

BEAULIEU PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY 16TH JULY 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. L. Shanks, Cllr. L. Dearing, Cllr. M. Grindrod

APOLOGIES

Cllr. P. Fairweather

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. K. Mans, Sandy from NF Fruit Company, Penny from Stokes & Co, Mrs. N. Deering (Clerk)

1861. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed: Cllr. Reece Seconded: Cllr. Dearing

1862. **MATTERS ARISING**

1860. It was mentioned about vehicles going round village at speed at night. Reported to local police, who have asked for Reg. No's. If anyone gets a number, please let me know.

1857. Cllr. Steele apologised for not getting the report out on the playground inspection to you. Said did inspection today and all tidy and notices are up. Said one thing that always comes up on inspection is the seats which are at a tilt. Going to get handyman to put seats upright, so we do not have that issue again. Could I have permission? Cllr. Norris agreed as on going and needs sorting.

Cllr. Norris asked if the High Street looked clean and swept this morning. Cllr. Steele said it was lovely, but astonishing how many parked cars there are. Back to normal on parking front.

1863. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

1864. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllr. Norris said we have two visitors to the meeting tonight, re planning.

1865. **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Eastwood not present.

1866. **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Mans said they had a full council meeting on line and brought everyone up to date. Formed local outbreak engagement board to ensure with the advice from Public Health England, what we need to do if any increase in positive tests locally. Aim is to control the virus, but ensure we have up to date info and where positive tests are and that info should be sent to us asap. Said this is up and running. Still reduction in cases and no deaths this week. Regarding recovery – encourage retailers, hospitality to open, want to get economy back to normal. Government have given us extra £7 ½ m. Pandemic has cost us £100m, now just under £100m, step in right direction. Cllr. Steele said if we have local

lockdowns, will there be more of a role that PC's have to play? Cllr. Mans said I do not think anything is written down for PC's to do. Said if there is something I think you can help with, I will get in touch. Cllr. Norris said we would be happy to help. Had a small outbreak in Gosport in a pub, but landlord managed to ring everyone, even before asked. Cllr. Norris said the pub up the road from the outbreak also went into lockdown. That response was brilliant, good we are all trying to help each other.

1867. **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Cllr. Harris not present.

1868. **PLANNING**

20/00459 – Land at New House. Letter of support from Beaulieu Estate. Sandy and Penny are present. Determination as to whether prior approval is required for the construction of 2 linked water storage reservoirs for agricultural purposes. Penny said Sandy runs NF Fruit Company and is one of the UK growers and producers of some of the counties soft fruit. 3,000 tones grown a year, distributed direct to UK supermarkets and now produce 15 tones of asparagus a year. Strong increase in demand. Biggest agricultural business in the NF. 60 full time managers and workers, 400 staff at peak times. The farms location provides ideal growing conditions for fruit with longer daylight hours and warmer temperatures on south coast. Modern growing systems, very long picking season, March – end November. Reduces requirement on imports and associated food miles from Europe and South America, which provide a lot of out of season asparagus crop. Crops in glasshouses and polytunnels, max use of irrigation system. Need a guaranteed water supply during summer months to enable us to continue to supply quality produce and future vibrancy of the company. Existing farm reservoir not able to serve that need for water. Use of mains water is not viable or environmentally sustainable, look at new water storage facility, extraction from nearby stream during high flows and winter season and subsequent use of stored water for the following summer. In discussion with Environmental Agency and extraction license has been applied for. Environmental Agency have no objections. Site is currently arable land, close to farms underground ring main. Very well screened on all sides, hedges and high woodland. Exterior banks planted with wild flowers. No increase in visitors, low profile, no visual impact, no lose of habitat for wildlife. New reservoirs will help secure the business, reduce food miles and allow people to buy British. Cllr. Norris said lots of boxes ticked and excellent presentation. Asked if there are any H&S issues, re trespasses. Penny said a fence will soon be erected around it. Cllr. Steele asked where the water was being extracted from? How transported? Fleets of lorries? Replied have a reservoir outside Grinding Stone, overflow from Hatchet Pond and pumped underground to farm, and then 200m from existing reservoir to proposed ones. Cllr. Grindrod has concerns about amount of vehicles coming and going. Sandy said the heavy machinery will arrive and stay till finished. Only couple of cars/vans bringing workers.

Vote – 7 councilors in favour of No. 1. Cllr. Shanks disagreed with No. 1.

Proposed: Cllr. Reece

Seconded: Cllr. Steele

Cllr. Norris said congratulations and wish you luck.

20/00410 – Carpenters Cottage, Dock Lane. Replacement Conservatory
Cllr. Norris said direct replacement and planning advice taken.

All councilors in favour.

Tree Works Decisions

CONS/20/0227 – Carpenters Cottage, Dock Lane – Raise no objections.

R14/15/20/0286 – Dock House Dock Lane – Exempt works.

1869. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Application for Premises License for Queensmead Village Shop. To permit sales. Cllr. Shanks said she is struggling with how you can sell sweets/toys and alcohol. Cllr. Steele said she spoke to a tenant who wants to reopen as a village shop as locals want basic food, bread, veg, ice creams and there would be one shelf of wine and spirits and will only be viable if community supports her. Cllr. Steele feels good to have local shop that people can walk to and buy basics, rather like Ian at EB. Will open at 9am which means missing workers on their way to work. Cllr. Shanks said will there be a conflict with the Abbey Stores. Cllr. Steele said current format is closed, post office closed. Will be half shop, half office. Will be refurbished and let to someone. Cllr. Grindrod worried about staff selling alcohol if Angie not there. Need strict rules. Cllr. Dearing concerned about late opening. Cllr. Norris feels let this letter lie and see what happens and if we have concerns contact NFDC. Cllr. Norris said the tenant is a hard worker and we wish her well.

Lloyds Bank – 11th June 2020 - £20,248.83

Citizens Advice, NF – Thank you for grant

Email from Mrs. Schofield, re broadband in the High Street

1870. **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Clerks Salary : £750.00

HMRC - £2.48

Mark Young - £90.00

Cllr. Norris said he will visit the Clerk on Monday and get cheques signed.

Proposed : Cllr. Dearing

Seconded: Cllr. Reece

1871. **QUESTION TIME**

Cllr. Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Not easy.

Cllr. Dearing said re Rans Wood, have a fight on our hands, a resident has taken the bull by the horns and is going for it. No Parking signs at top of the road, but being ignored, but do not seem to have as many vans with people sleeping at bottom of road. See how it goes.

Cllr. Reece said did you find out about the steel building. Cllr. Norris said no.

Cllr. Reece mentioned Mrs. Schofield's comments on broadband. Cllr. Norris feels she may have a router problem. Mentioned public participation. Cllr. Norris said if someone wants to talk about something they can contact the Clerk about getting it on the agenda.

Cllr. Steele said while inspecting playing field she saw Katherine and she said they really need an outside tap at the back of the school, so children can wash their hands. They do not have the money and do we know anyone who can fund us? Cllr. Steele said could we pay? Basic job a handyman could do. Cllr. Norris

said you have to have a HCC approved installer. Suggested that Katherine gets a HCC quote and we will consider. Cllr. Grindrod asked what Friends of Beaulieu School were doing, as we have given them quite a lot of money this year. Cllr. Norris said we could do match funding.

Cllr. Norris said we will meet in August and try to get AGM underway, but have to actually meet in person to do that.

Meeting closed at 7.38pm

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 20th August 2020 at 6.30p.m.