

MINUTES OF BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2016
AT THE DRAX HALL, NORTH STREET, BERE REGIS, COMMENCING 7PM

Present: Cllrs L Fairhurst, B House, T Bates, A Watkins, B Benjafield, P Wharf, D Bishop

Chair: Cllr R Pitcher

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 1 member of the public

16.90 Public Participation

Cllr Pitcher reported that a resident had suggested, when the school opens, the parents might operate an informal one-way system. Cllr Wharf reported that this had been raised with the Head Teacher who is organising a group of parents with high viz jackets on, together with the PCSO, to be available in Manor Farm Road/Elder Road to organise the traffic for the first few days. He suggested that we offer the help of the Parish Council. It is understood that Cllr Ventham has already done this. Cllr Bishop felt that, in practice, it would not be possible to tell people where they should be parking, etc. without causing considerable friction. Only a small percentage of the traffic on the roads during this period will be school traffic. He felt that such action is not within the remit of the Parish Council. Cllr Wharf responded suggesting that we should contact the school saying that an informal one-way system has been suggested by a member of the public and we understand that they have plans in place to mitigate any disturbance to other road users.

ACTION: CLERK

16.91 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr I Ventham (holiday), T Bennett (work), S Munnings (work).

16.92 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2016

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

16.93 Matters arising from the minutes

White lines have been installed on the Manor Farm Road/Turberville Road junction and are working well.

Recycling bins – The Clerk has spoken to several companies all of whom have required any recycling to be sorted and delivered rather than collected. The Lengthsman had suggested using the area for storing his trailer and bags of salt, etc. if it could be enclosed. Cllr Wharf suggested writing to the District Council to see if they would be happy for us to enclose the site.

ACTION: CLERK

The School Transport Plan has been completed and County is happy with it. The School Crossing Patrol will remain in position for the first few weeks after the new school has opened.

Wheelchair access – Cllr Watkins has carried out his survey of the village and only two roads require drop kerbs. This information has now been passed to the Clerk and will be sent on to Highways for action. Cllr Watkins has also checked the grit bins he can find but requested a map of the location for all the bins. The Clerk will forward the map.

ACTION: CLERK

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

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

16.95 To receive the County and District Councillor's report

The Partial Review Group meeting was held on the 2nd November and was attended by 500 people. Over 3,000 responses had been received to the Review – 98% objecting, which means the Review is now going to be paused and a variety of additional reviews will be undertaken. The process that led to the increased housing figure will also be reviewed. These will be completed by March and there will be an independent review of the process itself. There will then be another public consultation in autumn 2017, meaning the Plan will not be completed until 2018. It may be possible for developers to submit speculative planning applications during this period but, as the Plan is emerging, it should still hold legal weight.

Shooting School – there has been a number of e-mails sent to the District Council commenting on the School and the various conditions regarding noise monitoring. Whilst the School is attempting to answer these, it is not being particularly successful. Cllr Wharf has offered to Chair a meeting involving all interested parties and would like a member of the Parish Council to attend. Cllr Bishop offered to act as the representative. Cllr Wharf will forward the date as soon as it is agreed upon.

County – There will be wash-up meeting regarding the Weymouth Challenge triathlon on the 7th December at County Hall, 10am. If anyone feels they were affected by the event, they should contact County Hall or Cllr Wharf if they wish to attend the meeting. Cllr Benjafield will put the details on Facebook saying if anyone within the parish was affected, they should contact Cllr Wharf in the first instance.

ACTION: CLLR BENJAFIELD

16.96 Key topics

16.96.1 Neighbourhood Plan progress update

No further information to add as no response has been received from Jason Bowerman to our last correspondence.

16.97 Finance

16.97.1 To approve monthly expenditure

The following payments had been requested:

Clare Crocker	NeighbourCar	1849	9.90
Sam House	NeighbourCar	1850	59.40
RBL Poppy Appeal	Extra wreath	1851	19.25
Blandford Stour Valley Band	Remembrance Day Band	1852	110.00
Sutcliffe Play	Balance of monies re swing seats	BACS144	13.80
DAPTC	Councillors Training course	BACS145	65.00
Conservation Matters	Souls Moor path upgrade	BACS146	15073.20
C Tibbey	Notice Boards	BACS147	1925.00
D Fairhurst	NeighbourCar	BACS148	59.40
A King	Lengthsman – October	BACS149	1780.50
DC Pension Fund	November contribution	BACS150	182.39
HMRC	November PAYE	BACS151	92.76
A Crocker	November wages + expenses	BACS152	776.55
A Crocker	October Lunch Club	BACS152	51.58
P Saywell	NeighbourCar	BACS153	51.30
M Saywell	NeighbourCar	BACS153	69.98

The total amount requested from the Precept is £20,340.01, of which £198.55 is payable by cheque and £20,141.46 by BACS transfer. Cllr Bishop proposed the payments are made. This was second by Cllr House and agreed unanimously.

The Lengthsman has suggested replacing the information boards that were showing the incorrect boundary lines as the waterproof stickers are now peeling off. Cllr Benjafield proposed printing four more boards at a cost of £54 each as the boards have cost £320 instead of the expected £500. This was seconded by Cllr Fairhurst and agreed unanimously. Cllr Bates will amend the graphic and send it through to Cllr Benjafield. Cllr House suggested putting the board originally meant for Hyde at the Chapel. The Lengthsman has an angled frame which could be used for this purpose. The Clerk will contact Karen Smith to make sure this is acceptable before going ahead.

ACTION: CLERK

16.97.2 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.

16.97.3 Comparison to budgets

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

16.97.4 To consider items for the 2016/17 budget and arrange Finance Sub-committee meeting

The Finance Sub-committee is due to meet on the 30th November. Members were invited to submit items for inclusion in the budget.

ACTION: CLERK

16.98 Planning & Housing

16.98.1 To consider planning applications

6/2016/0656 Hyde Pit, Puddletown Road, Stoke Heath – construction and operation of an aggregate processing plant & associated infrastructure, including weighbridge & site offices

It was noted that the work has already begun on the extraction and the new entranceway is in place. The application is applying for the infrastructure to carry out the processing work on the site. It is hoped that this may mean fewer lorries on the Puddletown Road transporting material from this site to the Binnegar plant. Cllr Bishop proposed the Parish Council submits ‘no objections.’

ACTION: CLERK

16.98.2 To consider tree work applications

TWA/2016/0177 11 White Lovington – T1 & T2 Ash – fell; T3 Holm Oak – pollard to previous points; T4 Oak & T5 Beech – remove dead branches

TWA/2016/0178 Mistletoe & Rose Cottages, Butt Lane – T1 & T2 Sycamores – fell; G1 – 4 apple trees – crown reduce

Cllr Bates will take a look at both and report back to the Clerk directly.

ACTION: CLLR BATES

16.99 Environment & Facilities

16.99.1 Open Spaces update

The working party met and carried out some more work along the length of the stream. There is now a large amount of arisings and the Lengthsman will be asked to chip it. The pond on the nature reserve area has been marked out and Cllr Bates will contact the Lengthsman and arrange a suitable date when he will be able to carry out the digging.

ACTION: CLLR BATES

The ground under the gateway to the nature reserve has now been infilled.

16.99.2 Defects

- Anti slip on the rights of way bridge also anti slip on board walk leading to bridge. Both are DCC Rights of Way.

Cllr Fairhurst suggested that County are asked if, now the upgrade has been carried out on the path, they might like to adopt it. The path is already on the definitive map but it will mean any future repairs, etc. will be the responsibility of Rights of Way.

ACTION: CLERK

16.100 Police, Traffic and Roads

Catseyes in North Street – A resident had expressed concern that the holes remaining from the removal of the catseyes in North Street could, potentially, be a hazard. Cllr Watkins has visited the site and submitted a report via the DorsetforYou web site.

16.101 Community Liaison

16.101.1 NeighbourCar Scheme

Continues to be very popular with new clients joining all the time. More volunteers are needed. Cllr Watkins will check the local businesses to see if they have any disabled facilities regarding access.

16.101.2 Salt & Pepper Lunch Club

In the process of drawing up the menus for 2017.

16.102 Children & Youth

Nothing to report. The Clerk will send Cllr Bishop Chris Whitfield’s e-mail details.

ACTION: CLERK

16.103 Correspondence received since the agenda was set

Nothing to add.

Cllr Benjafield reported that the 2017 Calendars will be available by the 17th November and will be on sale from the Post Office and shop.

16.104 Public Relations

- White lines in Manor Farm Road and considerate parking
- Consultation re Triathlon
- Calendars

16.105 Items for the December meeting

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.