

Minutes of a meeting of Bere Regis Parish Council held in the Drax Hall, Bere Regis on Thursday 9th December 1999 at 7pm.

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

The Chair As neither the Chairman or vice-chairman were present it was agreed that Miss.Stone take the chair.

Youth Councils

99/381 Miss.Stone introduced Miss.W.Cutts who gave a brief rundown of what Youth Councils are about. The main reason is to give the young a voice in village matters that may affect them. Often involvement in planning things helps to prevent vandalism after projects are completed. These councils work in conjunction with Parish Councils and often have their own budgets.

There followed an open discussion with including Mr.Vine, Mr.Tucker and two representatives of the scouts. This brought up such matters as a kicking wall, shelter and a new village hall.

It was agreed that the young should be involved and a meeting is to be held on February 2nd 2000, in the Drax Hall, and this will be informal to find out what the youth of Bere Regis wants and to look at the possibility of a youth council in the village. It may be that an officer of the District Council could be invited to comment on the use of the land at Elder Road.

Miss.Stone thanked Miss.Cutts for her talk.

Apologies

99/382 Apologies have been received from Messrs.R.M.Griffin, T.Maunder, L.L.Street and Mrs.J.Briggs (DCC).

Minutes

99/383 Minute 99/362 was altered to read "total £2,466.56".

The minutes were then confirmed correct.

Dogfouling

99/384 The Clerk is to find a copy of the letter for Miss.Stone.

Play Area

99/385 The Clerk read the inspection report from Lappsett. It was agreed to go ahead with the repairs to the play equipment but to ask Mr.Mooney to quote for the repairs to the litter bin a new gate and upgrading the impact area for the multiplay unit.

Highways

99/386 Details have been received of a Traffic Order for Woodbury Cross, from 3rd January to 28th April 2000. This is a speed limit on A35 and C7 and closure of Woodbury Hill. As councillors are aware work on the Woodbury Cross junction has started.

Elder Road

- 99/387 The District Council has written to say that the cost of a ramp would be in the order of £1,125. It has a limited budget and after other expenditure it is expected to have £500 towards this item and asks if this Council may contribute towards the balance of £625, It was felt that a specification was needed to look at this cost.
Mr.Munro reported that the broken manhole cover there was the responsibility of the County Council.

Toilets

- 99/388 The Clerk read a letter from Mr.Tozer about the future of this facility which welcomed the closure and demolition of them. It was agreed to send a copy of this to the District Council giving this Council's support and suggesting that the vacant site could be used for the recycling bins. This use together with the area on the corner of the telephone exchange would give enough room for the bins to be far enough apart to prevent the children from jumping from one to another.

Computer

- 99/389 Mr.Munro has not yet found something the school might like.

District Councillor's Report

- 99/390 The Council has been busy with Best Value and the Sandford bypass. Problems with SSSIs are causing difficulties. Copies of a survey done were circulated. There is a real doubt if the roads could be put through them. Consultants have been used to give reasons for building at Holton Heath the difficulties are the online improvements but traffic calming could be used in Sandford. Miss.Stone said that Lytchett Matravers was being looked at as a possible site for any housing lost at Holton Heath. A local landowner is selling land south of the Bere stream and up onto Blackhill. Any development here would take a long time in coming but Mr Fysh felt Bere Regis would get more houses but the number should be small . In reponse to a question about underground problems caused by water Mr.Munro said there should not be any problems.
A site for the doctors surgery needs to be in the Local Plan or this could be built on a site that could be used for something else. The local enquiry should be in May 2000.
Dr.D.Evans is leaving the District Council and this will have a great effect on the Council.

Finance

- 99/391 The following accounts were presented for payment:

	£	p
Mr.Lewis cemetery	16.00	
Mr.Mooney gras cut play area	35.00	
Eleanor Jones Pottery Millennium mugs . . .	1051.63	
Lappsett UK play area inspection	41.13	
Clerk's salary etc	<u>211.00</u>	
Total	<u>1354.76</u>	

It was agreed that these be paid.

The Clerk presented the Financial Statement and budgets for November 1999 which were accepted.

It was agreed that for the Clerk's salary for the coming year he use his present salary point and the recent recommendations from DAPTC.

Local Plan

99/392 It was agreed to supply BRRAD with a copy of this Council's response to the amended Local Plan.

Abandoned Cars

99/393 Inspector. Hemsworth has written to explain their procedures for removing vehicles and that it may be that these need to be reviewed but that this will be done as a force not locally. The matter will be raised at the next section Commander's meeting and this Council will be kept updated.

DAPTC

99/394 The Clerk went through 42/99 to 48/99.

Purbeck Heritage

99/395 This group is reviewing it's strategy and would like the views of people on what are the most important areas for the future.
Messrs.Dunning and C. Maunder are to deal with this.

Local Transport Plan

99/396 The draft plan for Dorset is out and is in two parts, Bournemouth/Christchurch/Poole and the rest of Dorset. Consultation will follow and if there is sufficient interest two seminars will be held to deal with this. Mr.C.Maunder will attend.

Best Kept Village Competition

99/397 It was agreed to decide on this at the next meeting.

A Safer Purbeck

99/398 The Purbeck Community Safety Partnership is conducting a survey on the fear of crime. Each councillor was given one and the Clerk will collect these on 30th January.

For Circulation

99/399 Clerk & Councils Direct, Warm Homes Bill Newsletter, Local Government Review, Coast Path News and the PDC Bulletin.

Defects

99/400 The Clerk is to write about a broken manhole cover at Southbrook by the cressbeds,

the parapet over the culvert at Southbrook that takes away the effluent from the cressbeds and for a second time about the damage to Cicely's Bridge.

Planning

99/401 Results

99/568 Mr. Turner 21 South Mead. Erect an extension.
Permission granted.

99/504 Loft conversion 8 Turberville Road.
Permission granted.

99/535 Mr Abbott 145 Rye Hill. Erect an extension.
Permission granted.

99/699 Congregational Church Butt Lane replace main doors.
Withdrawn.

Applications

99/737 Mr. Masters demolish and replace Pear Tree Cottage, Hyde.
Agreed no objections.

Appeal

99/258 The Inspector allowed the appeal by Mr. Legg to use West Mill, West Street for the storage and retails of antiques.

Trees

99/402 Mr. Dunning has not received the Millennium Oaks and is making enquiries.

Cemetery

99/402 This is in a tidy condition.

Parish Magazine

99/403 Items to go in are: the Youth Council. A351/B3075, Best Value and donations for the Christmas trees.

Public Transport

99/404 Mr. Maunder said the draft Transport Plan had nothing for Bere Regis and rural areas it was more for the conurbations.

Drax Hall

99/405 It now has 50 chairs, owned by this Council, which is half of the number needed.
The Pop in Place has it's concert on December 11th.

School

- 99/406 The new IT system is up and running.
There are vacancies for a governor at the school and Bovington Middle.

Environment

- 99/407 Egrets are back in the village and 1998 was the wettest year in Dorset.

Area DAPTC

- 99/408 Best Value guidelines mean consultation with parishioners about expenditure but the Annual Parish Meeting may meet this need if not councillors may have to ask people in the village. The DAPTC is to chase up a possible problem in schools with attempts to lower class numbers meaning a higher number waiting to go than there are places. Mr. James reported that the AGM had enjoyed it's best attendance and gave details of various resolutions that are going to the NALC.

Village Helpers

- 99/409 It was agreed to send letters of thanks and five pounds ,to Mr P Larder and Mr P White, for all they do around the village.

Christmas Trees etc

- 99/410 Mr. Gibbs reported that he and Mr. Eastment had decided to retire from putting the trees up and dealing with parishioners.
It was agreed to pay Mr. Eastment at the next meeting.

Aztec

- 99/411 The Clerk is write confirming the maintenance contract is no longer needed.

New Hall Committee

- 99/412 It was a well attended meeting and it discussed sites, requirements and funding using different groups for each item. There are problems with sites at the allotments, at Elder Road and The Moor could be lost following recent news. There are none at the site south of the school.

Millennium Mugs

- 99/413 Mr. Maunder has the mugs and cards and hopes that Mr. Street will give them out at the given time.

2000

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Examinations

99407 Results are back in the village and 1998 was the worst year in Dorset

ACADEMIC

99408 Ben Value guidelines were consultation with participants about expectations for the Annual Review Meeting may meet this need if not consultants may have to ask people in the village. The DAVIC is to close up a possible problem in schools with attempts to lower class transfer meaning a higher number waiting to go than there are places. Mr James reported that the AOM had enjoyed its best attendance and gave details of various reactions that are going to the NAC.

Financials

99409 It was agreed to send letters of thanks and five pounds to Mr P. Lander and Mr P. White for all they do around the village

Financials etc

99410 Mr Gibbs reported that he and Mr Lammington had decided to leave from posting the news on and dealing with participants. It was agreed to pay Mr Lammington at the next meeting.

Other

99411 The Clerk's write confirming the attendance contract is no longer needed

New Hall Committee

99412 It was a well attended meeting and it discussed school, repayments and fundraising. Different groups for each term. There was a problem with sites of the allotment at Hill's Road and the school could be lost following recent news. There are some at the south of the school.

Financials/Other

99413 Mr Mander has the keys and cards and hopes that Mr Street will give them out at the given time