

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 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

APOLOGIES

Cllr. S. Gibbs, PC Eastwood

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. M. Harris, Mrs. R. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Betteridge, Mr. and Mrs. Barber, Mr. D. Thoroughgood, Mrs. Gibbs, Mr. A. Mills, Mrs. L. Dearing, Mr. M. Mcpherson, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1273. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather Seconded: Cllr. Steele

1274. **MATTERS ARISING**

1206. Cllr. Steele mentioned the defib training on 31st October at 1.30pm in the village hall, said she is opening the training session up to people, so please contact her if you know anyone who would like to attend. Said we are borrowing a training defib from the company we purchased ours from.

Cllr. Norris said the Cricket Club contacted us for support for a project, but it is now not going ahead this year.

Mrs. Phillips has complained about the unpulled ragwort in Sowley and also that the definitive map for Browns Lane has been suspended due to the Coastal path project.

1275. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1276. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

1277. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present, but sent report to say there was nothing of note to report on apart from issues with nuisance motorists and an illegal encampment on Beaulieu Heath which he is dealing with. Said the 3 or 4 suspicious males on 10th September disappeared without issue. Said Beaulieu Autojumble went well. Wanted to ask everyone to be vigilant about cyber crime and to report anything to the National Fraud Helpline.

1278. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Thornber not present.

1279. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris said there are 189 public toilets in the New Forest and in every one they will be displaying a poster about safeguarding vulnerable adults and children. Said they had an interesting presentation on this at NFDC and said will email the details to the clerk. Said he was shocked to learn that regarding domestic abuse, 1 in 3 adults are victims. They are hoping that displaying these posters will make

people aware and bring it more into the open. Hopefully it will encourage sufferers to report it. Said that one of their housing division was in a home doing repairs and was concerned that the young lady was a victim of abuse. He persuaded her to go to a safe house. It was her son who was abusing her and he is now going to prison. Reported that re housing plans, they are being forced/encouraged to increase the number of houses built – 10,000 in the NF is being talked about and this is moving ahead. Cllr. Norris asked if extra housing proposed for Hordle/Everton will increase traffic flow through Beaulieu. Cllr. Harris said yes and all over the forest. Said that sensible areas will be considered and it is best we plan this or the government will get involved and they will decide. Said their officers are working very hard, but CC cannot provide money for the infrastructure. Reported there is a lot going on with devolution, has a suspicion the PM is saying he has other priorities. Said the forest is a very special place and does not belong with Southampton or Portsmouth. Said if we have a view, please go on the website and comment. Cllr. Norris said we still have the NPA.

1280. PLANNING

Cllr. Norris said we have two applications to consider, which the planning sub committee have done site visits on.

Heatherlands, Furzey Lane. No. 16/00692

Demolition of dwelling and garage

Said we did not support and agreed with the conservation officer.

The Montagu Arms Hotel, Palace Lane. No. 16/00673, 16/00674LBC

Extension and conversion of existing barn

This is the barn at the back of the Montagu Arms. It is neglected and it is a sensible idea to restore and use an empty building. We are in support. Feels there maybe a problem with fenstructure, as proposed conversion has huge windows and barns do not have these. But it will save a building in serious need of repair. Cllr. Steele said it is a beautiful building and adds to the Montagu Arms. Cllr. Fairweather asked if they have addressed the car parking issue and will make two car parking spaces available. Said if the application goes through it will generate income for the local community. Agree with application but will accept decision reached by the NP.

Proposed: Cllr. Steele

Seconded: Cllr. Fairweather

SPUD, The Hard, Buckler's Hard No. 16/00733

2 observatories for artists for 9 months.

Cllr. Norris said he felt it was a great fun idea and been on Lymington sea wall. Said the project will benefit the wider community. Agree with application but will accept decision reached by the NP.

Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather

Seconded: Cllr. Knight

1281. DECISIONS

Hatchett Green has been agreed and

Monkswell has been passed by the conservation officer.

1282. BROADBAND

Cllr. Norris said he will be putting this on the agenda every month until it is sorted. Reported situation is unchanged. Cllr. Harris said he has written to Dominic May and arranging a meeting with him. Told by Edward Heron that heard one of two cabinets has been commissioned, hopes EB but not heard. Mel Kendall has said the difficulty is money. Cllr. Harris said this is ridiculous as broadband is a utility and the government asks people to access services online. Said he is on the case. Has requested a meeting with Edward Heron and feels and hopes he might be able to help or give advice. Will report back.

1283. **CCTV**

Cllr. Fairweather said two applications have been made and been rejected as incomplete, so has withdrawn them. Said it is complicated and not made a third application attempt yet. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Fairweather for his continued work on this.

1284. **HAZEL COPSE – EMBERS CAMPING**

Cllr. Norris said we had agreed to have a discussion on this at the end of the season and welcomed Murray McPherson from Embers. He said it was their first season at Hazel Copse. Said 88% has been family camping, who use the site as a base. It has non permanent tents and has proved to be a very popular site. Have a license to operate 60 days a year, May-September. Cllr. Norris said on Tripadvisor they have outstanding reviews and not quite so good ones, mixed response. Apparently repeat visitors are disappointed with site, as they liked Home Farm, with animals and trees for shade. Asked if possibility of going back there, but Mrs. Pearson said no, it does not fit in with what the CET are doing and it is in too close proximity to the neighbours. Mrs. Pearson said update on planning application was she felt it was better to use a disused farm building, rather than having temporary ones on the field, which would not look good and the cost of running electricity there would be a lot. Said planning officer has a problem as it is a permanent change of use. Said withdrawn applications and will think again. Will submit two applications next time and ask for temporary use for 60 days. Said regarding the hard standing, could do a certificate of lawful development. Because there is gravel on top of hard standing the officers have said it is engineering works. Will put together planning applications. Steven asked the impact on traffic out of Embers onto the road. Mrs. Pearson said there was one incident early on. Linda Deering said she has been making early morning visits and said there have been cars and a camper van parked on site and they are not supposed to be there. Murray said one campervan arrived late, and had nowhere to go. She said she has photographic evidence of cars parked next to tents. Murray said the weather makes a difference, with dropping off and returning to the car park. Cllr. Steele asked if the staff do an evening check. Murray said they do a walk round about 8pm. It was felt that the site manager should be on site 24/7. Murray said they have nowhere to stay and are here 8am – just after 8pm. Cllr. Steele felt leaving just after 8pm was early, but Murray said children eat about 6pm and go to bed early. Linda Dearing said there was reports of noise at 12pm, and if there was a problem who will deal with it. Said his staff live 5-10 minutes away and would come down. Asked if they have sheets of rules and telephone numbers for emergencies and

camp site number. Maybe Furzey Lane residents should have an out of office number. Said two reports of late night noise at 11.30/12pm and people leaving early at 6am and waking people. Feels a manager should be there all the time. Murray said he would look at this if residents feel strongly about it. Mrs. Pearson said that Embers offered a 25% discount at the beginning and this attracted the wrong set of people. Murray said they advertise it as family/children camping. Some residents heard loud party noise one night and thought this was at Embers, but it was the annual party held at Harford Cottage. Asked Murray if they turn away bookings if it looks like a stag weekend. Said yes we do look at booking requests and do control them and have no dogs also. Linda Dearing said she is worried about the ponies/horses in the adjacent field as children's balls go over and they are spooked. Murray said he is aware of this and said the safety of the children on the site was of concern and says they are not allowed in the field and have a notice up and barbed wire. Said potential cycle track on hold and not open for discussion. Mrs. Barber asked the long term plan. Murray said they have a two year option, with one year to run, so will continue. Mrs. Pearson said the Estate will see how it runs next year. Expressed concern about nuisance at the beginning, but better now and not so many issues. Asked if number of tents would increase to 60, Murray replied they have 40 on the license. He said people like coming to Beaulieu and feels it is adding to local economy, as adds spending and not adding to car parking issues. Cllr. Knight said the road from Hazel Copse to Hatchett Mill is not lit and dangerous. Cllr. Norris thanked the residents of Furzey Lane for attending and Murray for giving us an appraisal and the Estate for their input. Murray said they are sorry they have caused concerns and got off to a difficult start and if anyone had any further concerns, please phone or email.

1285. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr. Norris said the village hall would like a donation as they would like to purchase double glazed window panes. Cost £3,000. Committee to consider as we do have other projects.

Lloyds Bank balance £15,339

1286. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Beaulieu Village Hall Trust £36.00

C. Fairweathers Limited £12.99

Clerks Salary £761.50

Trevor Smith £45.00

Proposed: Cllr. Steele Seconded: Cllr. Shanks

1287. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Grindrod mentioned the use of the community field, couldn't residents/traders use it. Cllr. Norris said the Estate felt they did not want to give up the land as the school need it. Said the gravel yard is attracting cars 3-4 traders most days. Mentioned the one way sign at Fairweathers, Cllr. Fairweather said this was in hand.

Cllr. Norris said that he has asked for the SID to come back. Cllr. Grindrod said could it go in the High Street to monitor morning traffic. Cllr. Shanks said the

bypass is a nightmare. Clerk to ask. Cllr. Norris said he has asked for the police radar van to do Palace Lane.

Cllr. Steele mentioned the moving of the 30mph sign further up Palace Lane hill, said at present the sign is covered by branches. Clerk to contact Cllr. Thornber.

Cllr. Fairweather mentioned the Victorian Christmas evening. Cllr. Norris asked if anyone would like to run it. Cllr. Fairweather said he had approached the CET as felt it could be a fund raising exercise for them. Cllr. Norris said the PC should support it, but lots of organizing. Said traders showed low support for it. Cllr. Norris said should he talk to the CET. Said the school may come forward.

Cllr. Shanks asked Mrs. Pearson about the flooding off the field near her home.

Mrs. Pearson said she has tried Highways before, but will contact them again.

They agreed to go and look at it together. Asked if Mark could get the laptop etc for planning up and running for next meeting.

Mrs. Pearson said she is dealing with the repositioning of the life belt, as the council have difficulty emptying the bin.

The street lamp by the paper shop was mentioned as the bottom of it is grey and should be black. Mrs. Pearson will deal with it.

Date of next meeting – 20th October 2016 at 6.30 Beaulieu Village Hall