

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

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

**PRESENT**

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

**APOLOGIES**

None

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

1895. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Steele                      Seconded: Cllr. Knight

1896. **MATTERS ARISING**

1894. Cllr. Steele reported that the advice from HCC was to keep the playground open.

1897. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Steele declared an interest in Tree works at Bignalls.

1898. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

1899. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present.

1900. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans said he had 300 meetings a month to attend. Figures for Coronavirus rising with largest number of cases in the north of the county. Needs to be more locally run track and trace. Regarding education Cllr. Mans said one area that was doing relatively well with 95% of children are back in school. Have a good scheme using our school improvement team. Taking a common sense approach, and supporting where needed, if teachers have to go home. Sending teachers to other schools and using our own staff, one recently took over as head teacher as one was ill. Have more money to give to residential homes and care workers and if we have more control over track and trace we can act more quickly to identify problems when quite small and do something about it. Said we can run into real problems with balancing the economy with keeping people safe, not an easy balance. Cllr. Norris said long Covid is not good. Cllr. Mans said it covers a lot of chronic conditions, but getting better advice and drugs are getting better. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllr. Mans for attending.

1901. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Norris said Cllr. Harris not present, probably busy with wheelie bin issues. NFDC are reviewing their waste collections. We were asked about refuse collection going to a few weeks between collections, we did not want this in Beaulieu because of the rats. Going to two week collection and wheelie bins. Three bins = 1 cardboard, 1 plastic, 1 food waste, which will reduce carbon

footprint. Said re HCC there might be a project we could do in the parish regarding waste disposal. In an old village plan there was a proposal for a village compost heap. Could this be looked at again?

1902. **PLANNING**

Cllr. Norris said there is very little planning, one in Furzey Lane for certificate for lawful development, which refer to next meeting. Said Cllr. Dearing phoned and cannot get connected to meeting, but asked if she had any views on Hatchet Pond plans. Application for Pond House, but no briefing notes yet, suspect problem as Grade 2 Listed. Being consulted regarding Hatchet Pond, which is quite a rarity in many ways re the plants and wildlife. They are trying to preserve it, being spoilt by visitors feeds the ducks, fishermen, dog walkers, swimmers. Feeding ducks is particularly bad because of droppings from them from high quality food, making nutrients too high. Proposal to demolish toilets, planning in for that, to discourage people from wild camping. Car park on water edge will be reduced dramatically in size. Little Hatchet Pond they intend to cut car park by half. Most valuable habitat in whole of country. Cllr. Dearing said people who are determined to paddle board will still do so. Where are they going to move the car park to? Will have to leave gaps for the livestock and need to stop people parking on the verges, so will have to put a lot of dragons teeth up. People will just walk to the pond from roads. Cllr. Norris said will people park in Furzey Lane? Cllr. Dearing said they have quite a lot, notices have gone up, said it gets quite busy at weekends. They need to totally, sensibly rethink. Said people will need the toilets. Without shutting pond off completely it will not work. Cllr. Fairweather wonders if they have considered closing it completely if it is that sensitive. Agree with Cllr. Dearing that people will always find a way. Said the ice cream van is a massive attraction, there will be many problems with verge parking, attracting crowds. Cllr. Norris said they are going to shut the car park completely in winter to allow the pond to restore itself. Cllr. Reece thinks they are trying to find a happy medium. We know how sensitive this pond is and as much as they would like to shut it down, they want people to enjoy how beautiful it is. Going to put dragons teeth where the junction is that takes you to Lymington, but they will still park elsewhere. Would need to be patrolled and enforced. Said the ice cream man pays a lot of money for a license. Feel there would be a better place for him to go. Cllr. Norris said it is revenue driven, years ago it was over £10,000. Think if they initially half the car park and still a disaster, they may well shut it completely. Cllr. Dearing said not a good idea to take the toilets way, Cllr. Shanks agreed, said some visitors stay there all day and need the toilets, do not understand why they are taking them away. Cllr. Norris said they want to stop overnight camper vans. Cllr. Shanks said they should put a gate across at night time. Cllr. Norris said lets see if they have a meeting.

1903. **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Cllr. Norris said I understand this is going ahead. Have been contacted by Robert Gayner asking of we are prepared to buy a wreath and donation to the RBL, which we usually do, for £60.

All Cllrs. in favour. Proposed: Cllr. Dearing Seconded: Cllr. Grindrod  
Cllr. Norris said I usually read out names of the fallen and suspect will do this at

Exbury. Asked if any Cllr. would like to do this and lay the wreath. Cllr. Knight agreed. Said need to liaise with Sgt. Major Dixon. Cllr. Norris thanked Cllrs. for their support.

1904. **BRIEF REPORT ON QUADRANT MEETING**

Cllr. Norris said it was a busy meeting and pleased Cllrs. Knight and Reece attended. Discussed Ipley crossroads, interest to Beaulieu Parish. Application in for a staggered junction. 70sq.m from forest and land in mitigation is Wootton Bridge. NP concerned as lots of planning changes coming. Government want to streamline planning, have a template and if you comply to template then you get planning. Will be streamline, digital, more sustainability, improve infrastructure. There will be no consulting with other organisations. They are worried about permitted development. Government are talking about nature recovering. Had an update from NFDC about Waterside area, Marchwood Port, Dibden Bay, plans for a large park to be included. NP update from Nigel Matthews as to what has been happening in the forest. Surveyed visitors visiting in May and most were first time visitors, so decided to come up with the NF Code, and you will see this on the end of their emails and in car parks, about BBQ's, fires, forest animals etc. Due to increased number of visitors, FC had 4 rangers out 7 days a week. The NP, English Forestry and Fire Brigade formed a Whatsapp group, which proved very useful. If anyone noticed a hot spot, they got on Whatsapp and the appropriate group would turn up and explain to visitors what they were doing wrong. Stickers were put on cars parking on the verges and they managed to get portable BBQ's withdrawn from retailers. Recruited 500 litter picker ambassadors who engage with the public, telling them not to drop litter. Engage, explain, encourage and then enforce. Lots of people volunteered to be rangers or help and go round and tell people not to feed horses and park there etc, but unfortunately their offer of help and support was refused on grounds of H&S.

1905. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Lloyds Bank – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - £21,302.70  
Information Commissioner's Office – confirmation of payment  
Southern Central - CCTV maintenance

1906. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Clerks Salary : £750.00 + HMRC - £2.48  
Proposed: Cllr. Shanks      Seconded: Cllr. Dearing  
Greenspan £462.00  
Proposed: Cllr. Steele      Seconded: Cllr. Knight  
RBL - £60  
Proposed: Cllr. Shanks      Seconded: Cllr. Steele  
Mrs. N. Deering – Purchase of stamps £15.60  
Proposed: Cllr. Reece      Seconded: Cllr. Shanks  
Mrs. S. Steele, Bolts for playground £60.00  
Proposed: Cllr. Shanks      Seconded: Cllr. Dearing

1907. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Norris said we have had emails regarding the 112 bus service. We decided previously not to participate because no one seemed to support it here.  
Cllr. Norris mentioned the NF Rattler, up to 450 cyclists. Does seem well

thought through. Cllr. Shanks said the instructions said toilets would be placed at all food/water stations and later it says probably due to Covid there will be no food stations, will there be any toilets? Cllr. Norris thought some at start and finish. Cllr. Knight said they will not be allowed to put stations on forest. Cllr. Norris said it is going through the village early morning and seemed very strict on distancing.

Cllr. Steele said re the Coastal Path, the work that NE have done in our route is not robust enough in terms of special areas of interest and been told to do it again. Received letter from Lord Montagu saying Beaulieu Estate and Cadland Estate are going to do a joint submission and suggestion is if people would like to put their names to the bottom of their submission saying BPC supports their submission or there is a template where we can write our own. My advice would be to add BPC to their new submission. Said I will do my own using the template. Cllr. Norris said Mr. Drummond has a strong case. Said we have not made representation, we commented. Cllr. Steele said we can only comment as we are not land owners. Cllr. Norris said our objection was due to car parking issues, Beaulieu village rammed full of cars and would bring in more cars and concerned about Browns Lane, Sowley. Cllr. Reece said there was no money put by for car parks. Cllr. Fairweather agrees with Cllr. Steele, the fact the Estate have employed experts to do surveys and feels we put our name to the bottom of their letter supporting the work they have done. Cllr. Steele said their letter will have a huge number of Beaulieu residents names attached to it. Feels we support the Estate. Cllrs. agreed. Cllr. Steele to draft letter to send to Lord Montagu. Cllr. Reece mentioned the white lines have faded by the entrance of the Maritime Museum car park and the road is very bad at the bridge on Cemetery Road. Clerk to write to Highways.

Cllr. Shanks said water is coming down Hatchet Lane, roadside drain is blocked. Opposite Whitehall in the village the drain is blocked and when it rains water runs down other side of High Street. Clerk to report.

Cllr. Fairweather said have we had any news from the Estate about Haywards Field car park planning application. Said if we have as many visitors to the village next spring and summer, if we do not get the car park built, we will have even more chaos. Cllr. Norris will chase, but thought they were waiting for NP legal opinion. How much pressure are the Estate putting on to get an answer?

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 6.30p.m.