



**MINUTES OF THE BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 13TH APRIL 2017 AT THE DRAX HALL, NORTH STREET, BERE
REGIS, COMMENCING 7PM**

Present: Cllrs S Munnings, A Watkins, T Bates, R Pitcher, P Wharf, L Fairhurst & B Benjafield

Chair: Cllr R Pitcher

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 6 member of the public, PCSO Phil Murray and PCSO Mike Gowans

16.171 Public Participation

Police report – PCSO Murray reported that there are several computer and telephone scams currently circulating. The caller says they are from Microsoft or Talk Talk and implies you are in line for an upgrade upon receipt of bank details. In addition, calls are being received from ‘HMRC’ alleging the recipient is due a tax rebate. HMRC would not cold call or e-mail. Do not give bank details over the telephone. Any cybercrime or fraud should be reported to Action Fraud via the web site: www.actionfraud.police.uk or by telephoning 0300 123 2040.

Incidents in the parish since 1st March 2017 – 1 scam, 1 theft from a motor vehicle, and 1 incident of antisocial behaviour. Residents are asked to report any incidents of antisocial behaviour and not to leave any valuables in the car. Sat NAVS – wipe the suction mark off the windows screen.

PCSO Murray recommended residents sign up for Dorset Alert.

Sue Aldous – 11 White Lovington. Would like to challenge the ecology report that was carried out on behalf of the Parish Council for the White Lovington site. She would like to point out that there are hedgehogs and badgers on the site. Cllr Munnings – as the site was put forward for potential development and as part of the requirement of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council commissioned an ecology report. The report was recorded within the steering group notes and those councillors not part of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would not have seen or discussed the report. Sue Aldous – it seems strange that the developer is already producing plans that have not been discussed by the Parish Council. Cllr Fairhurst explained that any developer can go ahead and start discussing plans prior to putting anything to the District Council. The Parish Council would not be able to discuss an application until one is formally submitted by the developer via the District Council. Cllr Munnings reported that PDC would not register a planning application if they thought something like badgers were on site without receiving a more detailed ecology report. Sue Aldous expressed concern that the ecology report clearly states under item 6 that ‘No further survey work would be required on site prior to development...’. Cllr Wharf suggested that Mrs Aldous provide an e-mail setting out her study of the site, which can then be forwarded to the ecologist for comment.

Raymond Maycock - 9 White Lovington – asked if there is a notional time scale for the NP referendum? Cllr Munnings replied saying all the time scales originally set were put to one side whilst the main landowner decided whether they wished to be involved. He went on to give a brief outline of how the Plan fits in with the Purbeck District Local Plan. The final date for the referendum can still not be set. In the case of White Lovington, the developer has seen an opportunity and is pushing forward. Cllr Bates pointed out that the plan that the developer put forward at the Village Forum said it was a Planning Forum but this was not correct and had led to some confusion.

Glo Curtis – expressed concern about the parking on the pavements, especially in Manor Farm and Old Barn Roads. Vehicles are parking on the pavement to such an extent that elderly residents with walkers or buggies are having to use the road in order to get past. The white lines at the West Street end of Manor Farm Road are helping but vehicles are still parking around other junctions. Cllr Benjafield – we are already asking for white lines on the junction of Manor Farm Road and Elder Road, perhaps the junction with Old Barn Road could be added. The advice the Parish Council has been given is that parking on pavements can

be reported to the Police. Cllr Wharf agreed that the white lines have worked very well. The PCSOs are limited in their powers when it comes to parking but residents can go and talk to them. The Clerk will write to County asking for the additional white lines and Cllr Wharf will write in support. He will also ask Parking Services to attend the site.

A note will be included in the parish magazine asking residents to park more considerately. PCSO Murray reported that the Police have previously carried out a leaflet drop along Manor Farm Road and they will happily do this again. PCSO Gowans is currently arranging for Parking Services to attend a site in Lychett and, as soon as they respond, he will bring them over to Bere Regis. Cllr Wharf asked to be kept informed of the progress.

ACTION: CLERK

16.172 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Ian Ventham and Dominic Bishop.

16.173 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th March 2017

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 Munnings and agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

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

School signs – The Clerk to follow up with Highways.

ACTION: CLERK

Lorries at Hyde Pit – Cllr Munnings reported that the application has been confirmed and within a week there was an increased number of lorry movements – seemingly considerably more than the original application implied. Cllr Wharf suggested writing to Trevor Badley, DCC, saying we had noticed an increase in the number of lorries and will confirm this when we have the evidence from the traffic survey.

ACTION: CLERK

Notice Boards – The public notice boards will now be positioned at Church Lane, the Elder Road pinch point and Southmead. Sloping roofs are needed on all of them.

Clothing recycling – Cllr Wharf reported that DWP do make some money out of this bank, however, there is already a clothing bank in the Fire Station car park. It was felt that by putting one recycling bank in the central car park, it will only encourage fly tipping. In order for the Lengthsman to use the space, the bank needs to be removed. Cllr Wharf proposed that the bin is removed. This was seconded by Cllr Munnings and agreed unanimously. Cllr Benjafield will speak to the Lengthsman and proceed with making up the signs.

ACTION: CLLR BENJAFIELD/CLERK

Village Forum – This took place on Saturday 25th March at the Scout Hut with 55 people attending, together with Steve Tapscott – PDC; Richard Henshaw – agent for the White Lovington site; Wayne Roberts – Bere Regis Primary School; and members of the Parish Council. The notes from the meeting, together with the presentations given by Cllr Ventham, Mike Gee and Cllr Wharf are available to view on the Parish Council web site.

16.175 To receive declarations of interest and confirm any dispensations received

No interests were declared and no requests for dispensations had been received.

16.176 To receive the County & District Councillor's Report

Cllr Wharf reported that he has been in correspondence with Highways and Highways England to try to stop the traffic coming off the A35 into Bere Regis whenever there was a holdup on the roundabout junction of the A35/A31 by installing a 'Local Traffic Only' sign on the slip road. He has now received an unsatisfactory reply saying that, not only would additional signage be distracting for drivers, it would have negligible effect as those using the route would be aware of the alternative option. Any signage would be

Lunch Club & NeighbourCar (Both these schemes are self-funding with no costs coming from the Precept)

B House	Expenses 15.11.16 – 16.03.17	1862	576.02
Drax Inn	Volunteers' lunch	BACS208	250.00
D Fairhurst	NeighbourCar March 2017	BACS209	84.60
Ben Duke	NeighbourCar March 2017	BACS210	91.05
M Benjafield	NeighbourCar March 2017	BACS213	68.85
F Spicer	NeighbourCar March 2017	BACS214	59.40
A Crocker	NeighbourCar expenses	BACS001	75.77

Total to be paid from the schemes' funds **£1,205.69**

Cllr House proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Fairhurst and agreed unanimously.

16.178.2 To confirm reconciliation of accounts

ACTION: CLERK

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

16.178.3 To Review position against budget

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

16.179 **Planning & Housing**

Cllr Wharf took no part in the discussion.

16.179.2 To consider planning applications:

6/2017/0121 Lane End Farm, Lane End - Construct new front dormer to facilitate additional room in roofspace

The planning working party recommended no objection to both applications. This was seconded by Cllr House and all members agreed with the recommendation.

ACTION: CLERK

16.180 **Environment & Facilities**

16.180.1 To consider the inclusion of the Green Close site as one of the Purbeck SHLAA sites

Cllr Munnings reported that this was part of PDC's continuing process for including sites within their landbank. The request suggests putting 50 houses on the 2.24hectare site. This is not a site that the Neighbourhood Plan considered and it would not meet many of the criteria. Access is poor, it is a long way from the village centre, and ease of development would be restricted due to the access. The working party did consider it and were opposed to it. It was noted that it is a legal requirement for councils to have a land bank supplied by land owners for potential future development. It does not mean development will take place on it.

Cllr Munnings proposed that we are oppose the inclusion of the site. The NP working group have already set up our own criteria for selecting sites and it does not meet these criteria. This was seconded by Cllr House and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Munnings before submitting the response.

ACTION: CLERK

16.180.2 To review the play area annual inspection and Parish Council Risk Assessment

Copies of both reports had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

Play Area RoSPA Inspection - All the items are low or very low risk and the Lengthsman is aware of the items, having reviewed the report with Cllr Pitcher. He is working his way through the list.

Risk Assessment – A copy had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Munnings proposed the report is accepted as there have been no changes since July 2016 when it was last reviewed. This was seconded by Cllr Benjafield and agreed unanimously.

16.180.3 To consider parking issues throughout the village

This item had already been fully discussed in the public section but members' attention was drawn to the paper submitted in November 2015 by Mr Bill Steggles. Although this had been fully discussed at the time, no response had been given direct to him. Areas of concern highlighted by his paper were discussed, several of which have already been resolved. However, parking outside the Royal Oak is still a problem for vehicles approaching from the south. Whilst Mr Steggles suggests restricting parking in this area, it is known that the current landlady would object to yellow lines outside the pub in West Street. It was further noted that many of the cars that park in this area are attending the Drax Hall and not the Royal Oak.

A full response will be drafted to Mr Steggles and passed to members before issuing.

ACTION: CLERK

16.180.4 Open Spaces update

The pond has been dug and the horses have access to water.

It was suggested that the village should enter the Best Kept Village Award – the environment section for the boardwalk and Souls Moor. CllrWatkins will look into the various categories.

ACTION: CLLR WATKINS

16.180.42 Defects

- The verge in North street opposite the sports club needs clearing back.
- Litter is becoming an issue – something to go Facebook

16.181 **Police, Traffic and Roads**

16.181.1 To receive an update on Camp Besitval and Bestival

Cllr Watkins reported that he attended the public information meeting. There will be 35,000 tickets available for Bestival and the organisers anticipate a similar number attending the camp event. The presentation was effective but we could be affected by the amount of traffic using the C6. Cllr Watkins stressed to the organisers that there should be a sign on the sliproad saying 'No festival traffic' through the village from the West. The organisers had been happy to accommodate this request.

Cllr Wharf reported that Bestival will be reviewed after two years.

16.182 **Community Liaison**

16.182.1 NeighbourCar Scheme

A volunteer lunch was held to say thank you to those who help but we now have 115 clients and 15 drivers. More volunteers are desperately needed.

16.182.2 Salt & Pepper Club

Continues to be successful.

16.182.3 Community Hall update

The next meeting will be held during the first week of May, the date has yet to be confirmed.

16.183 **Children & Youth**

Nothing to report.

16.184 **Correspondence received since the agenda was set**

No additional correspondence had been received.

Cllr Bates reported that he had attended the DAPTC Annual Conference on behalf of the Parish Council and there was some very useful information from Wiltshire regarding unitary authorities.

16.185 **Public Relations**

- Parking on pavements
- Litter
- Ponies on Souls Moor
- Links to NP documents
- Play park inspection
- Village Forum

16.186 **Items for the April meeting**

Members are reminded to pass any items to the Clerk for inclusion in the April agenda by the 30th April 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:56p.m.