

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2020

A virtual meeting held on zoom due to the coronavirus pandemic HM Government regulations.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr. P. Fairweather, Cllr. L. Shanks

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. K. Mans, Mrs. R. Pearson, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1921. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Reece Seconded: Cllr. Steele

1922. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr. Norris asked who cleared the brambles from the salt bin? Said it must have been Highways. Also ditch on cemetery road, John Nicholls has done. Cllr. Steele said she has done the playground inspection today and all fine. New chippings went down, but because of so much rain they get compacted. Dead leaves on fake grass, will get Mark to clear. Looks OK.

1923. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1924. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

1925. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present.

1926. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans wished everyone a happy Christmas. No change on covid tiers for New Forest. If stay in this tier or lower, we have to be careful over Christmas, can mix three different groups in one bubble, be very cautious as lots of people indoors with windows shut. Vaccinations seem to be going well, will get a much clearer idea after Christmas. NHS setting up number of sites around the country for vaccinations, but lot of people will go to their GP's surgery, they will call you when you can have one. Quite soon one of the other vaccinations will come online. Said still have some money in my devolved budget. Cllr. Norris said I have been having conversations with Mrs. Pearson about litter bins. Said Beaulieu is attracting a lot of people, lots of walkers and the dog waste bin at start of BH walk is getting used for takeaway cup and wrappers and everyone piling waste on top of bin. Looks unsightly and dependent on the good will of local householder who goes out with black bag and clears rubbish. Not pleasant task and putting themselves at risk. The PC and the Estate have jointly purchased new bins that will be installed soon. Cllr. Norris said we would like £500 for a council approved bin and installation to go next to dog waste bin. Cllr. Mans said

very happy to provide £500, Cllr. Norris replied that's very kind, it is the gateway to our community and important it looks good. Cllr. Mans said fill out the form online and I will approve. Cllr. Norris said thank you and for the Christmas card and wishing you a happy Christmas. Cllr. Norris asked Mrs. Pearson to order another bin.

Proposed: Cllr. Steele

Seconded: Cllr. Knight

All Cllrs. in favour.

Cllr. Steele said looking at the map for vaccination centers, seems to be a gap around our area and nearest hospital for us is Portsmouth and Woking. Cllr. Mans said very soon Southampton Hospital and Winchester will be doing them. Being rolled out and expect Bournemouth as well, but most people will get theirs at GP surgeries. The new vaccination does not need to be kept cool, so much easier to distribute. Cllr. Steele said that's encouraging as we appear to be in a dead spot in our area and surrounding areas, and have elderly population. Cllr. Mans said NHS could take vaccinations to peoples homes after Christmas.

1927. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris not present.

1928. **PLANNING**

Cllr. Norris said at last meeting we were uncertain about Pond House. Cllr. Steele established the planning application was still live and spoke to planning officer. We decided to support the application, however the application was withdrawn.

Proposed: Cllr. Steele

Seconded: Cllr. Norris

Beaulieu Parish Council supports this application and agree with the conditions proposed by the conservation officer.

20/00575 – The Tukul.

Reapplication of planning permission 20/00851, October

Vary Condition 3, applicant has decided to locate the pavilion slightly to the north of the approved position, moving away from the lake. Change to 2 bifold doors as opposed to sliding glass doors. Cllr. Reece said will it be more visible from the river, Cllr. Norris said probably less. Cllr. Steele thinks it is an improvement, much better site. Said the new owners have really made it look marvelous and surrounding area looking much better, and from the river looks really good.

No. 1, BPC support

Proposed: Cllr. Reece

Seconded: Cllr. Steele

Cllr. Steele asked what is happening with Mallards. Cllr. Norris said nothing on website.

20/00690/LDCP – Heathgate, Furzey Lane

Application for certificate for lawful development for proposed completion of single storey rear extension, porch and alterations to fenestration.

Planning permission required.

Decisions

20/00702 and 20/00703 – Pond House, Sowley Lane

Single storey rear extension, re-roof, internal alterations (App 4 LBC)

Withdrawn

Tree Applications

CONS/20/0701 – Heath House, Furzey Lane

Fell and prune various mixed tree species.

Decisions

CONS/20/0593 – Braces Quay, Dock Lane – RNO

CONS/20/0597 – Friars Oak, Dock Lane - RNO

CONS/20/0638 – Oakwood, Furzey Lane – RNO

CONS/20/0655 – Carpenters Cottage, Dock Lane – RNO

CONS/20/0661 – Curtlemead House, Fire Station Lane – RNO

CONS/20/0669 – Spence House, Dock

1929. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr. Norris said pity Cllr. Harris not here, I wanted to ask about funding for broadband. Cllr. Steele said Dock Lane are now looking at a scheme to get grant to put new fiber from Dock Lane into house. Looking like each house is going to be covered by grant. Said I do not know why Open Reach do not make people aware of this. Cllr. Norris said the grant per dwelling is £3,000. Think in Dock Lane they have formed themselves into a group and have a lump sum. Cllr. Steele said that is what we are doing and hopefully will be all done with the grant. Cllr. Norris said we need to find out more details as owners of Saltmarsh been in touch, but think he was referring to a different scheme. Also businesses can get £6,000. Cllr. Steele said if you can establish fiber into houses you get very good broadband. Cllr. Norris said we were always told Beaulieu would have fiber to premise. Said seeing as we are going to link arms with EBPC, I think they are ahead of us and it might be good to join forces and help us obtain more information if we work together. EB trying to improve their broadband, but cannot tie anyone down at BTOR, but trying to get them to attend one of their meetings. Raised this as want to go back to owner at Saltmarsh with a more positive response. Cllr. Steele said we need to get Cllr. Harris engaged with us. Cllr. Norris agreed.

Cllr. Norris said I circulated an email from Nicola Curzon, parish clerk for EB. They have been in touch with Cllr. Harris and have said the same as we have about bins. They wonder what happens to waste after it leaves Beaulieu. Said they have a meeting on 12th January with Mr. Noble from NFDC involved in rollout of this. Cllr. Harris said to EBPC that he would like BPC to be involved in it. Important we attend. EB quite concerned about wheelie bins, do not think they are practical, same view as us. Asked who would like to attend via Teams. Cllr. Norris asked Mrs. Pearson if BE would like to attend, replied yes. Cllrs. Reece, Knight and Dearing will attend.

Precept 2021/22 needs to be in by 15th January. Cllr. Norris said I propose clerk makes application for precept as in previous years, £8,000 to finance officer at NFDC. Propose and second at January meeting.

Cllr. Norris said he has been trying to persuade Cllr. Shanks not to resign from the council for the last 7 months, however accepted her resignation. Clerk to write letter to her on behalf of PC thanking her for her service over the years. A closed session of the council took place and a suitable candidate is to be approached to replace her.

Cllr. Norris said he had a call from Brett Johnson, said Tony Barber and himself are forming a joint action group to keep the toilets open at Hatchet Pond and

wanted to know what BPC are doing about it. Cllr. Steele said they are too late, they are dismantling them.

NFNP – Enforcement update

NFDC – Electoral register

Lloyds Bank – Balance at 25th Nov 2020 - £19,590.42

1930. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

No cheques needed. Cllr. Steele said we do owe Mark money, but haven't had his invoice, so will have to wait till January meeting.

1931. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Dearing said been reading various articles re changes to car park at Hatchet Pond. Cannot seem to find one that matches the other. Is there anywhere I can find out, as being asked. Cllr. Norris said all we know is the reduction in the size of the car park and winter closure. Cllr. Reece said go onto Forestry England website, that should give you a good run down. Reducing car park and putting more dragons teeth up. Cllr. Reece said there are a lot of different NF groups, some are well informed, some not. Always go to FE. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Reece.

Cllr. Norris said there was speed trap in operation in Beaulieu end of last week. Everyone very good and got about 12 people doing over 30mph. Said Roger Penny Way been terrible, three donkeys killed there. Results from speed watch showed nearly everyone breaking the limit. Cllr. Reece said didn't they catch someone doing 68mph twice.

Cllr. Steele said there is a scheme afoot to provide a Christmas meal for anyone in the parish who feels they cannot cook their own. Talked to Father John and he suggested I ask you all if there is anyone near you that might benefit. Someone has offered to cook and Father John and I will organise people to deliver or we will. Cllr. Norris asked if you are delivering to people's homes? Cllr. Steele confirmed. Cllr. Norris said that's a good idea, do we know anyone elderly or frail?

Mrs. Pearson said the visitor attraction is open at the moment till 3rd January, closing weekdays in January till February half term. Reopen 12th February full days. Intended Bucklers Hard will be closed from January 3rd – February 12th. Cllr. Norris asked if Shakespeare was happening as actors come from London and tier 3. Mrs. Pearson said it is going ahead as they are in a bubble. Said talking to Tim, he has problems with parking in the yard, are tentatively looking at moving him to the concrete barn at Beufre. Do change of use, but if anyone sees a problem, could they let me know.

Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Dearing did quite a bit of thought re bin storage, idea of a bin corral. Wooden screened structure. Asked Mrs. Pearson what herself and Lord Montagu thought. Have spoken to two workers who clear the rubbish at EB and they are very much in favour of wheelie bin. Mrs. Pearson said everyone would have to be responsible for putting everything in bags and putting them there. Problem somewhere like Pondsides flats, when bins overflow and get food waste around and then problem with rats. Principal of communal bin would not be an issue to us. Cllr. Norris asked if have any views of containers for food waste. Mrs. Pearson said thinks people will think this is a good idea, but again

small containers placed outside dwellings in the High Street would need to have a lid and be sealed, so rodents and horses cannot get to it. Cllr. Norris said the problem with wheelie bins is people don't always close the top or they overflow. Mrs. Pearson said especially if a two week collection.

Cllr. Norris said there is a Quadrant meeting on 3rd February. Cllrs. Knight and Reece will attend.

Cllr. Knight said there is still water outside garage. Cllr. Norris said I presume Highways putting 'flooding' sign out. Cllr. Knight said it hasn't been fix and also water on Ropeway corner not fixed. Clerk has reported. Cllr. Norris said he was horrified by amount of water in the Waterside, top of Frost Lane to Hardly roundabout is very bad and Whitewater Rise and Dibden Purlieu village. Worse in Waterside than here.

Cllr. Reece said fantastic job done on the ditches around Beaulieu Cemetery.

Cllr. Norris thanked Mrs. Pearson. Cllr. Reece said cattle are trying to get in now.

Mrs. Pearson said she has been approached by Highways on that ditch, they said if they get some money would we be up for them piping the ditch. Cllr. Knight said it has always been a problem, said as soon as it is done tractors drive on it and fill it back up again. Cllr. Reece said can't you pipe it to ensure better flow and then fence it to stop the cattle and vehicles treading it all back in?

Cllr. Norris said we meet in January, but prior we have joint meeting with EBPC, one to discuss the 112 bus service running on Saturday and the other on waste. When I get invites you will receive them. Thanked all Cllrs. for attending and wished them a Happy Christmas.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 21st January 2021 at 6.30p.m.