

Minutes of a meeting of the Bere Regis Parish Council held in the Drax Hall, Bere Regis on Thursday 11th March 1999 at 7.20pm.

Present Mr.L.L.Street (Chairman), Messrs.A.R.Dunning, L.W.Fairhurst, P.J.Fysh (from 7.25pm), D.R.Gibbs, R.S.James, C.Maunder, M.S.Munro, Miss.S.J.Stone and Mrs.J.Briggs (DCC).

Apologies

99/82 Apologies have been received from Mr.T.Maunder and Mr.P.J.Fysh who will be late.

Minutes

99/83 Minute 99/82 was deleted and they were then confirmed correct.

Play Area

99/84 As yet there has been no feedback from Batchelors.

Chapel Lane

99/85 Mr.Mooney will deal with this.

Millennium Green

99/86 Nothing to report.

Draft Economic Strategy

99/87 After a discussion it was agreed to support Mr.C.Maunder's private comments.

Tower 500

99/88 After a discussion it was agreed that Mr.England should pursue a grant via the Millennium Festival Small Grant Fund and that this Council would support and help him if possible.

District Councillor's Report

99/89 Elections are coming up soon and packs for candidates will be sent out soon.

The P & R Committee will discuss the Government White Paper on Council structures on 9th March. Purbeck is going for a Policy Group of the Leader of the Council, Chairman of Planning plus 5 others elected at the Annual Meeting. This group will set policies and there will be a Scrutinising Group to look at services which will be elected by the remainder of the councillors. The Planning meeting will continue as at present. Councillors will be required to attend the Council meetings, which will be in the evenings, and it is hoped that this may attract people who cannot manage days. This will start in May and will hopefully streamline the system and prevent items being discussed by different committees.

Work is ongoing with the District Plan and there will be a visit to Bere Regis on March 23rd to look at the sites for development by C G Fry and F Wyatt and to view them from all vantage points in the parish.

99/89 cont

Miss.Stone will take soundings from BRRAD but could not tell them that she would pass them all on. The group will be officers and councillors only with nobody invited from the public or this Council. Mrs.Briggs said the Council had to be careful as a large anti group had turned up at Swanage once and had made the site meeting very difficult to conduct. Mr.Gibbs suggested that they got to Shitterton to see the alternative access to the area behind West Street which is subject to a planning application.

This was thought to be a good idea and that all councillors should go around the area to get a good idea of what it looks like and to be able to see the effect of large development of that area.

Mr.Maunders felt the District Council was becoming proactive and not reactive.

County Councillor's Report

99/90 The County Council has reorganised with an Executive Committee made up of 8 out of 42 councillors. This group is politically balanced and Mrs.Briggs is one of those councillors but has had to finish with Social Services. The Committee will meet in public.

Mrs.Briggs is not aware of when work will start on Woodbury Cross.

Council Tax is set to rise by 7.9% which is more than intended but the County Council has decided to fund the teachers pay award in full. On consultation with the public over Council Tax there had been 700 replies.

Councillors have accepted that this was not a success but is part of a Government initiative and will have to be done next year.

Finance

99/91 The following accounts were presented for payment:

	f	p
Mr.Lewis cemetery	15.00	
Drax Hall Committee hall hire	100.00	
DAPTC notices	1.50	
Fletchers Office Equip cartridge....	28.07	
Clerk's salary etc	185.00	
Total	329.57	

It was agreed that these be paid.

The Financial Statement and Budget for February 199 were accepted.

The Financial Regulations were adopted and will be effective from 1st May 1999.

Dorset County Museum

99/92 An invitation has been received from the museum for a representative of the Council to along and visit to see what they do. Miss.Stone will go.

Purbeck Sports and Recreation Strategy

99/93 A letter has been received asking for contributions towards the cost of a Recreation Development Officer. It was agreed to make no contribution.

Community Safety Menu

- 99/94 Details of various schemes such as Walk to School week and driving courses have been received.

Highways

- 99/95 The County Council has written to say it has a scheme for local councils to deal with some aspects of highway maintenance. The Clerk is to contact the Area Highways Manager for more details.

A30/A35

- 99/96 Connect has written to say that resurfacing of the bypass is not likely until 2001 but noise considerations is one of the areas that would be looked at when work is done. A copy of this letter has gone to Mr. Harding.

DAPTC

- 99/97 10/99. This is regarding a whistle blowing code but is aimed at larger Parish and Town Councils.
- 11/99. Details of changes if the Civil Justice System have been received. Claims on insurance will be dealt with differently starting at some time after April.
- 12/99. A course was noted.
- 14/99. Details of Local Council Elections.
- 15/99. Millennium Festival Awards. Are available to councils with incomes of under £15,000. Any Council interested should register without delay.
- 16/99. Play Area safety. recommends recorded inspections every 1 to 3 months with certified inspections annually.
- 17/99. This is a VAT information sheet.

Boardwalk

- 99/98 The District Council has acknowledged our recent letter. It was agreed that the Clerk write to ask for the boardwalk to be extended at the eastern end towards the high ground where people would be able to walk straight on without the need for steps. Failing that could this Council provide the steps at that end.

Best Kept Village Competition

- 99/99 The District Council would like to know what this Council would like as a prize of either £200 or £150. It was agreed a village map.

Pop In Place

- 99/100 The group has written with ideas for a new hall which are noted. On charges, the present the present rates are low and there is some concern about the groups support for projects outside of the village.

Play Area Warning Signs

- 99/101 The County Council has written to say there is no need for a second sign facing east but if this Council wants one it will have to pay for it.

Kingston Maurward

- 99/102 There is to be a Garden Party on June 20th this year and two representatives will be invited.

Mineral & Waste

- 99/103 The Dorset Mineral & Waste Local Plan is to be adopted after 9th April 1999

PDC/Clerk's Liaison Meeting

- 99/104 This is on March 25th and the Clerk will attend if he can.

For Circulation

- 99/105 Local Government Review and the Purbeck Cyclist survey.

Defects

- 99/106 The white hatching in the road outside the Royal Oak has nearly disappeared. The Clerk is to write.

Planning

99/107 Results

98/754 Mr. Ives Piddle View, Hyde Farm. Erect bungalow to replace mobile dwelling.
Permission granted with strict occupation conditions.

98/785 Mr. Fowler 142 Donkey Lane. Erect a dining room extension and conservatory.
Permission granted.

99/004 Dorset County Scout Council Buddens Farm. Site a temporary building for storage.
Permission granted.

Applications

99/096 Mr. Gibbs 17 Sitterton Close, erect a kitchen extension.
Mr. D. R. Gibbs declared an interest.
Agreed no objections.

99/141 Mr. J. Pitman Glenayr Poole Road erect a pergola.
Agreed no objections.

99/093 Mr. Smith Forest Gate, Bere Heath, erect an extension.
Agreed no objection.

Cemetery

- 99/108 Mr. Maunder reports that it is looking tidy but will need a cut soon.

99/108 cont

Christmas flowers are being left on graves and as they are artificial they don't rot but do fade. A policy will be needed whereby people will have to remove them by a certain date after Christmas.

An Exclusive Right of Burial was granted to Mr.R.L.Hall and a memorial for Mr.B.Gibson was approved.

The new fees from 1st April 1999 were approved.

Quotes for the path and turning area have been received and these were £1,256 plus VAT, £1945.50 and £1975. The Council cannot afford this and it was agreed to review the situation later in the year.

Trees

99/109 The Council's trees are healthy.

Parish Magazine

99/110 Items for the magazine are congratulations on the work done at the church, Best Kept Village Competition, crime figures are down and the disappointment at no public turn out for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Rights of Way

99/111 The County Council have received the application for a bridleway at Yearlings.

Public Transport

99/112 Mr.Maunders attended a meeting on 25th February . Wilts & Dorset suggested that economic parking fees, £8 per day, would cut down car use. Rises in fuel costs may do the same.

Crime Prevention

99/113 Mr.Maunders said that crime figures are a matter of recording and don't always give a true figure. There is a form for people to use to get crimes recorded. Alarms in rural areas are not a lot of use.

Drax Hall

99/114 Mrs.Cheeseman has taken over booking and Mrs.Bennett is the new caretaker. There is no Chairman as yet and there is a meeting on 13th April.

School Governor

99/115 On funding it may be that the possible new developments may be taken into consideration when looking at the next round of grants. The roll next year will be 106 but 28 will be the largest class. There are travellers children at the school. During an inspection Mr.Munro found a water leak. The next meeting is on 25th March.

Environment

99/116 Travellers are in the closed road at Lower Woodbury and the Clerk is to write about the concern expressed by cyclists using this route.

Purbeck Local Plan

- 99/117 Amendments will be delivered to Miss.Stone this week and there is a meeting on 25th March to discuss them. The possible new road was mentioned and if there was no bypass then there would be more space for new housing.

Community Safety

- 99/118 There were no comments.

Signs, Royal Oak

- 99/119 A question of the number of signs was raised. It was thought there had been no drastic change.

Newsheet

- 99/120 A suggestion was made about a Council newsheet to inform parishioners of what was happening in the village.

Seat at The Cross

- 99/121 Mr.Mooney has quoted £90 to fix the seat and it was agreed he go ahead.

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.

