

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2024

PRESENT

Cllr. N. Hubbard, Cllr. S. Steele, Cllr. C. Knight, Cllr. M. Dolbear,
 Cllr. S. Reece, Cllr. K. Lewis

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. K. Mans, Cllr. D. Poole, Mr. P. Fairweather, Mrs. R. Pearson, Mr. T. Mack, Mrs. S. Busby, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

Minute Ref			Action
2291	APOLOGIES	None	
2292	CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS	None,	
2293	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None.	
2294	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	Approval of April Minutes Proposed: Cllr. Dolbear Seconded: Cllr. Steele Motion carried unanimously.	
2295		HCC Cllr. Mans reported. Yesterday the Leader of Council resigned. New Leader is Nick Adams-King, was County Councillor for Romsey and was previously responsible for infrastructure incl roads. New Deputy Leader is Jan Warwick, Cllr. for Winchester. This year is a complex one in balancing the budget, ensuring take into account what is needed and wanted. Consultation and proposals coming together.	

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		<p>Cllr. Hubbard said we are looking to replace 2 benches in the playground with metal ones, £2,500 + fitting. Cllr Mans kindly said apply for a grant, ask for £1,000. Cllr Poole also confirmed he may be able to support with a small grant. Cllr. Hubbard thanked both and mentioned we are considering using Gary Bolton, local artisan.</p> <p>NFDC Cllr. Poole said his budget will be open at beginning of June. Said money within NFDC is getting tighter. Said re speeding, their Community Safety Team would be happy to meet. Clerk to arrange date.</p> <p>Police 'Alert' report circulated. Patrick Fairweather said the police are encouraging businesses to report shoplifting.</p>	
2296	MATTERS ARISING	<p>Waste Bin Update – Cllr. Hubbard thanked Mr. Mack for his update and photos. Said checked Baileys Hard bin on Tuesday and it had been emptied by someone, not himself or Mr Mack, who has done it in the past. If anyone knows who has emptied the bin, please let us know [POSTSCRIPT: NFDC has done this]. We will monitor the walk for litter when bin is removed. Cllr. Dolbear asked if we are putting signage up. Mrs. Pearson said see if there is a problem and then talk about it. Cllr. Fairweather said he had a visit at the Garden Centre from Litter Pickers of the New Forest. Are a volunteer group and understand Beaulieu is not very well represented. Will forward link for Beaulieu Chat. Mr. Mack said a great idea and they provide pickers and bags. Cllr. Hubbard said it would be great if they covered the Baileys Hard walk.</p> <p>Playground & Recreational Field – Cllr. Steele said there is a damaged piece of equipment in field, it is old and installed in 2012, one of the struts has rotted. Thorns representative will inspect all equipment next week and advise how long it will last. Have quote for broken piece of equipment, new post and grass matting under another piece of equipment and rotten wood in another. £385.50 + installation £1,250, delivery £164.00 = £1,799.50. We will have a better idea if it is worth mending after meeting. All tapped up and out of use. Agreed it's the most popular piece of equipment. Cllr. Hubbard said if we get 5 more years of use, then feels we can justify that amount. Cllr. Steele said wooden structures have a 15 year life, 3 years off that. ROSPA never had a problem with it. Cllr. Knight recommends getting a second quote. Need a quick decision, get quote and agree by email.</p>	Mr Fairweather

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2298.	CASUAL VACANCY	Already discussed. Will put on Beaulieu Chat.	Cllr. Hubbard
2299.	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGAR	<p>Been circulated. Council agreed. Cllr. Hubbard thanked Mrs. Pearson for internal audit. Mrs. Pearson said it was good and very comprehensive. Cllr. Hubbard said now going over to an electronic version of the cash book. Said because our income is less than £25,000 means we are exempt from having an external audit.</p> <p>Certification of Exemption agreed to be signed and submitted to BDO by the Clerk Proposed: Cllr. Dolbear Seconded: Cllr. Steele Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 agreed to be signed and published on website and noticeboard. Proposed: Cllr. Dolbear Seconded: Cllr. Steele Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Accounting Statements for 2023/24 agreed to be signed and published on website and noticeboard. Proposed: Cllr. Dolbear Seconded: Cllr. Steele Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Notification rights were confirmed – 3 June – 12th July. Publish on website and notice board.</p>	
2300.	BPC COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS	<p>CDA/NFAC/Forest Update – Cllr. Hubbard welcome back to Council to Cllr. Reece. Cllr. Reece said Operation Mountie in full swing. Being active and working. Its common sense , even though it says 40mph going pass an animal you need to reduce speed, deaths are low at the moment.</p> <p>NFALC – meeting was cancelled.</p> <p>PLANNING – Cllr. Stelle said no planning applications this month, but 2 New Cottages took to appeal and won. Good result, so cottages will look similar and much better.</p>	

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		<p>Asset Management – Defib fine, need battery later this year. Will run a defib/1st aid course in the autumn.</p> <p>Bus Shelters – Cllr. Hubbard said that Chris Payne and he did a review, all safe, no major concerns. Wooden one needs a couple of tiles to be sorted and wood structure around bin needs a bit of attention. Stone one, roof leaking and wooden structure in one corner is rotten, will need repair.</p> <p>Speedwatch – Already covered.</p> <p>Twinning Garden – Already covered.</p> <p>Community Resilience & Emergency Planning – Cllr. Hubbard said will start work on this later in the year.</p>	
2301..	FINANCE	<p>Cllr. Dolbear said monthly finance report published with agenda. First precept instalment of £9,518 been received. Year end £1,186.00 VAT due back from last year – VAT return to be submitted shortly. Net surplus to date £2,469.00. Reconciled bank balance £22,534.00.</p> <p>Bank Payments Paul Deakin - £70.00 Clerk – £288.75 BVHT - £45.00 Twinning Garden - £20.20 Clear Councils - £847.01 Proposed: Cllr. Dolbear Seconded: Cllr. Steele Motion carried unanimously.</p>	
2302	CORRESPONDENCE	<p>Tree Technique Clerks & Councils Direct</p>	
2303.	ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS	<p>Dog litter/waste. Cllr. Steele said D. Day celebration. Not doing anything locally, will put up Union Jack flag for the week.</p>	

Meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 20th June 6.30p.m.