

Minutes of a meeting of the Bere Regis Parish Council held in the Drax Hall, Bere Regis on Thursday 11th February 1999 at 7pm.

Present Mr.L.L.Street (Chairman), Messrs.A.R.Dunning, L.W.Fairhurst, P.J.Fysh (from 7.25), D.R.Gibbs, R.M.Griffin, R.S.James, C.Maunders, T.Maunders, M.S.Munro, Miss.S.J.Stone and Inspector.G.Cutter (Police to 7.20pm)

#### Apologies

99/43 Apologies have been received from Mrs.J.Briggs (DCC) and Mr.P.J.Fysh who will be late.

#### Minutes

99/44 Minute 99/32 delete there is a problem over finance and insert from April maintenance etc will be the responsibility of the school.

Minute 99/40 Altered to read Mr.Munro had responded to the Purbeck District Council survey.

The minutes of the meetings on January 14th and 28th 1999 were then confirmed correct.

#### Play Area

99/45 Mr.Munro is still working on obtaining quotes for the fence. New EEC regulations mean each play area needs a certificate of Health and Safety. Rospa can do this at the same time as their inspection and the Clerk had given the go ahead for this to be done at a cost of £20 plus VAT. This action was agreed.

#### Chapel Lane

99/46 The triangle of land there needs tidying up and the Clerk is to write to Mr.Mooney asking him to do this.

#### Millennium Green

99/47 Nothing to report.

#### Elder Road

99/48 The work on the boardwalk is finished.

#### Purbeck Forum

99/49 Mr.Dunning had been ill but Mr.C.Maunders attended. He got the impression that Dorset has organised a coastal strip but this turned out to be a policy with no funding so maintenance would be for separate organisations to deal with. Some interesting work is to be done on the heath near the coast.

#### Traffic Noise from the Bypass

99/50 A copy of the letter regarding this problem is to be sent to Mr.Harding at Shitterton.

#### Speed Limits

99/51 The moving of speed limit signs needs a traffic order and the County Council will contact this Council in the near future.

## Weymouth Traffic

- 99/51A The County Council has written to say that this traffic was signed off the trunk road at Bere Regis because of the inadequacy of the route through Affpuddle and Warmwell. The County Council does not feel it would be appropriate to direct the traffic back through these villages even after the Tolpuddle/Puddletown Bypass is completed.

## Police Officer's Observations

- 99/52 The Chairman welcomed Inspector. Cutter to the meeting. He stated his intention was to introduce himself to the Council and community and he hopes to attend once a quarter and his officers as and when they can. Since 1st January there have been 7 reported crimes of which one was a shed burglary. He asked if people would report on any problem with a strange person who has been seen lurking around the toilets and recycling area.

## District Councillor's Report

- 99/53 There has been a meeting of the Association of Councils in Dorset to discuss how they should be working together and what is needed, a policy for the south west. The South West is to link with development agencies as the population is greater than that of Scotland. The District Council is looking at it's committee structure for meetings etc. There have been alterations to the Local Plan after the problems with the Sandford bypass and there has been a proposal for a road from the Organford/Slepe area to Sherford bridge. Council Tax is set to rise by 7.6% , which is in line with other Districts and the County Council expected rise is 8.5%. Cuts have had to be made and these include various donations to village halls and the plan for a rural transport advisor has been dropped.

## Period for Public Participation

- 99/54 19 parishioners were present. It was agreed to put a list of Councillors, in a larger print, in the notice board and for a list to go in the Parish Magazine once a year. A final response from BRRAD has gone to the District Council and this Council will get a copy. It has had a letter from the Southern Planning Practice asking for a copy of it's comments. The Clerk has just received one and it was agreed not to send a copy. The meeting to discuss these application is on 24th February but they could be deferred, refused or refused. Miss. Stone said officers were looking at the legal side of the Wyatt application with regard to it being premature but the one from Frys is in the Draft Local Plan and they are looking at deferring it until the Local Enquiry. The public can attend the planning meeting to hear what happens.

## Finance

- 99/55 Five accounts were presented for payment:

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Mr.Lewis cemetery .....	15.00	
Mr.Mooney yew trees .....	400.00	
Lappsett UK inspection .....	29.38	
Anglebury Press stationery .....	10.90	
Clerk's salary etc .....	<u>177.00</u>	
Total	<u>632.28</u>	

It was agreed that these be paid.

The Financial Statement and Budget report for January 199 were presented.

#### Pop in Place

- 99/56 A letter has been received about two projects for the Millennium. One is a Millennium Frieze and the other a concert. Projected costs are £200 and could this Council help.  
It was agreed to donate £100.

#### Dorset Wildlife Trust

- 99/57 A leaflet about roadside habitat management has been received.

#### New Years Honours

- 99/58 It was agreed to discuss this later in committee.

#### Recycling

- 99/59 Because of the changes the kerbsided boxes can only be used for newspapers, magazines, plastic bottles and cans.

#### A30/A35

- 99/60 A letter has been received saying that blue vertical poles are being erected along this road. They will have cameras fitted to monitor traffic flow.

#### Draft Economic Development Strategy

- 99/61 The District Council have sent this for comment. It is to be circulated for comments at the next meeting.

#### Councillor's Seminar

- 99/62 This is on February 20th.

#### Royal Garden Party

- 99/63 The Chairman and his wife are to be put forward.

#### Entertainment Licence

- 99/64 Comments are required on an application for the Drax Hall.  
It was agreed no objection.

#### Best Kept Village Competition

- 99/65 Miss.S.Stone will deal with the application form.

## For Circulation

99/66 Local Council Review, PDC Bulletin, DAPTC Newsletter, Listen In, Warm Homes Bill Newsletter, Results of crime survey, Caring Matters and Dorset Lottery News.

## Defects

99/67 The Clerk is to chase up the suggestion to alter the position of the warning signs at Elder Road for the play area.  
He is also to write to the District Council following up on steps to get onto the boardwalk and to ask if the surface could be tarmaced and gritted which would give a better grip and would act as a preservative.

## Precept

99/68 This was agreed as £10,000 for 1999/2000.

## Planning

### 99/69 Results

98/764 Miss.Miles erect ground and first floor extension to The Oaks, Hyde.  
Permission granted.

98/774 Mrs.Eggleston Replace lounge window with door/window and erect a ramp for access.  
Permission granted.

## Applications

98/840 F Wyatt & Son To develop land at Chalk Pit Farm for residential use etc.  
After a long discussion it was greed to object as follows:  
Any planning application of this size is premature until the Draft Local Plan has gone to a Public Enquiry.  
The housing development footprint is huge compared with the scale of the existing village. The development of 150 houses has no precedent in the village and therefore no basis on which to compare or have confidence of the overall effect on the entire village.  
Density is high (14 per acre social and 8 per acre mixed housing) and compares poorly with all adjacent building whether in Green Close or White Lovington.  
Single entry to Rye Hill will have to cope with some 300 cars, a potentially disruptive and hazardous increase onto a busy thoroughfare still designated a C road.  
No thought is given, in the proposal made, for contribution to the amenities of the village. Nor are social issues of schooling, health etc considered. Transport to the surrounding roads must increase as no employment opportunities exist within the immediate area.  
The development is on a green field site contrary to the direction, increasingly recommended at all levels, to restrict the use of green field sites as opposed to brown field regeneration.

Planning

99/69 cont.

98/840 It is also contrary to the Village plan inasmuch as there should be no development south of the Bere Stream.

99/005 C G Fry & Son develop land to north of Bere Regis.

It was agreed to object on the following grounds:

Any planning application of this size is premature until the Draft Local Plan has gone to Public Enquiry.

This is contrary to all current advice and developing national policy (Agenda 21).

The areas proposed are on steep gradients and will dominate the chalk land to the bypass. The gradients are such that large areas of embankment and stepped building construction will be visible and intrusive from all surrounding viewpoints.

The development is on a green field site, contrary to the direction, increasingly recommended at all levels to restrict the use of green sites as opposed to brown field regeneration.

99/009 SITA Stokeford Pit Puddletown Road. Extend the length of the use of this pit by 3 years until 31st December 2002.

Agreed no objections.

Cemetery

99/70 A letter of thanks for the donation of bulbs is to go to Mrs.K.Jeeves.

Trees

99/71 These are in good order.

Parish Magazine

99/72 Items to go in are the tidying up of the triangle of land on Chapel Lane, objections to the 2 planning applications and the boardwalk.

Rights of Way

99/73 There were 31 forms in support of the creation of a right of way at Yearlings and the application has gone in to the County Council.

Public Transport

99/74 There is a meeting on 25th February which Mr.C.Maunders will attend.

Crime Prevention Panel

99/75 There is a pickup truck going round the area with the occupant asking for work. A notice will go on the board.

## Drax Hall

- 99/76 It is quiet at present but there is a committee meeting on February 18th and an item regarding the future of the hall is on the agenda. Miss.Stone felt this Council should be the driving force behind discussions regarding the village of the future. Mr.Munro thought the village survey could be modified. Mr.C.Maunder, as a private individual, had put in a suggestion for the Local Plan to use the allotment site, at Southbrook, for a hall and to keep this area out of the green belt.

## School Governors

- 99/77 Feedback has been received about the future use of the swimming pool site. FOBRs are looking into funding for furniture and computer desks. There are vacancies for LEA governors at Bere Regis and Bovington Middle schools.

## Environment

- 99/78 It was the wettest January for 30 years. Work on the sewage main, at Court Farm, is to start on the 16th and has already started in Briantspuddle. Bluebells are protected and should not be killed, damaged or removed. The motorbike and rubbish on the track from the cemetery to Blackhill should have been removed.

## Hyde House

- 99/79 This is to be demolished and the rubble crushed to raise the height of the base of the new house.

## Tower 500

- 99/80 A letter from Mr.England was read and this described the production of a book to give a history of the church tower. Various services have been given free and Mr.T.Maunder offered to look into costs of printing. The matters of Millennium mugs was raised and what could go on them but numbers would be required. This is to be discussed at the next meeting.

## Seats

- 99/81 The seat for The Cross is available and Mr.Mooney is to be approached to fit it. A suggested site for the Mrs.Jeeves' seat was on the left of the entrance to Shitterton.

## New Year's Honours

- 99/82 It was agreed to support the nomination of Mrs.K.Jeeves.