

MINUTES OF BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH APRIL 2016 AT THE DRAX HALL, NORTH STREET, BERE REGIS, COMMENCING 7PM

Present: Cllr L Fairhurst, R Pitcher, D Bishop, P Wharf, T Bates

Chair: Cllr I Ventham

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

15.176 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

15.177 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs L Fancy (ill), S Munnings (ill), B Benjafield (family commitment), T Bennett and B House (work commitment).

15.178 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14TH April 2016

A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Fairhurst proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Bishop and agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

15.179 Matters arising from those minutes, not covered by this agenda

Monterey Cyprus – Cllr Ventham will be meeting with Guy Stovell of Aster on the 3rd May. Mr Stovell has offered to attend the Parish Council meeting in May to answer any queries members may have. Cllr Wharf met with a representative from Aster but he felt the meeting was very unsatisfactory. He will be speaking to the housing spokesperson for Turberville Court to suggest they make a formal complaint relating to Aster.

Sports and Community Facility – A second meeting has been held and matters are proceeding well.

Froom's Lane – Evidence forms are starting to be returned.

New School – Cllr Ventham and Cllr Pitcher met with Colin Eversden, DCC, to discuss how the school will interface with the village. There are two issues; the Parish Council had planned the southern Souls Moor path on the basis that the eastern end would be upgraded by DCC whilst they were completing the entrance to the school – this is now not going to be done. There is a steep bank up to the school entrance from Souls Moor, preventing the gate to the Nature Reserve from being opened. DCC have been asked to move the gate as soon as possible. The original track that was going to take grass cutting machines, etc. away from having to cross the school field has been removed. The path going to the school from Elder Road does not meet up with the boardwalk extending from Souls Moor bridge – there is a gap of some 8'. In addition, the bridge may not be DDA compliant and this could become a problem. The path from the Scout Hut through the trees must be made up. Cllr Bishop was asked to raise these points with the School Governors. There is a row of steelwork gabions standing proud of the road. Cllr Ventham asked if these would be covered. He further raised the question of who is going to be responsible for the maintenance of the bank and the enclosed area that no-body owns? Vikki Mayo mentioned that the gabions could be decorated as part of the school – however, this area is not within the school grounds. Colin Eversden was to produce notes on the meeting. If nothing is received in a few days, Cllr Ventham will draw some notes together.

ACTION: CLLR VENTHAM

NeighbourHood Plan – A letter was sent to Peter Dove but no response has been received to date.

Souls Moor Footpath – Viridor have turned down our application but did not give reasons for doing so. Cllr Bates offered to have an informal conversation with his contact to see if he could find out why the application was unsuccessful. It was suggested that the Talbot Trust grant application to be looked into, together with the Tesco Community grant.

ACTION: CLERK

Disable Parking Spaces – Although discussed on a number of occasions, no formal request has been sent asking for disabled parking spaces in front of the Doctors’ Surgery or requesting white lines on the junction of West Street and Manor Farm Road. A letter to this effect will now be sent.

ACTION: CLERK

15.180 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA 1972 and confirm any dispensations requested

No interests were declared.

15.181 To receive the County & District Councillor’s Report

15.181.1 District – Partial Review at Purbeck School on the 19th April at 5pm. There is no change to the numbers of houses required in Bere Regis but it has caused considerable concern elsewhere in Purbeck. Only 20 speakers will be permitted on the evening. If anyone is intending to go and speak, they should arrive about 4pm.

15.181.2 County – No report.

15.182 Key Topics

15.182.1 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Already covered.

15.182.2 To review the preparations for the Queen’s 90th Birthday events – 21st April and 11th June 2016

21st June - The Deputy Lieutenant has been invited. Cllr Pitcher will speak to Eddie Butterfield and arrange for him to charge the beacon. The Scouts will assist on the evening.

11th June – A road closure has been submitted. Cllr Ventham will contact Pip Evans to ask if he would organise some music for the evening. Perhaps we could speak to the fish and chip van or pizza van to see if they would like to attend the afternoon or, alternatively, invite the Scouts to do burgers and buns in order that they may raise some funds. Bunting will be put out, together with Union Jacks. A meeting will be arranged with the publicans, shop, Scouts, Lengthsman and Pip in the near future, once we get the response from the Trustees of Cyril Wood Court. Cllr Ventham proposed setting aside £500 from the Precept to cover the costs of the day and this was agreed unanimously.

15.182.3 To review the preparations for the Village Tidy on the 17th April 2016

The Souls Moor footpath to the southern edge of the site needs to be cleared – this could be done as part of the tidy or by volunteers at a weekend.

Shitterton, North Street and the top end of West Street are covered by volunteers.

15.182.4 To receive an update on the Village Forum – 23rd April 2016

Cllr Bates will not be available but will put some information on a Power Point presentation and will ask Cllr Bennett to give the presentation.

Colin Eversden will be available to speak about the progress of the new school and the new headmaster, Wayne Roberts, will speak about his vision for the new school.

Cllr Bishop will ask Julien or Bernie Lightfoot to see if they are able to attend and take some photographs of the day.

15.182.5 To consider taking part in the PDC Planning training for 2016/17

PDC are proposing to carry out the training as an all-day session, rather than the evening sessions as in past years. Members all wished the evening sessions to be reinstated as a full day's training would be difficult for those who work. A letter will be sent to PDC saying the day training is not suitable.

ACTION: CLERK

15.182.6 To consider a joint response to the Mobile Library consultation

The Clerk will draft a piece for the parish magazine but will respond to the survey and ask that the individuals who use the service be contacted directly.

ACTION: CLERK

15.182.7 To consider a way forward following the loss of the 186 to Poole – Community Transport

The NeighbourCar covers most of the parish's needs but it is expensive for some people. Should we be considering trying to get our own mini bus/on-call service? Cllr Wharf reported that the draft tool kit is now available but cautioned acquiring our own mini bus which may not be used but could become a source of expense for the Parish Council.

Cllr Fairhurst suggested carrying out some research on what other parishes do. The Clerk will check with other parishes to see what is happening – Mere Valley, Hampshire.

ACTION: CLERK

The Clerk will check the contact details regarding the Wareham Hopper and produce something for the parish magazine and also for the Bus 2 Go.

ACTION: CLERK

15.183 Finance

15.183.1 To approve monthly expenditure

The following payments had been requested:

P Saywell	NeighbourCar February 2016	BACS50	150.30
M Saywell	NeighbourCar February 2016	BACS50	82.53
BR Sports Club	Grant towards defibrillator cabinet	BACS51	500.00
Cheap Printing	Fliers, posters	BACS52	43.20
Mrs A Crocker	Lunch club purchases, NeighbourCar	BACS53	373.35
I Ventham	Lunch Club –March 2016	BACS54	149.35
G Roskelly	NeighbourCar March 2016	BACS55	25.82
F Spicer	NeighbourCar March 2016	BACS56	22.95
G Duke	NeighbourCar March 2016	BACS57	17.10
D Fairhurst	NeighbourCar March 2016	BACS58	77.40
M Saywell	NeighbourCar March 2016	BACS59	87.72
P Saywell	NeighbourCar March 2016	BACS59	174.14
A King	Lengthsman – March 2016	BACS60	2377.78
Mrs A Crocker	April wages + expenses	BACS61	836.05
HMRC	April PAYE & NIC	BACS62	88.23
DC Pension Fund	April contribution	BACS63	182.86

The total amount being taken from the Precept this month is £5,188.78. All payments were made by BACS transfer.

Cllr Bishop proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Wharf and agreed unanimously.

15.183.2 To confirm the year end reconciliation of accounts

A copy of the report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made.

15.183.3 To Review the year end position against budget

A copy of the report had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No comments were made.

15.183.4 To adopt the Governance & Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England

A copy had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. The Clerk explained that this document is referred to within our Financial Regulations and forms part of our controls process.

Cllr Wharf proposed that the document is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Bates and agreed unanimously.

15.184 To consider planning applications

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Cllr Wharf took no part in any of the discussions relating to planning.

6/2016/0109 42c West Street – sever plot & erect single storey dwelling, create vehicular access

The Clerk reported that amended plans had been submitted to PDC on the 13th April. The new plans showed the proposed dwelling to be facing a different direction and included the addition of a garage. Due to the size of the amendment, PDC agreed that new plans needed to be issued. These will be considered at the May meeting.

6/2016/0158 Robinswood Farm – change of use from agriculture to mixed agriculture and B1 use – Certificate of Lawfulness

The PWP recommended no objection.

6/2015/0724 Buddens Scout Camp – site portable office & 2 storage buildings for a further 2 years

The PWP recommended no objections.

6/2016/0131/2 14 North Street - replacement of boundary wall (LBC & full)

Cllr Pitcher declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. The PWP recommended no objections.

6/2016/0210 51 Elder Road – erect two storey side extension

The PWP recommended no objections.

Cllr Bishop proposed the recommendations of the PWP are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Bates and agreed unanimously.

15.184.2 To consider tree work applications

Kingsbere House, Snow Hill – fell cedar tree

Cllr Bates declared an interest in the tree works application and took no part in discussion regarding this. No objections were raised.

ACTION: CLERK

15.185 Village and Environment

15.185.1 Update on notice boards and signage

Cllr Bates had circulated the latest draft of the information board for comments and thanks are extended to Cllr Bates and his brother for the work they have both undertaken on this project. It is intended that the boards will be sited in the central car park, in the layby opposite the church and in Hyde at the Golf and Country Club.

Cllr Ventham suggested the Village Hall should be noted on the map, and perhaps the gliding club.

Cllr Wharf suggested web site links for the Parish Council and the village web site and perhaps a QR code. Reference to the village school on the map needs to be removed. Amenity 9 New School – remove the word “new”. Add the Drax Hall.

Cllr Bates will carry out the amendments and re-issue ready for confirmation at the May meeting.

ACTION: CLLR BATES

It was suggested that perhaps the information board could then be used as a template for a leaflet.

15.185.2 Souls Moor Management Plan

Cllr Pitcher referred to the updated version of the Souls Moor Management Plan which had just recently been completed. This will be put on the agenda for May, prior to which, the Open Spaces Group will review the plan. Copies will be available at the Forum. Cllr Benjafield will be asked to print some copies of the draft plan.

ACTION: OPEN SPACES GROUP

Cllr Ventham requested some examples of the walking routes map and the notice board drafts for the Forum..

15.185.3 May’s Wood

Tilhill talk – Graham Preece will be attending on the 25th May, 7.30pm, at the Drax Hall. He will be talking about the plan and development of the plantation. On the 8th June there will be a conducted walk around the plantation – possibly starting at 6pm. This will be confirmed at the May 25th talk.

15.185.4 Grazing on the Nature Reserve

Cllr Bates is working on an agreement for the grazing. He will pass this on to the Clerk when it is complete.

ACTION: CLLR BATES

Getting water to the site is still presenting a problem. Cllr Pitcher suggested a bowser and he will investigate the cost, etc. Cllr Ventham understood that we are allowed to take up to 40,000 litres of water a day from the stream without an agreement from the Environment Agency.

Cllr Fairhurst reported the detail of a formal complaint which has been made regarding the works being carried out alongside the Bere Stream. The complaint was noted.

15.185.5 Defects

– pot hole outside the Hollow Oak turning – this has now been coned off.

15.186 Police, Traffic and Roads

Cllr Ventham reported that, at the last surgery, a resident complained that the children from Green Close use Chalk Pit Close to play on their skate boards. The PCSOs have been asked to patrol the area.

Manor Farm Road – Following Cllr Ventham’s attempt to mediate the parking situation he received a notification that matters had not improved and residents had now lodged a formal complaint with the Police. Cllr Ventham will try to determine at his meeting with Aster whether non-tenants can use the car park to the rear of the properties.

ACTION: CLLR VENTHAM

15.187 Community Liaison

15.187.1 NeighbourCar Scheme

Still in need of volunteers.

15.187.2 Salt & Pepper Lunch Club

Very well supported. Client numbers continue to grow and new volunteers would be very welcome.

15.188 Children & Youth

Play park fence is being repaired by the Lengthsman.

15.189 Correspondence received since the agenda was set

No additional correspondence had been received.

15.190 Public Relations

- Queen's birthday celebrations
- Mobile library
- Wareham Hopper/bus to go.
- Graham Preece
- Play park fence

15.191 Items for the May 2016

Cllr Wharf will be having a walk about with Stephen Mepham on May 11th – general issues to be raised. Cllr Fairhurst will attend the meeting.

Councillors are reminded to forward any agenda items to the Clerk by the 3rd May 2016 for inclusion in the May agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:54pm