

## **Bere Regis Parish Council**

Minutes of a meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

Present Councillors J George, J Macintosh, C Maunder, M S Munro, J Parsons (Chairman), J Pitts, I Ventham, P Wharf, M Shakesby (DCC) and Mr J Ruddock (Clerk).

### Certificate of Merit

The Chairman presented a Certificate of Merit to Mr Peter Larder.

### Dog Control Orders

07/039 Mr Bill Davidson (PDC) gave a presentation on the proposed Dog Control Order.

### Apologies

07/040 Apologies have been received from Councillors R L Duncanson, L W Fairhurst and T Maunder.

### Minutes of the last meeting

07/041 The minutes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2007 were confirmed correct.

### Matters Arising

07/042 07/028 Boardwalk/bridge. Councillor Munro obtained 3 quotes for a timber bridge and the lowest is included in the specification for the project to be completed by mid May.

The extra expense means the path to the south could have been left out but Vitacress have offered to help which hopefully means it will not be too costly.

07/019 Elder Road. The clerk reported he had contacted Wessex Water the day after the last meeting but the repairs had been delay for some two weeks.

07/022 Roundabout. Mr Bastow (DCC) has provided the necessary documentation. Councillor Duncanson will meet with Vitacress so this may be progressed.

07/030. On Dog Control Orders it was agreed to request that there be Exclusion Zones at the Cemetery, Play Park and Sports Field and that there be Dog Fouling orders for the public land south of Elder Road , on Snow Hill Lane and the churchyard.

07/034. the Clerk is to order a bin from Parrs.

07/036. There has been no reply regarding the repainting of lines at the junction of Puddletown road and the C6. The Clerk will chase up

07/038. Mr Cleave reported that the grant of £650 will help to pay for the printing of the Parish Plan. There will be 100 full prints plus a mini-document for each household. If anyone is interested they will be able to borrow one of the full prints to study. Mr Cleave felt the end product

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justified the delay but it must be out soon.

### Planning

07/043 The recommendations of the Planning Working Party, as follows, were accepted:

6/2007/0068. The Old Brewery 40, West Street. Alter the premises to use as holiday accommodation and for B & B

No Objection subject to the planners comments on the roof Light.

6/2007/0073 The Hawthorns, Butt Lane. Erect an extension as a shower room.

No objection.

6/2007/0094 The Drax Arms. Form double doors to the beer cellar.

No objection.

### District Councillors Report

07/044 The Pathfinder Proposal issued by the County Council does not really say much.

The District Council's Council tax has risen by 4.9% there was a problem Swanage's precept which has been resolved.

It is hoped the PC Swann will be the new Community Beat Officer from April. Bere Regis is likely to be combined with Morden and Lytchett Matravers in the future and this should be better. Inspector Adams hopes to attend meetings and also to provide a more visible presence in the village. Councillor Wharf felt these were good signs

There is an Enforcement appeal for land at Lane End, where the appellant is saying he has stored vehicles there for more that 10 years. If anybody has any knowledge of this matter would they please contact the planning office.

### Parish Plan Portfolio Reports

07/045 Youth & Education. Nothing has been heard regarding the Safer Route to School. Councillor Duncanson has looked at the toilet block and is waiting for comments from a builder on what could be done. If used for youth activities, supervision would be needed and the youth must be asked for their views on this. There are grants for youth facilities and as the District Council would be saving on demolition cost perhaps it could contribute to refurbishing.

Medical facilities. The doctors would like to revive the Patients Partnership, which could help patients transport, displays and fundraising. With more work coming from the Primary Care Trust they need to double

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the floor space they have. It is an integral part of the village and this Council could help them to find a site and an approach to Morden Estates Company was suggested.

Housing & Planning. As the group had not met Councillor C Mauger put forward some suggestions.

There had been a good meeting with Synergy and the project is proceeding towards building 7 units. Although this would not be achieved in the short-term

The District council has asked parishes for possible sites for housing.

Comments have to be in by 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Amenities, Services & Tourism. There are 3 sections with a Councillor taking one each. Councillor Pitts is of the opinion that it is difficult to look at individual topics and that a longterm view is needed. Councillor Ventham agreed with the longterm view but the various targeted actions can only be achieved piecemeal.

Community Hall. The Drax hall is looking good with its new door, flooring and painting.

Finance. If any of the groups find a need for funding the Chairman has some grant applications and will be applying for a grant towards the bridge.

Communication. 1) The parish email list has been started and there will be 2 way traffic. Councillor George has spoken to a parishioner who may be able to improve the setup. 2) To look at a better use of the website by including the Parish Magazine and to advertise the website in the magazine. The website could then be used for communication including more advertising.

Items for the magazine are the website, email addresses, Parish Plan, Rights of way. The Chairman's report to the Annual Parish Meeting will also be included.

### Rights of Way Improvement Plan

07/046 Councillor Fairhurst has submitted his report. Councillor Munro felt there could be more continuity of footpaths and Cycleways.

It was agreed to submit Councillor Fairhurst comments to Dorset County Council.

### Finance

07/047 It was agreed to pay the accounts submitted totalling £2,103.59.

The Budget and financial Statement for February 2007 were accepted.

Councillor Munro proposed a donation of £75 for Purbeck Film Festival, this was seconded by Councillor Ventham and agreed.

As there is already a textile collection site in the village it was agreed not to support the approach from Somerset and Dorset air Ambulance.

The Burial Fees from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007, as submitted by the Clerk, were approved.

## Correspondence

- 07/048 Of the correspondence circulated the following was decided.  
It was agreed that Mr M J Shave could take over the Pound and take care of it. The Clerk is to obtain advice regarding a formal agreement for the letting, at a peppercorn rent, to protect the Council.  
On the matter of a person using the website to advertise to fundraise, it was agreed that this could only be done by somebody with a close connection with the village or who had done something for the village. The request of Mr James Loxton fulfilled these criteria and was agreed.  
Alcohol Control. This will be enforced by the PCSOs. The cost of the signage is high and it was felt as there had been no indication of parishes meeting this, the District Council should reconsider its decision.  
Sports Club Fencing. Councillors Pitts, Ventham and Wharf declared interests and took no part in this. It was suggested that the Sports Club might wish to consider approaching the council to see if a grant could be made.

## Quality Councils

- 07/049 The Council is now in a position to consider becoming a Quality Council as all the councillors have been elected. Various conditions have to be met including the fact that the Clerk needs to be obtain the requisite certification..  
DAPTC is keen on increasing the numbers of Quality Councils in Dorset and Pathfinder Proposals lean towards 2 tier local government and this would mean more funding and more power would be available. This status should be pursued and the Clerk will obtain more booklets on what a Quality Council is and all the advantages of that status.  
The Chairman and Clerk will meet to discuss the requirement in respect of the Clerk.

## Defects

- 07/050 On Footpath 6 an iron gate has gone missing and there are 2 trees leaning over Footpath 8.

## Any Other Business

- 07/051 Ground water levels are very high and any more rain at the recent levels could cause flooding. There has been 600mm in the last 5 months and the average annual figure is 800mm. The bypass has helped to prevent flooding in the village. It was felt that people who could be affected by flooding would be aware of this situation.  
Councillor Ventham has been offered some village artefacts and asked if the Council should look for a place to display them. This was agreed.