are having to bore out the fiber as blocked, noisy business and complaints. Going to have another go and have to retrench the road. Cllr. Gibbs said B3 is the one being built at Dock Lane and privately owned. They get confused as they do not understand, they think B1 was in the High Street, there is no B1, B2, or B3, Beaulieu as a High Street and this area is being controlled by an exchange, which I understand is at the back of Norris'. Cllr. Norris said that is correct. Talked about running fiber optic and should have high speeds. Cllr. Steele said that once B3 has fiber bored out, so could be up and running, it is literally within 50 yards of Exchange. Cllr. Gibbs said it is a different job set. The problem is you have different job sets for different roles you do and even if 20 yards away it is a whole new ball game. Said if we want it to happen someone has to write to HCC and tie them down to a commitment to get it done. They are the masters of Open Reach. Cllr. Norris said please keep the pressure on. Cllr. Gibbs said he can but needs a bit of support from Cllr. Harris. Cllr. Harris will support and do whatever he can and will speak to Cllr. Mans.

1464. **CORRESPONDENCE**

NFDC – Precept in - £4,000

Lloyds Bank - £16,351.00

Notification of Clitheroe Cottage, 2 bed house for rent to a local person. £111.71 a month, put notice on notice board and village hall notice board.

CGT – Last meeting had letter from CGT inviting us to tender. Cllr. Norris asked councilors if they had any ideas. Cllr. Steele been asked by VHT to run another defib course. Feels it would be worthwhile as new people at school and new residents. Cost £250 to train 25 people. Cllr. Norris agreed. Cllr. Gibbs feels maybe apply for something else and PC pay for the training. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Steele to pursue. Cllr. Norris said we probably have maintenance to do on playground. Cllr. Gibbs said what about a marquee? Cllr. Norris said waiting to hear from Peter Melhuish. Cllr. Gibbs said if we go CGT, PC and Residents Association together, we could have a 40' x 45' for 100 people for £4,000. Cllr. Steele said most CGT grants are £500, need a proper round of funding from interested parties. Cllr. Norris said £300 reserved in CGT already. Problem is what do people actually require. Fete gone into small self erecting tents. Big tents beginning to disappear. Will talk to Peter. Said money for last marquee came from Music at B. Abbey, Church and Fete. Said it is in Peter's court. We said we would make a contribution. Comments passed on and a decision needs to be made. Said applications going in from organisations that are not doing anything this year. Said we should apply and let Trustees decide.

1465. CHEQUE SIGNING

BVHT - £36.00

Lindy Shanks for Flower Festival - £142.50

Mark Young - £165.00

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Cllr. Norris said he thinks we need a top up of bark. Cllr. Steele thought we asked Cllr. Fairweather to order some. Cllr. Gibbs said you did, Cllr. Steele to check. Cllr. Norris said he paid the clerk her salary at the end of last month, now totally up to date.

1466. QUESTION TIME

Cllr. Norris mentioned if any councilors wish to attend Remembrance Sunday, it is the 12th November. Said we will be laying a wreath as usual at war memorial. Said on the Saturday 25th November traders are having a Christmas afternoon and it is proposed Lord Montagu is invited to turn the lights on. Free parking on that day. Advertised by hand-bills.

Cllr. Norris said that Cllr. Knight talked about 30mph speed limit throughout Beaulieu and said to look at the proposed NP document, as this is what they are proposing throughout the forest.

Cllr. Blastock said she attended the Verderers Open Court yesterday, said it was attended by a few commoners and people who work on or around the forest. They spoke about the continued abuse of the forest from large cycling events and ever growing recreational events and impact on the forest. Said public enjoyment seems to be taking over the precedence of looking after the forest. Said the lack of agisters has been noted, and they want to know why. Where are they? If you have a valid worry ie camp fires or man-handling of live stock. Asked are they

too busy with their own cattle and farming? They are noted by their absence. Said other authorities seem to be pairing up and dealing with issues. There seems to be no keepers around to confront gangs when there was an incident at Hatchet Pond. All reminded it is our own responsibility to ensure all our fencing is safe and secure to prevent stock from gaining access. There was a problem recently when pigs gained access to the Coach and Horses garden. Commoner tried to contact Enterprise who would not take responsibility. She was at a lose, not one helping her. Said if she is not given support, she will not turn her pigs out for pannage. They are already asking for more people to put their pigs out. Pannage extended to 17th December, 35 days extra. The question was asked why are there no bylaws displayed in the forest? Also why social media not being targeted about the understanding of the forest and do not mean just the ponies. Cllr. Gibbs mentioned cycling events being held every week, they are cycling 3 abreast, but not sure what we can do. There will either be a really bad accident or something will occur with oncoming vehicles. Asked if anything the PC can do. Is it HCC we could talk to. Cllr. Knight said anyone is able to go out and ride their bike. Cllr. Harris said if it is seen as a sportive, a gathering of friends, and not a race, then the police have no control. Cllr. Blastock said how do their signs work, if you have to have planning permission to have a sign up and if someone looses their cat, they are unable to put a notice up, it gets taken down, so how does it work that they can put their signs up. Cllr. Norris said they put them up and by the time anyone has noticed, the event is over and the sign is down. Said UK Cycling seem to be well marshalled, they are good and quite polite, but often informal groups are aggressive. Cllr. Blastock said the triathlons at Buckers Hard start at 7am and some finish at 6/7pm and we are completely stuck. Cllr. Norris said it is a worry, but also a national problem, not just the NF. Said this is another proposal in the redrafting of the NP document, it will never happen, but it is a proposal for cycle tracks from Lyndhurst – Brockenhurst and Brockenhurst – Lymington, parallel to the road, like from Ashurst – Lyndhurst. Cllr. Steele said they will not want bumpy tracks, they will want roads. Cllr. Norris said it is a very big issue.

Meeting closed at 8p.m.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 16th November at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.