

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 21ST JUNE 2018
AT BEAULIEU VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr. F. Norris (Chairman), Cllr. L. Shanks, Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Blastock, Cllr. M. Grindrod

APOLOGIES

Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. S. Gibbs, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. K. Mans, PC Eastwood

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Schofield, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1568. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Knight Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod

1569. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

1570. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

1571. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Schofield said she is here partly on behalf of some of the traders because Mr. Fairweather has put a sign up in the garden centre to say if you are leaving the premises can you remove your vehicle, and maybe fined £40. Main issue is people cannot park in the High Street, even though his staff do. Said there must be somewhere on his land that staff can park. Traders are suffering, because nowhere to park and not many spaces available in the car park, not sure if that's to do with the yacht builders, but something desperately needs to be done. Cllr. Shanks said she parked in Fairweathers and wanted to pop down to another shop and was really concerned that I would be clamped. Cllr. Norris said when he heard about the sign he went to see Cllr. Fairweather to make sure what I had been told was true and to hear his side of the story. He said a lot of people are using his car park and do not go into the garden centre and walk to Buckler's Hard. Said someone had been extremely abusive and offensive to his staff when asked if they were shopping with us. Said on one occasion they wanted to close the business at 5.30 and two cars where in the car park, locked gates. Said owners had been out walking, they collected their cars in the morning and were extremely rude and offensive. I also said to him that my main concern was mothers of school children, using the car park morning and afternoons. He replied he has no problem with the mothers, certainly in the mornings, but afternoons maybe more difficult because of customers being there, but no way will I clamp a mother and probably no way we will clamp anyone, and if we did the money would go to Oakhaven. Cllr. Norris said he was in the Estate office this week and the Estate have again put in an application for a car park in Haywards Field. Said NP have a lot of pre-validation queries, so once this is done, we maybe under way. Said thanks to Cllr. Harris' help the NFDC are on board. Then get scoping done. The NP are aware of our problem that vibrant communities must survive. Said he

does feel sorry for the traders, and should have declared an interest. Mrs. Schofield said she was out bat watching in the High Street and a white Audi was speeding, and when he saw me with my bat monitor he put the brakes on, proving you do not need a speed camera, only a bat monitor!

1572. POLICE LIAISON

PC Jason Eastwood not present, but sent report to say there have been non dwelling break-ins, Fairweathers and Hampshire Police property. Nothing else notable to report. Have been working with Beaulieu Events re managing cars leaving Simply events, seems new measures are being effective. Our efforts to dissuade European pick-pockets from attending the Autojumble events have also been effective and zero reports at May event.

1573. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Cllr. Mans not present.

1574. NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Cllr. Harris said he had a meeting re Openreach, and there are things that individuals can do, you can go to their site and check your broadband speed. Said his is 7mb, they said it should be 9mb. Hoping to work with them and try to get more cabinets. Said with changes at NFDC, more remote work happening and people working from home. Have two local enterprise partnerships, Solent Let reviewing political boundaries. Had meeting with FC, as I am very concerned about forestry. Said as a nation we import 90% of our timber needs. Said we should be growing more of our own and importing less. Said they want to produce more timber but a lot of the forest is SSSI. Said I am concerned and lobbying this. There is a gradual drift away from timber production. We only have two sawmills. Working on Film NF to encourage people to come to the NF and film. Last couple of years Creative England have been encouraging producers to use the forest, and they were filming Star Wars here for about three months, using Fawley Power Station, which was a great success, bringing in money for the local economy. Said trying to help with High Street shopping as internet shopping is so popular and so trying to organise events to get people out on the High Street. 8-16 June 2019 holding the NF Film Festival, hoping retailers will enter into the spirit of it and restaurants to offer film themed menus. Get traders to decorate their shops and get people to guess the name of the film. Want to try and generate activity in the forest.

1575. NEW FOREST DISTRICT PLAN 2016 – 2036

Cllr. Norris asked Cllr. Harris to take us through some of the plan, as we may like to comment. He said it is about housing, the government said we have not been building enough houses. Councils told to come up with a plan for 20 years and look at the needs of their area, then an inspector will come and look at it. Under pressure to get it right. Said we will build 10,400 houses in the NF. NP is exempt. NFDC have a duty and if we cannot build enough ourselves we have to liaise with neighboring areas and say could you build a few extra. Have talked to NP and agreed to build 200/300 per annum, which is a 50% increase. Said groups emerging who are concerned about development planned for Fawley and great concern about the road to Fawley. If we do not get it right the inspector will just

come and say you will do this. Said had guidance, so pretty confident it will be acceptable as right for the area. Cllr. Norris said the proposals for the Waterside including Fawley are over double of what is proposed for the NF district. Said feels wrong for housing to go on old power station site, think pull down and return to marginal farm land and marsh. Feels regarding the Waterside the damage done as large estates already there and West Totton, but feels done reasonably well as forest does flow into it. Said will change small communities quite a bit if they get 200 houses built. Cllr. Harris urges us to make a representation. Cllr. Blastock agrees re the power station and has concerns for the wildlife. Cllr. Norris mentioned the pollution that comes from Southampton to the forest, said they are going to have a clean air act and if going into the town with old diesel lorry you have to pay £100. Asked if NFDC are concerned about liners causing poor air quality, also insect life. Cllr. Harris said this is a live issue. Cllr. Norris asked councillors to look and comment.

1576. PLANNING- TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE

1577. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

Cllr. Norris said the Annual Governance & Accountability Return has been completed, the Internal Auditor has checked it with our cheque book and cash book and sent to External Auditor. Said applied for a Certificate of Exemption for smaller councils, where expenditure does not exceed £25,000. You have to have a website and publish your figures on there so the public can see our accounts, meaning we do not have to send it off.

Proposed: Cllr. Grindrod

Seconded: Cllr. Blastock

1578. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Montagu Arms asking for permission to use the school field or village hall for their staff party in August. Clerk to redirect.

Sea Farers UK – Merchant Navy Day – 3rd September

Glasdon brochure

SCC Remain up to date with legislation

Bank Statement – Lloyd – 2nd May - £17,330.21

NFDC – Poster – Homelessness, helping people at risk in the NF.

Grant Aid request from Citizens Advice Bureau. Agreed to put motion on agenda for next month to grant them £500. All agreed it is very worthwhile as they help many people. Cllr. Grindrod asked if we could invite them to attend one of our meeting, Cllr. Norris agreed but would like to give them the money first.

Proposed: Cllr. Grindrod

Seconded: Cllr. Knight

Consultation from HCC, proposals to change street lighting, supported passenger services, concessionary travel scheme. Said the Hythe/Beaulieu/Lymington bus is under threat as quite expensive for the number of passengers, it carries 19,000 and costs £74,000. Said concessionary rates on dial a ride taxis for OAP's is going to disappear and charged at 50p. Please read this and we can have our say.

NFNPA – Enforcement Control

Land at Hazel Copse. Temporary use of building as shower block – condition awaiting discharge. Cllr. Norris said does that mean they have to take toilets etc out? Said there is a new planning application for this. Said BSA Builders are

in the barn. Cllr. Knight thinks maybe building a steel frame inside. Cllr. Norris said he has been approached by Furzey Lane residents saying the enforcement officer should be going there, as toilets/showers had to be removed at end of licensing period for NE Camping. Said can we see what the conditions were when they had retrospective planning.

Thorns Beach House, compliance monitoring, site being monitored.

Ash/Hatters Wood, Summer Lane. Business use of forestry land. Occupier has Agreed to crease breach.

Agricultural Occupancy Monitoring

1,2,3,4 Penerley Farm Cottage, Bramble Cottage, Moonhills Farm, The Stables Otterwood, NF Garden Plants.

1579. CHEQUE SIGNING

Mark Young - £135.00

BVHT - £36.00

Proposed : Cllr. Blastock

Seconded: Cllr. Knight

1580. QUESTION TIME

Cllr. Grindrod reported on speed watch. Said went to training. Said SLR will be outside Three Dials on four dates and need to volunteer for one. Think we should do this across the village. Spoke to policeman and we cannot do on High Street as already traffic calming there and you have to have 100m ahead. Said policeman is always there with equipment, another watches the clock on speed, and other two take details of make, colour, reg. number of cars. Collate info and give to policeman. Cllr. Norris said we are pleased you are involved. Said let the sessions run and see how it does. Said contacted by Mr. Norman who is insisting on getting raw data from HCC. Asked Swan for data.

Cllr. Blastock said Mr. White's application went through, why? Cllr. Norris said if you put up modern farm buildings they have to be big enough to get tractors etc in. Cllr. Blastock said he will now try and get permission for a house.

Cllr. Shanks mentioned the Twinning Garden and said Cllr. Steele will contact Will Humby about the work to be done, ie scrap the gravel. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Shanks and said it looks much better.

Meeting closed at 8.23 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 19th July at 6.30p.m. in the Main Hall of the Village Hall.