

MINUTES OF BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11th FEBRUAR 2016
AT THE DRAX HALL, NORTH STREET, BERE REGIS, COMMENCING 7PM

Present: Cllr L Fairhurst, B House, R Pitcher, D Bishop, P Wharf, S Munnings, B Benjafield, T Bennett

Chair: Cllr I Ventham

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 1 member of the public

15.145 Public Participation

Brenda Chatman – has there been a site found for the relocation of the doctors surgery? No. It is a business owned by the doctors and it is not in the power of the Parish Council to have it moved. That said, the Parish Council did ask the question recently and the response was an emphatic no.

15.146 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs L Fancy (ill), T Bates (holiday).

15.147 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2016

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

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

Cllr Bishop will represent the Parish Council at the Planning Committee meeting during the discussion of the Purbeck Shooting School. A copy of the Parish Council's response will be sent to him by the Clerk.

ACTION: CLERK

Finger post at top of Rye Hill – The Clerk will contact Steve Mepham to see if we can have a post put in place.

ACTION: CLERK

Leaves on slip road – Cleared.

Monterey Cyprus in front of Turberville Court – This needs to go as it is too big for the site. This will be included in a letter to Sarah Durrens of Aster Housing.

ACTION: CLERK

Clean for the Queen – Cllr Ventham will contact Cllr Fancy to find out what has been done to date, including if one of the pubs has been asked to put on soup and a roll. Cllr Benjafield will put something on Facebook, asking for volunteers to take on looking after their road, etc. Cllr Pitcher will contact the people who normally help out on the nature reserve tidy. The Clerk will contact the Scouts to take on cleaning the litter from the stream and the Sports Club to do top end of North Street. Perhaps the school could be asked to get involved – Cllr Bishop will contact the school. The Clerk will contact PDC for the pickers and sacks, etc. Sunday 17th April.

ACTION: CLLRS VENTHAM/PITCHER/BENJAFIELD/BISHOP/ CLERK

Queen's birthday, 21st April – Cllr Ventham reported that he had been contacted by Mike Menzies from Briantspuddle who would be interested in holding a joint function. Cllr Wharf has suggested to Briantspuddle that they need to have a brassier but would like to do something with Bere Regis on top of Black Hill. Cllr Ventham had left it with Mike to contact Rose Debenham as the land in question belongs to her. Cllr Pitcher has been contacted by Eddie Butterfield regarding putting the beacon in a permanent position. It was felt that we would like the beacon to remain in the village, although we are not in a position to determine a permanent location until the school access road is finished and the fence lines are in place, etc. Cllr Pitcher said that, where it is at the moment, the fence would not be moved – it is away from power lines, etc. Cllr Bennett said he did not like it on the nature reserve. Cllr Ventham suggested leaving it where it is at the moment and wait until all the work is completed and we have a better idea of other possible locations. Cllr Pitcher suggested

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leaving it where it is for the April 21st celebrations. Cllr Pitcher will organise the evening. The Clerk will forward the official link.

ACTION: CLLR PITCHER/CLERK

Cllr Wharf will chase again regarding enforcement of the yellow lines in West Street.

Volunteer Awards – joint presentation with Affpuddle.

Calendar sales have been finalised at £280 which has been split between the Youth Club and the Junior Church. Calendars for 2017 will be limited to 500 and Cllrs Benjafield and Wharf will organise this.

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

Cllr Pitcher declared an interest in planning application 6/2016/0007 as he is friends with the applicant.

15.150 To receive the County & District Councillor's Report

15.150.1 District – A series of complaints have been received about Aster in that they have raised the rents on a number of properties. Cllr Wharf will be lodging a formal complaint. Should anyone hear of any other complaints, please pass them to Cllr Wharf.

SHMAA – the original Local Plan was for about 120 houses per annum, the new one is for 238. This equates to about a further 3000 homes across Purbeck. By the end of March, PDC will have arrived at their preferred options when the siting of the developments will be issued. This will involve a few larger sites in order to take advantage of the New Homes Bonus.

15.150.2 County – The settlement was a complete surprise but transitional relief has since been offered to the value of £4million. There are still some fairly major cuts to be made.

Minerals consultation – the next stage will be announced at the end of March. An additional site at the back of the Shooting School has been put through in the last couple of days. This is within the Puddletown Policy Area and it is likely that this will be the preferred site.

New School – had a meeting with Colin Eversden recently on site.

Buses – a number of Councillors are objecting strongly and asking for a longer, more appropriate period of consultation.

There now exists a map showing the proposed electoral boundaries. The key difference is that Cllr Wharf's ward now includes Lytchett Matravers and excludes Wool.

15.151 Key Topics

15.151.1 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Nothing has been heard back from the Drax Estate. In addition to the sites identified in the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan, we have now identified the land at Tower Hill, White Lovington, the Rural Exception site at Shitterton and the old school site. Combined, these sites would only achieve about 33 houses out of the 50 proposed.

DCC are keen to demolish the old school, possibly in order to avoid future liabilities, and Cllrs Ventham, House and Wharf met with Mark Osborne from DCC to discuss the possible location of a community and sports facility on the site. Cllr House put forward various community activities that would be interested in taking some space in a new building and the sports facility is key from the point of funding sources. Mr Osborne was very amenable and the deal may be that the majority of the site would be developed for housing and an area would be retained against a future sports facility, to be sold to the Parish Council at an advantageous price. The time limit for the purchase of the land by the Parish Council would be at least 3 years and, thereafter, year on year review. DCC's land agent, Savills, will be drawing up some plans for houses on the site to go before the Planning Committee. If we were minded to, within the NP, we could go

back to the Drax Estate and offer them the field to the north of the site for additional housing and ask for some overflow parking within that site. We do have a draft settlement boundary in place. Nothing has been heard from Michael Tomlinson MP and Cllr Wharf will follow this up. He will also write to Richard Drax MP. The Parish Council will write to Peter Dove, copy to Jason Bowerman. Cllr Ventham and the Clerk will meet to go through the most recent correspondence.

ACTION: CLLRS VENTHAM & WHARF/CLERK

15.151.2 To consider the Terms of Reference for the committee to look into the possible new sports & community facility for Bere Regis

A draft had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Mike Gee has agreed to chair the group. Cllr Ventham suggested that representatives from the following groups should be invited to join Mike on the committee: Sports Club, church, village hall committee, Scouts and the school, together with 2 representatives from the Parish Council. The Clerk will provide the secretarial support. Cllr House proposed that the Terms of Reference are adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Fairhurst and agreed unanimously

15.151.3 Finalise details for the Village Forum

Saturday 20th February will not now go ahead and an alternative date will be found for April – preferably the 23rd. The Clerk will confirm this.

Post meeting note: April 23rd has been confirmed and the Scout Hut booked.

15.151.4 Village Tidy – progress report

This has already been covered.

15.151.5 Queen’s Birthday Celebrations – progress report

This has already been covered.

15.152 Finance

15.152.1 To approve monthly expenditure

The following payment had been requested:

Village Hall Bere Regis	Annual rental (less Xmas tree)	1825	245.00
PCC	Church Yard maintenance	1826	500.00
DC Pension Fund	February 2016 contribution	1827	182.86
B House	SP & NC expenses Oct’15-Dec’15	1828	217.42
HM Revenue	February PYE & NIC	1829	93.23
S Stone	Lunch Club – January 2016	1830	68.88

The total amount of cheque payments is £1,307.39

Ian Ventham	Lunch Club – January 2016	BACS33	85.83
DAPT	Essential Finance -19.01.16	BACS34	11.50
Cheap Printing	Village Forum/fliers & comp slips	BACS35	43.00
A King	Lengthsman – January 2016	BACS36	2041.63
M Saywell	NeighbourCar – January 2016	BACS37	57.35
P Saywell	NeighbourCar – January 2016	BACS37	125.07
Mrs A Crocker	February wages + expenses	BACS38	752.64
G Roskelly	NeighbourCar – January 2016	BACS39	11.92
A Crocker	NeighbourCar – January 2016	BACS40	24.30
D Fairhurst	NeighbourCar – January 2016	BACS41	13.05

The total amount of BACS payments is £3,166.29

The total amount being taken from the Precept this month is £4,473.68

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

15.152.2 To confirm 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.

15.152.3 To Review position against budget

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

15.152.4 To consider a grant of £250 for the Bere Regis Show & Scarecrow Festival

It was proposed by Cllr Pitcher that we give the grant for £250 upon receipt of suitable invoices. This was seconded by Cllr Munnings and agreed unanimously.

15.153 To consider planning applications

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6/2015/0692 42c West Street – sever plot & erect single storey dwelling – check for neighbour objections.

6/2016/0002 Old Barn Dental Surgery – enclose part of covered parking area to form new reception area, disabled WC, x-ray room and bin store

6/2016/0007 The Coach House, North St – conversion to loft to form additional accommodation

6/2016/0039 The Old Stables, Manor Farm Rd – replacement porch, with balcony over, flue from new fireplace, and new window to existing front of property

6/2016/0047 Robinswood Farm – erect extension and alterations

6/2016/0053 42d West Street – erect front extension

The PWP recommended no objection to all of the applications. It was proposed by Cllr Fairhurst that the recommendations are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Bishop and agreed unanimously.

15.153.2 To consider tree work applications

There were no tree works applications for consideration.

Cllr Munnings reported that he had attended a course on planning at Purbeck District Council. He felt it was a very useful event. There is another one in March on conservation and trees and he would recommend attending.

The Clerk will reissue both the PDC courses and the DAPTC courses. Councillors are encouraged to attend as many as possible.

ACTION: CLERK

15.154 Environment & Facilities

15.154.1 Management Plan – Souls Moor

Cllr Pitcher reported that the Management Plan is nearly completed and will be referred to the March meeting.

Cllr Bates has been in touch with the person who has the ponies. The Clerk will contact the EA to see about taking water from the river. It is hoped that the ponies will be on the site by April.

ACTION: CLERK

Noticeboards – 3 boards:

- (1) The Nature Board – Eddie Butterfield has made a lot of the structure but the timber is warping and he has suggested he makes them out of metal and puts acorn finials on the top. It was agreed that the Open Spaces Group should make a decision on this.
- (2) The Parish Notice Board – a proof has been sent around to everyone and comments need to go back to Cllr Bates. Cllr Munnings reported that the map will be £130. It was agreed that we go ahead and purchase the map.
- (3) The Community Board – will be in the garden of the Vicarage (and possibly a second one outside the BT building).

The work party last weekend was well attended. A few residents expressed concern about the arisings from this and last year's work. The Lengthsman will be hiring a chipping machine and will clear all the arisings but this will mean closing off the footpath for a short period of time whilst the work takes place.

15.154.2 Rights of Way – Froom's Lane

The path between West Street and Turberville Court – the documentation has now been completed and the necessary notifications issued. The evidence forms and requests have all been sent to the Rights of Way Officer at DCC.

Froom's Lane – Cllr Fairhurst reported that there are no public rights over this lane. Although commonly believed to be an unclassified road, this is not the case. The Cress beds have been maintaining the road up until recently but are no longer doing so as it is owned by the Drax Estate. As no changes may be made to the definitive map after 2026, we have 10 years to ensure that public rights are obtained over this lane. A request will be made via the magazine for residents to complete evidence forms.

15.154.3 Souls Moor Path Update

The Viridor application is almost completed but we require 2 letters of support. It was suggested a request for the letters is made to the school, the Scouts and the Ramblers Group. Once these are received, the application can be submitted.

ACTION: CLERK

15.154.4 New School dropping off point in Elder Road – update

Cllrs Wharf and Ventham will be meeting with Colin Graham, DCC Highways on the 12th February to look again at Elder Road in the light of the new school.

15.154.5 Defects

- Car park behind Manor Farm Road – there is a big tree hanging over the junction scratching cars. It is believed to be a Synergy car park and their responsibility but the Clerk will check.
- Residents' car park off the main car park – people parking badly. Aster has been asked to put lines in and they have said no. Cllr Wharf suggested the Clerk write on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Pot hole in Shitterton
- Pot hole between Rye Hill and Turnerspuddle

15.155 Police, Traffic and Roads

Nothing to report.

15.156 Community Liaison

15.156.1 NeighbourCar Scheme

Nothing to report.

15.156.2 Salt & Pepper Lunch Club

Nothing to report.

15.157 Children & Youth

15.157.1 Youth Club Update

We have no formal link with the Youth Club so this will be removed from future agendas.

15.158 Correspondence received since the agenda was set

No additional correspondence had been received.

15.159 Public Relations

- New date for Forum and topics
- Village tidy
- Beacon lighting
- Community Facility Group
- Update from Mike Gee regarding stream
- Evidence forms re Froom's Lane

15.160 Items for the March 2016

Councillors are reminded to forward any agenda items to the Clerk by the 29th February 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.50pm