

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

**PRESENT**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr. K. Mans, Mrs. R. Pearson, Mr. T. Mack, Mr. P. Marling-Roberts, Mr. N. Barwood, Sir Nigel Southward, Mr. and Mrs. G. Graham, Ms. F. Duncan, Mr. R. Rawlings, Mr. J. Ward, Mr. C. Cooke-Hurle, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

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2328	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Cllr. D. Poole	
2329	<b>CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS</b>	Cllr. Hubbard welcomed everyone to the meeting ... a good turnout. Cllr. Hubbard welcomed Mr. Barwood and said he will be a regular attendee, both as a parishioner and also on behalf of the Beaulieu Residents Association We are looking to have a stronger links with a number of local organisations. Cllr. Hubbard thanked Cllr. Mans for the £500 HCC grant and Cllr. Poole for the £200 NFDC grant towards the second of two replacement Playground benches, which will be locally made in the parish. Thank you for your support.	
2330	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	None.	
2331	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b>	Approval of October Minutes Correction of Little Salterns, should read 'construction' not conservation. Proposed: Cllr. Knight Seconded: Cllr. Dolbear Motion carried unanimously.	
2332	<b>REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS</b>	<b>HCC</b> Cllr. Mans said it has been very difficult to balance the books. School transport costs were £32m, now £75m, which is twice the amount spent on social services, said you can read more on website.	

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		<p>Said grant scheme is still open for projects to benefit the community. Said arranged to visit Fawley Refinery with Leader and will bring back comments.</p> <p><b>New Forest District Council</b>            Cllr. Poole not present, but sent his report which was circulated.</p> <p><b>Police.</b>            ‘Alert’ report received and circulated. Reported that the Beaulieu Residents Association has been in discussion with the local police to hold a session on security of homes, CCTV etc. This was welcomed and noted that the Council and Beaulieu Estate would both be pleased to be involved in such a session to promote it as widely as possible in our community.</p>	
2333	<b>SOLENT CO2 PIPELINE PROJECT</b>	<p>Cllr. Hubbard said we were made only aware of this project in August following Jim Rowland’s post on the Beaulieu Chat, for which many thanks. Cllr. Hubbard explained that significant information is being exchanged on WhatsApp. There is also a Zoom call between Exxon and the IOW/Mainland parish councils, thanks to Cllr. Poole. The deadline for submissions to the consultation is Monday 30 September at 18:00hrs. A draft response from BPC had already been circulated and Cllr. Hubbard read it out in full. There was a full discussion and a number of suggestions for amendment to the draft letter were agreed. Also agreed to copy this letter to our MP, HCC, NFDC, NPA, Local NHS, Official Verderer, Natural England, Forestry England and the local Fire &amp; Rescue Service. Proposed that the final letter is settled between Cllrs Hubbard and Steele and the Clerk and be sent to Exxon as soon as possible.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Dolbear                      Seconded: Cllr. Knight            Motion carried unanimously.</p>	Cllrs Hubbard and Steele and the Clerk
2334	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	<p><b>Waste Bin Update</b> – Cllr. Hubbard said we had a complaint about overflowing bins. Said NFDC do not empty bins that are not full, which may be part of the problem. Contacted NFDC and they had a change in operator and the bins not emptied, but they sorted it. Been doing a review of bins since then. Mr. Mack thanked Council for its work on this. Now have a good map of bins. Said it costs BPC £1,000 a year for one bin, so took away 4, saving £5000. These removals have been monitored, and there has been virtually no discarded litter at the time of review. Noticed the one by Pallets and by the pond are not used much. Should we move them? Bus stop one was crammed full. Cllr. Dolbear said was this due to Autojumble? The bin coming down from High Street has</p>	

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		<p>now been moved to car park as agreed with NFDC. Feels the remaining bins are better placed. Agreed that this item can be removed from the agenda for the time being.</p> <p><b>Playground &amp; Recreational Field</b> – Cllr. Steele reported she has done the monthly inspection and its looking good, no new issues. Items on ROSPA report have been put right. The following needs attention 1) slits in wooden upright need sanding down 2) Finger entrapment on slide 3) tightened on big climbing frame. Asked Cllr. Dolbear if we can fill the split or put a collar around post to keep in place, he will look. Will ask Infinity for a quote, probably cost £300-£500. Will get bark topped up in the coming weeks, will arrange date - 3 bags needed. Also asked Cllr. Dolbear to bill for all bags, incl those he has in store. New bench looks great and huge success. Agreed to ask Paul to remove wooden bench as in bad repair. See Finance update below for approval on 2<sup>nd</sup> bench.</p> <p><b>Twinning Garden</b> – Cllr. Reece says it looks amazing. She will agree with Twinning Association on winter bedding.</p> <p><b>Various Estate Repair Issues (including Bus shelter)</b> – Repairs all completed. Cllr. Hubbard and Chris Payne (Beaulieu Estate) inspected the bus shelter. Had quote for £3,500 which we do not have in budget. Agreed with Estate that alternatives need to be considered and also the funding arrangements agreed.</p> <p><b>Data Protection</b> – website and email address update – Cllr. Hubbard said making some progress. Said he now has BPC email address and will start to roll out once he and the Clerk are set up.</p> <p><b>Casual Vacancy Update</b> – Cllr. Hubbard said we have three vacancies. Cllr. Knight said the person he knows who maybe interested has been very busy, but will ask him if he can attend meeting next month. Cllr. Hubbard said we need someone who has the time to support activities outside meetings eg to take on the CCTV.</p> <p><b>Traffic and Roads Update</b> – Cllr. Hubbard reported we have a meeting at 10a.m. on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October with HCC Highways in the Widnell Room, John Montagu Building. Said Nick Barwood will try to attend. He will also invite a representative from the Beaulieu Estate, NFDC, Beaulieu School, the High St, Speedwatch and the local police. Awaiting output from the Speed Data Recorder SDR placed in the High St. Also suggest that we ask NFDC if they might install a SDR for a week on Palace Lane. See also Speedwatch report below.</p>	<p>Cllr. Steele</p> <p>Cllr. Dolbear</p> <p>Cllr. Reece</p> <p>Cllr. Hubbard / Mrs Pearson</p> <p>Cllr Hubbard / Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Hubbard</p>



