Minutes of a meeting of the Bere Regis Parish Council held in the Drax Hall, Bere Regis on Thursday 9th April 1998 at 7pm.

Present Mr.R.S.James (Chairman), Messrs.A.R.Dunning, L.W Fairhurst, Mrs.S.Gale, Messrs.D.R.Gibbs, R.M.Griffin (to 8.15), C.Maunder, M.S.Munro, Miss.S.J.Stone and Mr.L.L.Street.

Apologies

98/119 No aplogies have been received.

Minutes of the last meeting

98/120 Minute 98/116 could was altered to should.

The minutes were then confirmed correct.

Play Area

98/121 The inspection report has been received and was read by the Clerk.A repair of sleeves is needed at a cost of £55.00 and the Clerk had spoken to the Chairman who agreed that this be done at the same time as the coachbolt as per Lappsett's suggestion.
End caps are needed on the small staircase to the shelter at the eastern end.
Mr.Griffin is to add details, re netting, to his specification for the fence and to pass it to the Clerk.

Millennium Green

98/122 The Morden Estate has written to say the matter of the Local Plan had not been raised before and a lease was not possible. Mr.Munro suggested using a piece of land near the scout hut and Miss.Stone is to see if this could be handed over to this Council.
A flyer regarding banners etc is to be kept for information.
The Clerk is to acknowledge the Estate's letter stating the Council is disappointed with their comments.

Chapel Lane

98/123 Nothing has been heard from the Estate or County Council. Mr.Rose of Woodbury Court and others are happy with the zigzag route but want a barrier for safety reasons on their drive. They are unhappy with the situation and may erect a gate to prevent this being used. The landowners could erect a fence along the side of the drive to prevent accidents.
Mr.James will speak to Mr.Webb (DCC) about this.

Bere in Bloom

98/124 This is to go in the Parish Magazine.
The competition will be for the Best Floral Display from the road.

Boardwalk

98/125 Nothing to report.

Twinning Signs

98/126 There has been no reply from the County Council and the Clerk is to chase this up.

Poole Hill Roundabout

98/127 Details are awaited of what can be done but it is difficult when the start is brick covered.
One suggestion for the entrances to the village are flowers on the verge.

CPRE

98/128 No action to be taken.

Audit

98/129 The Clerk had circulated copies of the Auditors comments. He had amended the accounts as required and these had been approved.
The Council went through the comments one by one and the Clerk explained each one.
The Council had no comments to make on the report and the Clerk has advertised the result as required.
The Clerk was congratulated for his work on the accounts.

District Councillor's Report

98/130 Miss.Stone has been returned unnopposed for the next year but there will be elections elsewhere. Mrs.C.Bond has decided to retire but Mrs.Debenham and Mr.MacDonald are standing again. There are elections next year so the Council's make up could change.
As she is now working in Wareham she will be able to attend meetings and possibly Planning Committees.

Period for Public Participation

98/131 Although not on the agenda it was agreed to have this item. The one parishioner present was concerned about the closure of the slip road and the effect it is having on the Milborne St Andrew road. the matter of possible flooding on Roke Road was discussed.
The Clerk is to write to the County Council about the closures with a copy to the contractors and he is to write to them asking for a display in the village as they had promised.

Finances

98/132 The following accounts were presented for payment:

	£ p
Mr.Lewis cemetery	14.00
Wessex Water 1/2 year rates...	30.00
W Stickland BiB prize	25.00
M R Poore BiB prize	25.00
V Damen BiB prize	10.00
J Fletcher BiB prize	5.00
T Mooney grass cuts	265.00
Lappsett UK inspection	29.38
Clerk's salary etc	177.00
J M Ruddock for stationery....	30.71
Total	611.09

98/132 cont..
It was agreed that these be paid.

The Budget and Finacial Statments were accepted. It was agreed to open an account with Batchelors Farm Supplies.

The application for a grant from the Twinning Association was discussed. Messrs.Dunning, Fairhurst and James plus Miss Stone declared interests in this. Mr.Griffin proposed £100 this was seconded by Mr.Maunder and carried.

New Parish Council

98/133 Ten places have been filled for the new Council leaving one vacancy which is to be filled by cooption. Mr.T.Maunder was congratulated on his election and Mrs.Gale and Mr.Fysh were thanked for all their hard work.

Best Kept Village Competition

98/134 A person is needed for a presentation on behalf of the village. Miss.Stone and Mr.Dunning will prepare this and Miss.Stone will give it.

Public Conveniences

98/135 The Clerk read a letter from the District Council regarding recent comments in the press.
It was agreed that this Council would like to retain the village conveniences and would like upgrading when the finance is available but at present does not wish to take over the responsibility for them.

Youth

98/136 The Scouts have written, following the item in the parish magazine, to point out what they do for the young. The Chairman has spoken to the leader to let him know what this was about and that there was no slur on them. The Clerk is to acknowledge the letter.
The Scouts would like to be involved if these problems are discussed in the future.
The Youth Club is missed although tastes are more sophisticated than it could supply. There was also concern that a bus to the sports centre could take people away from existing groups. However this need should not be forgotten should finance become available.

Drink Driving

98/137 The DETR are holding a survey on what can be done to reduce drink driving. Although this has dropped considerably in recent years it has stayed at one level. Councillors are to have their own copy to respond as individuals.

Car Park

98/138 Work is to start on June 1st lasting for 3 weeks.The Clerk is find out what will happen to the recycling units and if work can be finished by 27th June.

34 West Street

98/139 The Clerk read the reply from the County Council over the bollards and the narrowing of the pavement. This was unsatisfactory and the Clerk is to write to state that although the width may not have changed the bollard means that pushchairs have to be pushed onto the road to pass by whereas before one wheel could be kept on the pavementand he is sorry if his letter was not clear enough but must request that the bollard be moved one foot further west.

Environment Services

98/140 The District Council is to use a mobile promotional unit in September and require a site. The car park would be best.

Planning for the Future

98/141 The Clerk is to obtain a copy.

Crime & Disorder Bill

98/142 This was read and noted.

Best Value in Local Government

98/143 The Clerk is to obtain copies.

For Circulation

98/144 PDC Bulletin, Local Government Review, Dorset Community News, NALC Conferebnce Resolutions, DAPTC Minutes and Emergency Planning Newsletter 19.

New Village Hall Site

98/145 The following sites were put forward: Blind Street, Court Green, Field adjacent school, Near Sports Club and the British Legion, proposed new industrial estate, telephone exchange, between Egdon Close and the cressbeds, a field at Shitterton and the south side of Elder Road. The Clerk is to write to the District Council asking for a meeting to discuss these sites and others that they may think suitable.
These can be discussed, reduced in number and then put to parishioners. Other halls need to be looked at for size and design.

Transport Forum

98/146 The survey has been received and is to be discussed at the next meeting.

Defects

98/147 The light at the junction of Butt Lane and Tower Hill is on all day, the side of the road near Hyde Woods has fallen away, the boardwalk is broken near the west end, the No Entry sign at the top of Rye Hill is bent over and the Shitterton sign is missing.
The Clerk will deal with these matters.

Planning

98/148 Results

97/538 Mr.Ventham convert remaining part of barns/loft to domestic use at North Barn Shitterton Farm.
Permission GRANTED

97/550 Mr.Harding convert outbuilding to dwelling adj Black Hill, Shitterton.
Permission GRANTED

98/058 Mr.Pitman Erect conservatory Chamberlaynes Cottage.
Permission GRANTED

98/069 Mr.Stevenson Erect a conservatory 4 White Lovington.

Applications

98/159 As a curtesy being a neighbouring parish.
Change of use from agricultural use to extension of Dorset Gliding Club.
Comments were required before this meeting, the Chairman thought there were no objections and this was agreed.

Site Meeting

98/082 Proposed industrial unit at Cow Drove to be held on Wednesday 22nd April at 9.55am. Concern is over the size and possible problems with large vehicles. Miss.Stone and Mr.Maunder will attend.

Appeal

97/698 Mr.Hoyle additions/alterations to 149 Snow Hill.
Dismissed as incongruous, innapropriate and would harm the character and appearance of it's surroundings.

Yearlings Bottom

98/149 Messrs James and Gibbs haven't been able to find anything at County Hall and further investigation is needed. The Clerk is to contact the Kingsbere Riding Club.

Cemetery

98/150 This has been cut and is not looking too bad.
The prices obtained from Batchelors were acceptable and the Clerk is awaiting a quote from Mr.Mooney fro erecting the fence.
An application for a memorial to Dennis Maidment was approved.

Trees

98/151 These are generally in a good condition.

Parish Magazine

98/152 No elections this year, Bere in Bloom and closure of the car park.

Rights of Way

98/153 The letter from Morden Estates on footpath 40 was read. It was felt that the County Council does not want to replace the bridge and repair the surface but would like a deviation order to reroute the path. It would best if Mr.Dunning could meet Mr.Webb (DCC).
The Clerk is to reply to Morden Estat to say there is no stile and one is needed.

Charities

08/154 The next meeting is on April 21st.

Youth & Playgroup

98/155 A request for a grant has come in.

Drax Hall

98/156 The AGM is on April 19th, the Mayor of Casterbridge was very successful, Mrs Wright is the new booking secretary and the committee will probably have a new Chairman. There will be expenditure on fire extinguishers and people are starting to complain about the chairs which will be the next large expense.

School Governor

98/157 There are 90 on the school roll and good progress is being made on the points made by Ofsted. The LEA bid for funding is in but work hasn't started on the old building. Year 4 have taken part in the Purbeck Swimming Gala. The school is 60 years old this year and Mr.Dunning has received a presentation from the children and the school for all the hard work he has put in. Mr.J.Watts is to retire soon.

Environment

98/158 The rising main has broken again on the 7th. There has been a report of sewage in the river.
Mr.Munro feels sure that something will be going ahead.

Rye Hill

98/159 The Clerk is to enquire about a new static van here.

Gallows Hill

98/160 There are travellers on the County Council site.

School Bus

98/161 On a recent journey there were four broken seats leaving children standing. The Clerk is to contact Mrs.Briggs.

Traffic Speed

98/162 There is concern about the speed of traffic on Rye Hill and the use of speed cameras had been raised.

Tanks

98/163 The Clerk is to write to the C O at Bovington to see if they could restrict the use of armoured vehicles going past Bere Regis School, at opening and closing times, as they do in Bovington.

Royal British Legion

98/164 They are concerned about their tenancy as the lease expires soon. Whilst the RBL does not have a lot of money the Sports Club has a duty to fix a fair rent. The RBL is not happy to pay for a surveyor but this Council could approach the District Valuer on a charity basis and the Legion could be asked if they would pay his small fee. Miss.Stone is to prepare a letter for the Clerk to send to the District Valuer.

Fire Brigade

98/165 ADO ~~Luscombe~~ Lucas would like to talk to the Council an what is happening with regard to the service.