

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 21 APRIL 2022

PRESENT

Cllr. N. Hubbard (Chairman), Cllr. P. Fairweather (Vice Chairman), Cllr. M. Grindrod, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. S. Reece, Cllr. M. Dolbear

APOLOGIES

Mrs. R. Pearson, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. M. Harris, Cllr. K Mans

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2093	APOLOGIES	Mrs Nicky Deering and Mrs Rachel Pearson gave their apologies.	
2094	CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS	<p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reported that unfortunately Mrs Linda Dearing had decided to step down from the Council with effect from 14 April 2022. On behalf of the entire council the Chairman expressed our thanks to Linda for all her work in support of the council and the parishioners and in particular with her work as Chair of the Asset Management Committee. NFDC will be notified of this change.</p> <p>This left a casual vacancy and the Chairman asked for any suggestions of potential candidates to be passed to him. A vacancy notice will be placed on the noticeboard and on our website.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Hubbard</p>
2095	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Cllr. Hubbard as Treasurer of the Beaulieu Twinning Association	
2096	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	<p>Approval of March 2022 minutes</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Fairweather</p> <p>Seconded: Cllr. Dolbear</p>	

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2097	REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS	<p>Cllr. Mans Reported that the HCC budget had been agreed subject to central government funding been approved. He explained that the HCC AGM will be on 19 May, at which point he will be stepping down as Leader, although continuing as our local County Councillor. There is much activity in supporting Ukrainian refugees coming to the county with a key focus around obtaining visas and potential second moves. With respect to the Jubilee celebrations Cllr. Mans confirmed that £0.5m has been allocated for tree planting. We agreed to inform Mrs Pearson behalf of the Beaulieu Estate. Cllr. Mans was asked about the continuing water leak in Palace Lane and it was agreed that we would resend him the email previously sent to the highways department requesting repair. Cllr. Mans confirmed that he will continue to have a personal discretionary budget in the new financial year and will be pleased to consider applications in due course.</p> <p>Cllr. Harris confirmed that he also has a discretionary budget, albeit somewhat lower than at County level. He reported that the NFDC finances are in a good shape. Looking to next year's elections there will be a reduction of district councillors from 60 to 48. As far as the Beaulieu Parish is concerned this will have the effect of reducing our councillors from 2 to 1. Councillor Harris explained that the NFDC is now obtaining footfall data from a database that monitors mobile phone movement, which will be useful e.g. in looking at visitor movements across the tourist season. There is no personal information held on the data, which is completely anonymous. It is the intention that we will get access to this at some stage in the future. As far as refuse collection is concerned NFDC will be bringing in changes including having a weekly collection for food waste (which is estimated to cover some 40% of total rubbish) with other refuse being collected on a fortnightly rotation. There is a presumption that everyone will have wheelie bins. The Council expressed concern about the significant local difficulty in access and storage of such bins e.g. in the High Street and also where there are long drives, mainly outside the village centre. There is also concern about the inevitability of donkeys and ponies knocking over such bins, attracting vermin etc. Cllr. Harris explained that these changes will not happen for around a year, and he will keep us updated. We agreed to update the Estate.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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2077	MATTERS ARISING	<p>CCTV Cllr. Fairweather confirmed that the CCTV in the village is now back in operation. There is one camera (which has registration plate recognition capability) which is not working. Cllr. Fairweather has obtained a quote to repair camera at £795 +VAT. It was agreed that Cllr. Fairweather will approach the police for a potential funding contribution. It was also agreed that a provision for this repair will be made in the current year budget.</p> <p>Playing Field Assets The Chairman reminded Council that we have already decided that the Playing Field assets need to be dismantled. The current and ongoing cost implications of maintaining them to a safe standard is unfortunately not affordable within our current Precept. Cllr. Dolbear confirmed that he will arrange removal.</p> <p>Jubilee Celebrations The Chairman thanked Councillors for their time attending the informal Zoom discussion on 11 April. Following the fundraising at that informal meeting he confirmed that Jubilee mugs have now been ordered, to be presented to the children at Beaulieu Primary School.</p> <p>As previously reported the Jubilee bench has been constructed and is currently being powder coated. The Chairman confirmed that Graham Smith has agreed to undertake the groundwork needed for the seat at an estimated cost of £260+VAT. Cllr. Steele confirmed that she has a shortlist of potential local benefactors who may be willing to contribute towards the £1,500 of local funding we are seeking to achieve. She will now make contact with them and remained confident that this target would be achieved.</p> <p>On the Twinning Garden, the Chairman reminded the Council that the Beaulieu Twinning Association had agreed to manage and underwrite the costs of the soft planting in the garden, including the preparatory groundworks for the flower beds, bringing in new soil and also acquiring the plants. The Council had agreed to contribute £500 and had also arranged a £250 grant from the NFDC, so a total of £750 will need to be paid across to the BTA. The Chairman</p>	<p>Cllr. Fairweather</p> <p>Cllr. Dolbear</p> <p>Cllr. Steele</p>

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		<p>acknowledged that we need to establish an improved process to liaise with the BTA and the Estate over the Twinning Garden. After discussion it was agreed that a Working Party should be established with two members each from the BPC and BTA and a representative from the Beaulieu Estate, assumed to be Mrs Pearson. Cllrs. Knight and Reece agreed to represent the BPC on this Working Party. The Chairman undertook to discuss with the BTA Committee and Mrs Pearson.</p> <p>Beaulieu Abbey Church Broadband The chairman confirmed that the Clerk had written to the BAC to update them on the broadband briefing we received at our March meeting.</p> <p>Palace Lane flooding As reported above. It was also agreed to contact HCC Highways Dept to request a repair to request repair of the potholes in Cripplegate Lane, and also to inform Cllr. Mans.</p> <p>Cycling events It was agreed that we should formally notify MPs, Forestry England and the Verderers of our safety concerns about the number and extent of cycling events passing through the parish.</p>	<p>Cllr. Hubbard</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk / Cllr. Hubbard</p>
2078	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	None	
2079	COMMITTEE & REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS	<p>Planning Committee Cllr. Steele confirmed that the Planning Committee had met on 19 April to consider the following planning applications:</p> <p>22/00166 MindSenseAbility, Beck Farm, St Leonards, East End, Lymington SO41 5SR 22/00132 Spearbed Copse, Dock Lane, Beaulieu SO42 7YJ 22/00195 Hatteras, Furzey Lane, Beaulieu SO42 7WB</p>	

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		<p>22/00199 Woodend, Thorns Beach, Beaulieu SO42 7XN</p> <p>The Committee meeting was quorate with 5 Councillors in attendance and under its delegated authority as set out in its Terms of Reference took a number of decisions on behalf of the Council. The background and decisions are set out in full in the minutes of the 19 April meeting at Appendix 1.</p> <p>Asset Management Committee Following Mrs Dearing's resignation, Council noted that there was a vacancy to chair this committee. After discussion Cllr. Grindrod confirmed that he was prepared to take this position, which was confirmed unanimously. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Grindrod for all his work to date on asset management activities and welcomed him to the role.</p> <p>Mrs Dearing had prepared a full summary updating Council on the many activities that she had been working on and this is attached at Appendix 2.</p> <p>Speedwatch Cllr. Grindrod confirmed there was nothing to report this month.</p>	
2080	FINANCE	<p>2022/23 Budget A preliminary draft budget was reviewed and feedback provided. An updated budget will be tabled for review and approval at the next Council meeting.</p> <p>Cheques for Approval Paul Deacon £75.00 Central Southern Security £1,138.50 Sawscapes £180.00 Proposed Cllr Fairweather. Seconded Cllr. Dolbear</p> <p>Westbeam £2,016.00 (subject to Cllr. Grindrod confirming the work is satisfactory)</p>	

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		<p>Proposed Cllr. Steele Seconded Cllr. Reece</p> <p>Sawscapes £918.00 (subject to Cllr. Grindrod confirming the work is satisfactory)</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Grindrod. Seconded Cllr. Reece</p> <p>Monthly Finance update (attached to agenda) Was reviewed by Council with no comments arising.</p>	
2081	AOB	The Chairman asked if possible the September Council meeting could be moved forward one week to Thursday 8 September 2022. Councillors agreed, subject to (1) availability of the hall and (2) no other restriction in our Standing Orders.	(1) Cllr. Grindrod (2) Cllr. Hubbard

All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise reported

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 19 April 2022 at 6.30pm

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APPENDIX 1

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday April 19th at 6.00 pm in the Beaulieu Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Steele, Cllr Hubbard, Cllr Knight, Cllr Reece and Cllr Dolbear. Dr Fiona Macdiarmid and members of her team for the discussion on MindSenseAbility and Mr Charlie Morgan for the discussion on Spearbed Copse.

22/00166 MindSenseAbility, Beck Farm, St Leonards, East End, Lymington SO41 5SR

Application for a change of use from B1 to F1 (learning and non learning Institutions.)

The Chairman outlined to the Committee that MindSenseAbility provides therapeutic educational services for young people suffering from autism and severe anxiety and offers a unique local service. This application is in response to the National Park enforcement officer who feels that the activities of the business are no longer compliant with B1 use. This issue has come to head as the business has grown substantially during the pandemic which is now generating parking and traffic issues at Beck Farm. The Chairman brought the Committee's attention to three letters of objection from business owners and a resident at Beck Farm.

Dr Macdiarmid further outlined the issues at Beck Farm and the measures they have put in place to help improve matters including moving their Monday staff meeting which generates the most traffic offsite. Dr Macdiarmid informed the committee that a recent OFSTED inspection had concluded that they were not operating as a school and that in the longer term she does not expect the business to get any larger. She confirmed that they were working with their landlord Sowley Estate who support their change of use application. The Chairman thanked Dr Macdiarmid and her team for attending the meeting.

The Committee discuss the issues involved and concluded that with the measures taken to help alleviate the traffic on the busiest day of the week the change of use to F1 would be supported with conditions.

DECISION:

Beaulieu Parish Council unanimously recommends permission for the reason below but would accept the decision of the National Park.

1. In making this decision we have taken into consideration that MindSenseAbility have informed us that the weekly meeting that generates the most traffic has been moved off site.

WE recommend the following Conditions:

1. That the business continues to operate as it does at present and does not develop into a school.
2. It must operate only during normal weekday business hours.

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22/00132 Spearbed Copse, Dock Lane, Beaulieu SO42 7YJ

Application for replacement of main dwelling and Cottage, replacement Boat House, outbuildings, tennis court and pavilion. Demolition of existing buildings and associated landscaping.

The Chairman informed that Committee that the National Park had now made the decision that the main house and the boat house could be removed from the Local List due to their poor structural condition and lack of any real architectural value. The main issue for the planning committee to decide is therefore the suitability of the new Arts & Crafts design for this sensitive river side site.

The Chairman thanked Mr Morgan for a very useful site visit earlier in the week and explained that although in principal the Committee feel that the design for the replacement properties is worthy of this important site the Parish Briefing has highlighted that the main dwelling and the guest cottage are currently in breach of DP36. The issues arise due to the size of the basement and the covered way between the main house and garage.

Mr Morgan showed the Committee amended plans for the basement and removal of the covered link that it was hoped would resolve the issue. These new plans had been submitted to the National Park but were not as yet on the planning portal. He also confirmed that there were still issues with the Tree Officer and Conservation Officer that need to be resolved. The Committee discussed the lightening plans for the site which Mr Morgan confirmed would be kept to a minimum due to the property's close proximity to the Beaulieu river.

Following further discussion the committee all felt that in terms of design the suggested Arts & Crafts house, cottage and boat house were acceptable for this site and would not detract from the scenic value of this reach of the Beaulieu River. It was agreed that the following conditions would be put on the final decisions:

1. The Boat house shall not be used for residential purposes.
2. Lighting should be kept at low level and to a minimum due to the property's close proximity to the Beaulieu River.

It was agreed that the Chairman would ask the National Park for a further extension on the Spearbed Copse planning application so that our final decision can be taken when the increase in habitable space is within the allowed 30% and the plans conform with DP36.

22/00195 Hatteras, Furzey Lane, Beaulieu SO42 7WB

Application for outbuilding (pool house and games room) and swimming pool with associated hardstanding.

The Chairman reported that this is for a contemporary timber clad building 10.9 x 5.0 metres and for a swimming pool measuring 9.0 x 4.0 metres. The property is surrounded by four other properties one of which has objected to the application. She reported that she had spoken to the applicant's agent who indicated that it may be possible to the reduce the size of the outbuilding. This application could have been done under permitted developments rights but due to the position of the pool is coming under planning permission. She also reported that the Tree

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Officer has suggested if the application is approved a Condition should be added to prevent any further removal of the natural screening round the property.

The Chairman informed the committee that she and Cllr Dolbear had visited the site and are of the opinion that the outbuilding is too large and would obtrusive. They were also concerned as to the position of the pool which is surrounded by other properties which could suffer from excess noise. After further discussion it was decided at this stage to recommend that this application is refused.

DECISION: Beaulieu Parish Council unanimously recommend refusal for the following reasons:

1. Proposed outbuilding is felt too large to be subservient to the main dwelling and contravenes DP37
2. We are concerned that a swimming pool on this site which is surrounded in fairly close proximity by four other properties will be a noise nuisance and contravenes SP15 (Tranquility)

22/00199 Woodend, Thorns Beach, Beaulieu SO42 7XN

Application for single storey extension to dwelling, porch, alternations to fenestration and extension to terrace.

The Chairman reported that this application had originally been approved in 2021 but the applicants are now coming back for an larger extension to the habitable space which will still be under 30% and compliant with DP36.

DECISION: Beaulieu Parish Council unanimously recommend permission for the reason below but would accept the decision of the National Park:

1. Application was originally passed in 2021 and remains within policy DP36.

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APPENDIX 2

Linda Dearing
Council Meeting Update

Matters Arising

Playing Fields Assets

Mike has come back to me ..review done by Mike and Colleague

Quote for removal of equipment will be £240.00 plus VAT but in addition will be cost of disposal of metal/wood /Take metal for scrap ..monies back ? plus cost of top soil to fill in holes ..and transport of soil .Mike discussed with his colleague ...all sounds a bit airy fairy

Compared to Rachels team which was £576.00 for Chris Payne to do it which includes reinstating

Mark Young has resigned from post so no checking done from this week ..new volunteers to be recruited

Twinning Garden update

I have met Abbey Wright who lives in the adjacent house to the ground she is fine with the activities planned .

Waiting on Rachels input from the estate re replacing pea shingle ..meeting was postponed due to illness...cost to be calculated depending on what materials and labour are required

New Planting Plans drawn up .(.new plants and soil replacement yet to be costed)plans attached ..includes colour throughout the year and some silver plants for the Platinum Celebrations

Meeting Jenny Early March to see what perennials are showing

Awaiting quote from Graham Reece for the refurb of the two current benches.

Once shingle replaced then all activities commence including installation of new bench .

Playground Update

Rachel and my meeting postponed due to sickness re catches on gates

All monthly checks Fine

Mark has worked his final 3.5 hours... Sarah has bill .

Kick boards have gone in one corner ..another visit from a four legged friend ..Nick did the honours re poo and hammered down some protruding screws ..

Sorting an out of area carpenter who has insurance we no luck with local woodmen.

Mark has raked the Bark in thinning areas .

Thank You

Linda