



**MINUTES OF THE BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 9th MARCH 2017 AT THE DRAX HALL, NORTH STREET, BERE
REGIS, COMMENCING 7PM**

Present: Cllrs D Bishop, S Munnings, A Watkins, T Bates, R Pitcher, P Wharf, L Fairhurst & T Bennett

Chair: Cllr I Ventham

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 1 member of the public

16.154 Public Participation

Congratulations are extended to Alison Bennett and the Pop In team for acquiring a defibrillator. Many residents and user groups attended the training session on Monday 6th March. It was noted that the Drax Arms is also in the process of raising money for a defibrillator which, once achieved, will mean the village will have 5 available for public use.

A query has been received from a resident, having received their Council Tax invoice for the year, asking why the Parish Council have a rise in our precept that is greater than the 5% rise for County. The setting of the Precept had been fully discussed and agreed at the December meeting and a full breakdown of the increase was minuted. A full set of those minutes is available on the web site, with copies kept in both the Post Office and Doctors' Surgery – minute reference 16.113.2. Cllr Ventham will write a short summary of the Parish Council's discussions for inclusion in the Parish Magazine. It was noted that the 8.6% increase referred to on the Council Tax bill, represents an increase of £7.12 for a Band D property for the year, taking the cost from £66.14 to £73.26 p.a. Cllr Wharf will be including an explanation of the County and District percentage increases in his article for the magazine.

16.155 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Brenda House and Cllr Bryan Benjafield.

16.156 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th February 2017

A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. One minor amendment was required after which Cllr Bishop 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.

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

Dog bins – Despite leaving messages and sending e-mails, no response has been received from DWP. The Clerk will continue to pursue this.

ACTION: CLERK

School signs – The Clerk is in contact with Highways who are in the process of reorganising the signage.

East Stoke – concerns regarding the additional lorries using Hyde Pit. A letter of support has been sent to DCC.

Council services – A list of services that the Parish Council may be able to take has been drawn up but we do not, at this stage, have the name of the person to whom it should be sent. Cllr Wharf informed the meeting that, on March 23rd, the Sectary of State will give an answer to the unitary request. At this point the Shadow Forum will be set up and we would then know who to send our request to.

Village Forum – Cllr Pitcher suggested producing a banner at a cost of £45, to be put up at the vicarage. The Clerk will speak to the vicar and ask if he would be happy for the banner to be put there. It was suggested that the banner allows for the dates it be changed each year. The Clerk will speak to Cllr Benjafield and arrange for the banner to be produced

ACTION: CLERK

Community Hall – The report giving the recommendations of the Working Party is now available on the Parish Council web site, together with the Terms of Reference for moving forward.

Wild Flower seeds – Cllr Bates reported that these were sown Saturday 4th March and a notice has been put up on the site this afternoon.

Bridge names – The Lengthsman has been asked to make the appropriate signs for both the bridges and the boardwalks.

PDC signs – The Lengthsman will draw up new signs in conjunction with Cllr Benjafield.

16.158 To receive declarations of interest and confirm any dispensations received

Cllr Ventham declared an interest in the grant application for the Church and Cllr Munnings declared an interest in the Boswell Close planning application. No other interests were declared and no requests for dispensations had been received.

16.159 To receive the County & District Councillor's Report

Unitary – the submission is still with the Secretary of State.

Wool Parish Council are about to embark on a consultation to introduce fines to dog owners who do not clear up after their dog. We will wait to see how this progresses.

An update on the Waste and Minerals Plan has been passed to all members.

Camp Bestival and Bestival – With two large events to be held at Lulworth, there may be a substantial issue regarding the quantity of traffic on the C6, especially as day tickets will be on sale. The organisers, LoudSound Events, will be holding a community engagement drop-in evening on Tuesday 28th March from 6pm to 8pm at Lulworth Castle. Cllr Watkins will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

ACTION: CLLR WATKINS

16.160 Key Topics

16.160.1 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Sue Bellamy of PDC has produced a very useful template for the Neighbourhood Plan and members are working on the various aspects allocated to them. The next meeting will take place on Monday 20th March.

The Partial Review consultation analysis will take place on Thursday 16th at Purbeck School, 5pm. Cllr Bates will attend on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk will send an e-mail to Cllr Bates confirming the date and time.

ACTION: CLLR BATES/CLERK

16.160.2 To consider the possibility of installing CCTV on Souls Moor

This comes about because of the amount of dog mess on the paths and bridges around the village. The issue is how do we try to encourage those people whose dogs foul the paths to clear up after their dog. Dog bag dispensers may assist. Cllr Pitcher suggested that we follow the situation in Wool closely. He suggested that the role of issuing fines could be given to the Lengthsman. Cllr Ventham felt that if someone was to issue fines, this should not be within the remit of the Lengthsman. Cllr Munnings – there is a whole range of thoughts about the issue but the main problem is education and perhaps we could do a leaflet explaining what is acceptable and what is not. Cllr Ventham suggested we write our own standards. We refer to the fact that bylaws exist and fines are possible if people do not abide by them. Cllr Watkins has spoken to the Police and suggested that a Police presence might encourage people to pick up after their dogs. He has put a roll of bags on the gate at Shitterton and a resident has already said they felt the area was cleaner as a result. He suggested we ask the PCSOs to attend the area, if they see anything they take positive action and perhaps we approach dog walkers and give them free bags as well as having bag stations. Cllr Bennett suggested contacting PDC as Sue Bellamy sits on the Heathland Rehabilitation Group and also Dorset Dogs. PDC has a dog warden and an outreach worker who can come into schools and give talks.

Cllr Ventham suggested that a project group is set up to follow the progress of Wool Parish Council, produce a leaflet and education campaign and get in touch with Dorset Dogs. Cllr Pitcher suggested the Environment Group take this on with Cllr Bennett taking the lead. The group will return to the May Parish Council meeting with a plan. Cllr Watkins will assist with this project. The group will, at the same time, consider the possibility of CCTV.

ACTION: ENVIRONMENT GROUP/CLLR WATKINS

Cllr Munnings will liaise with Cllr Bennett regarding possible leaflets, etc.

Cllr Wharf suggested getting the Dog Warden to come give a presentation. On Monday 3rd April – the Wool AGM – they will discuss having the bylaw regarding dogs.

16.160.3 To consider a response to the Waste Management Plan additional sites for managing residual (black bag) waste at Binnegar Quarry

After some discussion, it was agreed that this site is to take the place of the Trigon site which is now full. There will be few additional lorries on the road network but they will be going to Binnegar as opposed to Trigon. The Parish Council is not opposed to the application if it does not lead to any significant increase in lorry movements on the C6 through the village.

ACTION: CLERK

16.160.4 To consider the Parish Council’s position with regard to land adjacent to Elder Road

There are two areas of land the Parish Council wish to consider – an area of land alongside Elder Road and the v-shaped strip of land that runs between Sitterton Close and Stanbarrow Close. The proposal is to try and acquire both strips of land in order to use them to offset the Souls Moor common land on which we may need to build the community hall.

Symonds and Sampson will be asked to speak to the owner of the Elder Road land and Cllr Munnings will carry out a Land Registry search to determine the ownership of the second area of land.

ACTION: CLLR MUNNINGS

16.160.5 To consider being involved in ‘The Great Get Together’

Pop in are holding a Great Get Together day on Friday 16th June, 2017. It was felt that, rather than organise a separate event, the Parish Council will support the Pop In team.

16.161 Finance

16.161.1 To approve monthly expenditure

The following payments had been requested:

BWBSL	Cemetery water rates – 50%	1857	83.00
Cheap Printing	Posters for the Village Forum	BACS195	6.50
A King	Lengthsman – February 2017	BACS197	1859.03
DC Pension Fund	March 2017 contribution	BACS198	182.39
Mrs A Crocker	March 2017 wages + expenses	BACS199	766.64
HMRC	March 2017 PAYE/NIC	BACS200	92.77

Total to be paid from the Precept **£2,990.33**

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

I Ventham	February Lunch Club	BACS190	87.87
G Roskelly	February NeighbourCar	BACS191	42.42
B Britten	February NeighbourCar	BACS192	67.85
C Feltham	October 2016 NeighbourCar	BACS193	46.40
A Crocker	February Lunch Club	BACS194	71.30
D Fairhurst	February NeighbourCar	BACS196	32.85
C Feltham	February NeighbourCar	BACS201	16.83
Thomas William Trust	Refund fees re K Elms	1859	339.20

With the exception of the two cheque payments, all other payments to be paid by BACS transfer. Cllr Munnings proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Pitcher and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: CLERK

16.161.2 To confirm reconciliation of accounts

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

16.161.3 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.

16.161.4 To review the Financial Regulations

The Clerk reported that no changes had been made to the existing Financial Regulations, a copy of which was held by each member. The Financial Regulations were confirmed by Cllr Munnings, seconded by Cllr Bishop and agreed unanimously.

16.161.5 To consider a grant for the Gardening Club for the Open Gardens event in June 2017

See 16.161.6.

16.161.6 To consider a grant of £500 towards the cost of roof repairs for St John's Church

An application has been received from the PCC for a grant of £500 to assist in the roof repairs. Cllr Ventham declared an interest as he is chair of the fund-raising committee and took no part in the discussions. It is noted that the repair is for the fabric of a building which protects the mediaeval carvings forming part of the roof structure. The carvings are totally unique and are in danger of being damaged by water ingress if the repairs are not undertaken. The funding requested in no way relates to the religious nature of the building. £100,000 has already been raised and the grant from the Parish Council would form part of the proof of residents' support required for the Viridor application. There is currently £725 remaining in the grants budget for the year. Cllr Fairhurst proposed a grant of £500 is made to the Church and £225, being the remainder of the budget, is made to the Gardening Club. This was seconded by Cllr Pitcher and agreed unanimously. The cheques will be raised and signed at the April meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

16.162 Planning & Housing

16.162.1 To consider planning applications:

6/2017/0021 15 Boswells Close – extension to provide bedroom, bathroom and utility room

6/2017/0102 Highfield, Rye Hill – demolish part of existing rear conservatory. Erect single storey rear extension, second storey side extension and front porch

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

ACTION: CLERK

16.163 Environment & Facilities

16.163.1 To consider path repairs around Souls Moor

Cllr Benjafield had suggested that the old path leading from Elder Road to Souls Bridge should be removed as it is very muddy and wet and encourages residents to cross Elder Road away from the safer area of the pinch point. Cllr Pitcher had attended the site a day later and found the path was dry and free from mud. Should we remove it, will people not still use the area where the old path was? It is felt that removing the path will make no difference and although walkers may be in slightly greater danger crossing here, it is not sufficient danger to warrant the path removal.

Cllr Pitcher reported that the path would benefit from repairs. Putting a camber on the path and improving the edging would stop rainwater from collecting at points along it. The path leading from Souls Bridge to the boardwalk on the northern side of the stream and then from the boardwalk on to Shitterton also needs upgrading. It is noted that the path is part of the Rights of Way system and the Clerk will continue to speak to Steve Davies of Rights of Way to see if they can assist with financing the repairs.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr Bates reported that the ponies will be back as soon as the new agreement is signed. The Clerk will redraft the agreement and Cllr Bates will arrange a meeting time.

ACTION: CLLR BATES/CLERK

The pond will be dug as soon as the Lengthman's digger is repaired.

Tree inspection course – Cllr Pitcher proposed that he and the Lengthsman attend the course. The cost is £140 per person, plus VAT. This was seconded by Cllr Fairhurst and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will make the course booking arrangements.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr Fairhurst – Frome Lane – we now have the evidence forms and these will be sent to Rights of Way. The next project will be Dark Lane.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr Bishop reported that notices had been placed on Hollow Oak Lane. He will photograph the signs and send a copy to Cllr Wharf and the Clerk.

16.163.2 Defects

No defects were reported.

16.164 Police, Traffic and Roads

16.164.1 To consider the removal of the MOD movement restrictions on Rye Hill

The Parish Council has no objection to the signs being removed but there are residents living on the eastern side of the C6 that need to be able to use the crossing safely. The Clerk will contact the MOD and say that, whilst we have no objection to the removal of the restrictions, we would ask that all military drivers take care when travelling through the village and bear in mind that there will be some development taking place on the old school site.

ACTION: CLERK

16.165 Community Liaison

16.165.1 NeighbourCar Scheme

Nothing to report.

16.165.2 Salt & Pepper Club

Continues to be successful.

16.166 Children & Youth

Nothing to report.

16.167 Correspondence received since the agenda was set

No additional correspondence had been received.

16.168 Public Relations

- Precept explanation
- Dog waste and the new team
- Grants being made
- Great Get Together
- Environment Working Party – Cllr Bates to provide some notes

16.169 Items for the April meeting

Members are reminded to pass any items to the Clerk for inclusion in the April agenda by the 31st March, 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.27p.m.