

Bere Regis Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on 8th February 2007.

Present Councillors R I Duncanson, L W Fairhurst, J George, C Maunder, T Maunder, M S Munro (to 8.30), J Parsons (Chairman), J Pitts, P Wharf (7.50 to 9.20), M Shakesby (DCC 7.50 to 9.20) and Mr J Ruddock (Clerk).

Apologies

07/018 Apologies have been received from Councillors J Macintosh (ill) and I Ventham (abroad).

Period for Public Participation

07/019 Eight parishioners were present. A long discussion took place over the Footpath at Yearlings Bottom. Following a discussion between Councillor Wharf and Mr Bloomfield some keys have been handed out but some riders are still not happy with the situation as it is still difficult for them to use the track. It was agreed to speak to both landowners to see if they would agree to allow access for riders by way of a Permissive Bridleway. It was also suggested that the riders, if they have more new evidence of use, make an application to the County Council for the track to be a Bridleway. The application for Snow Hill Lane to be a BOAT is likely to go to a public Inquiry. There are also a lot of dog faeces in this area. Another lady reported that outside 39 Elder Road there are 2 loose stopcock covers that recently tripped a parishioner causing injuries to her. It was agreed that the Clerk is to telephone Wessex Water in the morning and also to write to them.

Certificate of Merit

07/020 The Chairman presented certificates of merit to Tim and Sonia from The Drax Arms for all they had done to help the Village Tidy in 2006.

Minutes of the last meeting

07/021 The minutes of the meeting on 11th January 2007 were confirmed correct.

Matters Arising

07/022 06/296 roundabout. There has not been any progress.
07/07 Councillor C Maunder and the Chairman had not been able to attend the meeting on ethical governance.

Planning

07/023 There had been no applications this month.

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Results

06/1046 Coach Cottage, North Street, change of use to residential and erect a double garage and store.
Application withdrawn.

Quality Councils

07/024 It was agreed to hold this over until the next meeting.

Code of Conduct

07/025 It had not been easy to see what the changes were but it was agreed that no comments were required.

Safer Route to School

07/026 A discussion took place on the reply from DCC. The meeting was not happy with this, also the fact that the work was still not completed and the village was also looking at more traffic along this road if the restrictions in Affpuddle etc are brought in.
The Chairman is to reply to the letter with a copy to go to the MP.
Councillor Shakesby reported that mr Brown will be chasing up the order for the VAS. When this has been completed the DCC can evaluate if a Zebra crossing is needed. The funding is available for this.

Highways

07/027 The Sports club have been told that the County Council will not repair or replace the safety fence between the cricket pitch and the link road and if the work is not carried out the club will not be able to get insurance.
Councillor C Muander felt Councillor Shakeby should be made aware of This problem.

Boardwalk

07/028 There had been a Project Group meeting yesterday where a decision had to be made on another bridge because the County council one would not be available within the timescale for the project. Three quotes have been obtained and the lowest is £3,600 for an oak bridge that is wide enough for a wheel chair. Coming complete it save assembly time and could be placed on the abutments easily. The cost however, will be £1,300 over budget at a figure of £8,800. it was agreed to make this contribution and no more. This was proposed by Councillor Fairhurst, seconded by Councillor T Maunder and carried unanimously. PDC will be informed that this council will not make any additional contribution to the project,

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whatever the circumstances

Toilet Block

07/029 At a meeting on 7th February PDC discussed the future of the building. There seems to be no alternative use for it but Councillor Wharf suggested it could have the skylights covered over, be refurbished and used as a youth facility. Demolition costs would not be low and this could be a cheaper option but it would need to be manned. Councillors George and Duncanson were asked to consider this as suggestion as part of their Parish Plan portfolio work.

Dog Control Orders

07/030 These were explained by Councillor Wharf as Mr Stapleford had not been able to attend.
There is a problem with dog faeces and a bin is to be erected in North Street when permission has been granted.

District Councillors Report

07/031 The Pathfinder Proposal, re working with the County Council, has been submitted. This is to streamline the working of some common services. It is also looking at revised structures in 2 to 3 years. Some ideas are to link East Dorset with Christchurch and Purbeck with West Dorset. North Dorset is following its own line. The response to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister includes the fact that there is a need for public consultation.

County Councillors Report

07/032 The Budget meeting shows that Purbeck will get £1,000,000 less for Environmental Services than any other district in Dorset and the £800,000 from second homes council tax will be swallowed up. Councillor Shakesby is waiting for answers as to why this is.
On the Regional spatial Strategy developers will have the opportunity to object to the numbers of housing units agreed.
Parish Councillors met with Brett Spiller and Mark Sturgess (PDC) and the Core Strategy is to go to a second consultation exercise in early 2008 because of the strong response to a poor document in the first one. This will be better and will include a glossary of terms. Existing objections and comments will stand. The parish Council is asked to consider whether there is any land in Bere Regis suitable for small-scale development. This will be discussed fully at the next meeting.

Police

07/033 Inspector Adams is visiting Councillor Wharf tomorrow and he will be

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asked what is happening to PCSO Christopher. Councillor Wharf will also ask about police attending this meeting and about patrols in the village. There have been 2 instances recently where the police have stopped 2 cars in the village. Inspector Adams attended the last Purbeck Task group meeting.

Councillor Duncanson suggested using a website to report crimes.

Finance

07/034 It was agreed to pay the four accounts totalling £6,813.50. The Budget and Financial Statement for January 2007 were accepted. It was agreed to purchase a grit bin for White Lovington at a cost of approximately £150, this was proposed by Councillor C Maunder, seconded by Councillor R Duncanson and carried unanimously.

Correspondence

07/035 Of the correspondence circulated the following was decided.
B3390 – it was agreed to object to this because of the increase in traffic on the C6, an unclassified road with more traffic passing the school. This should be put off until such time as there is a bypass.
Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed not to enter.
MoD. The letter to Lt Col Stibbie has been passed onto the new Commanding Officer. However, on 30th January four lorries carrying tanks passed the school at 10.30am. the agreed number of large vehicles to use the road at one time is two. The Clerk is to write about this as well.

Defects

07/036 The Shitterton sign is still missing and the white lines need repainting on the junction of the C6 and Puddletown Road.

Reports of committees etc

07/037 Cemetery. This is looking very tidy. The railings in the middle will need painting and this could be included in the budget for 2008/9. It was agreed to grant an Exclusive right of Burial to Mr Bulpitt of Rowlands Wait.
Parish Magazine. Yearlings Bottom, reporting crime and dog fouling.
Crime prevention. Lytchett Matravers is having problems with vandalism. A lack of facilities did not help youth in the village and the toilet block may be too small. There may be some public use of the lecture room, at the Fire Station, in the future.
Village Hall. Puppet show 19th February and a play in March. More work is to be done including a new door.
Play Park. A valuation has been received. It was agreed the council should meet Synergy to negotiate a sale price. The Clerk is to contact Mr Harding (PDC) to ascertain if any progress has been made regarding the covenant.

Any other business

07/038 Funding has been approved by Dorset Community Action which will cover the cost of printing the Parish Plan, which is in hand.

Councillor Fairhurst apologised for being away, on business, for the next 2 meetings.

Councillor T Mauger felt that this council should become a Green Parish Council and encourage other councils to be the same especially over the methods of house building that are now available.