

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020  
USUALLY AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL BUT DUE TO CODIV-19  
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**PRESENT**

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Reece, Cllr. M. Grindrod,  
Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. L. Shanks, Cllr. L. Dearing

**APOLOGIES**

PC Eastwood

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

1848. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Reece      Seconded: Cllr. Dearing

1849. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

1850. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

1851. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Schofield spoke about the problems caused to her business by not having superfast broadband in the High Street and toilets and the agenda. Cllr. Norris asked her if she could email the Clerk with details.

1852. **POLICE LIAISON**

P.C. Eastwood not present, but advised that the beat surgery will commence at East Boldre Post Office on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 9 – 10a.m.

1853. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans said our broadband is worse than in Romania and we have to put pressure on the people responsible for making the mistakes and get them put right. Advised Mrs. Schofield to write to Julian Lewis and make your points and say I personally asked you to write and take the matter up with the Sec. of State, Mr. Down. At other PC meetings he was told how well the trial for the coronavirus app had gone on the IOW, now seems whether the trial went well or not, the government have decided to kick this ball down the road. Now being told it will not be available now or if at all until the autumn. Looking at other apps, which we could have done initially. Pleased to hear that Hampshire have now more primary school children back to school than anywhere else in the county. Do believe we should be in a position where children go back to school, as worried about some from families who are not on high income, worry they are missing so much schooling. Last week no deaths in our care homes, seems that situation is improving. Hopes distancing rules will be changed, that will help people who are in business, self employed and in retail get back to some sort of normality sooner rather than later. The council so far will be £68m adrift by end of year, but still spending money to assist the recovery. Personally authorised £18.4m to help care homes, providing the money before we

had received it. Care homes in a very difficult position financially, not a good picture. Do believe we are on the road to recovery and rapidly getting a lot of what we need to do, so any future outbreak can be dealt with very quickly and in a way it ensure it does not spread. Said the uptake in local library service during this time had been quite terrific. I believe this is going to improve the library service. Was asked if planned closures and conversion to community centres will continue? Replied his colleague will be making decisions at the end of next month. Think what this crisis has demonstrated, first going to retain our library service, so not a case of saving it, its whether it is fit for the purpose re economic restraints. A lot more people are using the online service and click and collect, which once again goes back to having good broadband coverage, and hope that those who might have closed will remain open for other activities. It will be more digital than in the past, maybe fewer locations, but will be pushed out more and more with the digital way it is operated. It is top of my list to ensure whatever money we can afford on library services is spent to ensure it thrives and focused on the future. Cllr. Steele asked if he had an idea of when the local hospital will be opened up for treating non covid complaints, there must be a huge backlog and aware number of covid patients is quite small at the General Hospital. Unless something done soon there will be more non covid damage than with the covid. Cllr. Mans said there was over provision, as created Nightingale hospitals, which was a great idea but not used very much. Same time we have cut back significantly on the amount of elected surgery, we have cut back on visits to consultants. Now say it is time to start switching back to normal service, which we could do straight away. At moment private health sector has been nationalized to cope with Covid 19 pandemic. Needs a shift of emphasis towards other complaints. Cllr. Steele asked if the government were going to do it. Cllr. Mans suggested we write to Julian Lewis. NHS has done some good things to get elderly patients out of hospital. We now have in Hants a half way house, which NHS is paying for, to move elderly people out of hospital, before final destination is decided. That would be a major step forward on how we care for the elderly. Cllr. Norris said two years ago HCC were going to put up a cottage hospital by Southampton General. These sort of people could go into there to recuperate and reduce bed blocking. Cllr. Mans agreed, but we could not reach an agreement with NHS. Trying to find other locations around the country. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Mans for attending zoom meeting and for what you are trying to do during this awful time. Cllr. Mans said the support from the community for people living locally has been a real success across the country, people going out helping others. Please thank those people locally that you are in touch with for taking part in these community activities to help families who need assistance.

1854. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**  
 Cllr. Harris said NFDC were beginning to return to business as usual, new normal, new usual. Said you will have noticed that bins have been emptied every week, garden rubbish collected regularly now. Had correspondence from parishioner about concerns toilets were not open, which they are now in the village. Cllr. Norris said thank you and all working well. Cllr. Harris said they were delayed as had to put in place arrangements to ensure social distancing and

extra cleaning. Lot of work to make it right across the New Forest. Health and Leisure centres are going to start opening late in July. Next week have meeting of four covid recovery groups. Look at how we are going to recover from this pandemic. All portfolio holders encouraged to attend meeting. Government money funneled out to businesses in the New Forest, nearly £2m. Trying to do what we can to help. Cllr. Harris said slight problem with rubbish clearance from bins on Sunday. More people using the village green. Contacted NFDC and someone did turn up quite quickly to clear the rubbish. Cllr. Dearing mentioned we have had huge amount of visitors where I live, huge problems with cars on verges and down Furzey Lane. People camping in vans on verge near Rans Wood. Lots of rubbish and human excrement found all over, quite a concern for the area. How can we deal with it? Said locals are forming a group to try and sort it. Cllr. Harris said by Balmer Lawn they are having the same problems. Said traffic control is now with HCC or contact Forestry England, said we have been chasing them to do something. Cllr. Harris apologised.

**1855. PLANNING**

20/00160 – Forest Lodge, Moonhills Lane

Amended plans. Replacement dwelling, 2 new outbuildings, natural swimming pool with garden pool room. Demolition of existing bungalow and shed, removal of existing swimming pool.

Cllr. Steele said this is quite a difficult planning application, we have to safeguard local community and make sure things do not get done that disadvantage neighbours. Think support and feel NP should make final decision. Mr. Bray said he had spoken at length with our neighbours and have support letters. No objections from any residents. Have full support of neighbours and reassured them of their privacy and will maintain the character of the lane. Cllr. Steele said Moonhills Lane is very special spot and always somewhere where ruralness, vegetation and rhododendrons remain intact. Know community there hold that very dear. In past had trouble with people cutting down things. Wendy said I understand and appreciates this and as the Agent I have written to case officer and not received a reply. Said Conservation officer has been great and appreciative of efforts we have gone to. Done a lot of work with ecologists and incorporated bat tubes. Plea with you to vote No.3. Feels case officer is backing down and looking to PC to make a decision. Cllr. Steele said she feels we should go with No. 1. If we went to committee, we would not have great grounds to put our case over, going on the basis it looks a sensible and reasonable thing to do. Cllr. Shanks feels support No.3. Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Dearing if she would be prepared to go to Committee and she agreed. Cllr. Reece agreed support, but trees and shrubbery must remain. Cllr. Shanks feels shrubbery is one issue, really have to think about if the garage is integral part of the living accommodation. Wendy said they have designed the house around the trees and very happy to put that as a condition, no trees will be removed. Said trees have determined where the garage will be situated. Said we specialise in sustainable architecture, its very low energy, low carbon content. Chopping down trees is totally against our ethos. Mr. Bray said this will become our family home and we would have to face the

neighbours and local community every day if we chopped down trees. Cllr. Grindrod feels support No. 1.

Vote – 2 Cllrs for No. 3. 5 Cllrs. for No. 1.

BPC recommends permission No. 1. The amended plans fully address our concerns and we are happy that the attached garage be regarded as integral to the house. We ask that the woodland character of the area is maintained and protected.

20/00368 – Heatherlands, Furzey Lane

Outbuilding

Cllr. Norris said surprised they are having to apply for planning permission.

Garden shed. Neighbours have not objections.

All councillors agreed. Vote No. 1.

Cllr. Norris said now it is only the PC left, would like to say thank you for your support tonight. These meetings are quite difficult. May think about changing the format. Maybe after next couple of meetings we maybe able to meet in person. Know some thought No. 3 would be a good idea, but someone has to go to committee meeting. Cllr. Shanks said we are too often just passing the buck, but understands Cllr. Steele's opinion, and just let NP deal with it. Cllr. Steele felt Cllr. Shanks was being a little harsh, as we have taken quite a view on lots of applications. Gave Thorns Beach a No. 3 in the end. Feels it is a tricky application and we cannot pretend to be experts on the small issues on planning. Cllr. Norris agrees it is in the hands of planning officer to make the decision and could go either way. May well pass as feel 1982 business had changed with new core strategy. Cllr. Steele feels it is astonishing they did not take advice at the beginning if knocking something down and starting again, you must take advice. Cllr. Reece mentioned about redoing agenda, some councils have a separate planning meeting before the doors open to the public to discuss any sensitive material, as sometimes it is very awkward when they are present. Cllr. Norris agreed and said we could have a sub planning meeting, said things by email and you can always respond. Said good point of Cllr. Shanks about public participation, as find that part is almost dismissed and feel if people bother to come to meeting as Mrs. Schofield does, there has to be some way with what she says work a little better.

#### Tree Works

CONS/20/0299 – Heatherlands, Furzey Lane

Fell 1 Oak, Prune 1 Beech, Prune 4 Oak Trees

#### Tree Decisions

CONS/20/0187 – Boundary House, Furzey Lane. Raise no objections

CONS/20/0194 – Tarks Reach, Dock Lane. Raise no objections.

CONS/20/0227 – Carpenters Cottage, Dock Lane. Raise no objections.

R14/15/20/0286 – Dock House, Dock Lane. Exempt works.

1856. **AGAR**

Proposed: Cllr. Knight

Seconded: Cllr. Reece

1857. **PLAYGROUND**

Cllr. Steele reported that the inspection report was satisfactory. The bonus

inspection of school equipment was made available to the school.

1858. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Victim Support – seeking financial support

Breakthrough Communication – connecting Town & Parish Council with their communities

Lloyds Bank, Balance 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020, £21,452.48

1859. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

£115.80 - Playsafety

Proposed : Cllr. Knight

Seconded: Cllr. Reece

1860. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Knight asked if the police could be notified about high speed racing traffic in Palace Lane late at night. Cllr. Steele said and motorbikes speeding, can hear them from home at 2am. Cllr. Grindrod asked if it was worth dialing 999, but police have restricted movement and not an emergency. Cllr. Reece said same through village and up to BH, she is logging it. Let Jason know. Cllr. Knight also mentioned large steel framed building under construction at Hartford Lane, off North Lane. The matter of potholes in Cripplegate Lane was discussed, but marked for repair.

Cllr. Reece mentioned the amount of litter around BH is incredible. Cllr. Norris said report fly tipping to NFDC. Cllr. Norris said you can report if on an app.

Cllr. Grindrod brought up matters regarding H & S in the community field. Said school have cordoned off some areas of classroom re covid, so leaving cordons in place, so anyone wanting to use community field cannot, issues for locals. Said school have planted trees all around the field, have they permission? Cllr. Norris said that is the recreational management of the school to screen off the foot path, but will get in touch with school. Cllr. Grindrod said re traffic issues in Palace Lane, a resident has signs in his garden, which say '30 mph, slow down', might be making people speed up. Also looking at size of signs, they are outside planning regulations. Twiggs Lane is plastered with them. Surprised Beaulieu Estate have not mentioned them. Cllr. Grindrod feels we should get police advice incase something happens in Palace Lane, just to cover ourselves, saying we have done everything we possibly can and been onto HCC etc. Cllr. Norris said we have paper trail of what we have tried to do. Written to MP, spoken to Cllr. Humby, letters from various councillors. Ongoing matter we have been trying to deal with. Hopefully getting new roundals on the road.

Cllr. Steele said worried about defib on 3 bars. Cllr. Grindrod said battery is fine, if it goes down one bar, put new one in.

Cllr. Norris said Mr. Haas phoned about the Abbey Stores.

Meeting closed at 8.14pm.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 6.30p.m.