

Bere Regis Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 12th April 2007.

PRESENT Councillors C Maunder, T Maunder (from 7.15), M S Munro, J Parsons (Chairman), J Pitts, I Ventham and M Shakesby (DCC) and Mr J Ruddock (Clerk).

Apologies

07/052 Apologies have been received from Councillors R L Duncanson, L W Fairhurst, J George, J Macintosh and P Wharf.

Period for Public Participation

07/053 7 parishioners were present and two spoke to give their views on the planning application for 3-4 North Street. They have both written to this Council, copies have been circulated, as well as Purbeck.

Planning

07/054 The recommendations of the Planning Working Party, as follows, were accepted:

07/0168 The Royal Oak. Retain existing fan.
No Objection.

07/0173 Bere Regis School. Erect a canopy to link 3 buildings.
No objection.

07/0197 The Old Bakery West St. Roof terrace area above garage.
No objection.

07/0164 1 Manor House, Southbrook. Demolish 30" of wall to widen access.
No objection provided the replacement gates are in keeping.

07/0205 3-4 North Street. Convert garage to dwelling etc.
Object on the grounds of the density of the development, it is back development and the proposed access is believed not to be in the ownership of the applicant and the legal owner may not wish to grant vehicular access.

Minutes of the last meeting

07/055 The minutes of the meeting on 8th March 2007 were confirmed correct.

Matters Arising

- 07/056 07/022 Roundabout. Councillor Pitts has had 2 meetings with Vitacress and is meeting them again with DCC on April 18th. There is a lot of paperwork to deal with.
- 07/036 Puddletown Road. The repainting of the white lines has not been done. The Clerk is to chase up.
- 07/038 Parish Plan. Deliveries have been received and all but 8 distributed. DCC, PDC and SWAN have had their copies and Purbeck is proceeding with their assessment. Comments to date have been favourable. The Clerk is to write and thank Julian Lightfoot, Andy Kent and the 2 editors for all their work.
- 07/045 Toilet Block. There is nothing to report, but it is understood that a body may be looking at it for youth purposes.
- Synergy. It was agreed to discuss the letter, from PDC, regarding the use of the proceeds of the sale at the next meeting due to the lack of Councillors today. The District Valuer is negotiating for the Council.

District Councillors Report

- 07/057 Smokefree England starts on 1st July 2007 and smoking within contained areas will be banned. The District Council will be looking to educate people on this matter.
- The Highways Agency is to carry out a survey on the A35 from Stinsford to Bere Regis. Any work to be done will be dependant of finance and priorities.
- Veterans Badges are being brought in for those who served before 1969.

County Councillors Report

- 07/058 Councillors Shakesby and Wharf have looked at the footpath that runs beside the cemetery because it is being washed away. Mr R Webb (DCC) has this in hand. Councillor Shakesby is keeping an eye on the tree work on the A35 to see it is done properly. There are hedges growing over the verge along this stretch which are the responsibility of the landowners.
- He is also waiting for a response from County officers on the safer Route to School project.

Parish Plan Portfolio Reports

- 07/059 a) Traffic & Public Transport. Safer Route to School. Councillor Pitts has had 2 meetings with Mr Bastow on this matter and has passed on a copy of the Parish Plan which Mr Bastow has said he will comment on by the 18th April and he will also pass on survey results if requested. He will also look at the possibility of another survey and report back.
- Delays on electrical work appear to have been caused by a change of Contractor.
- On the matter of the talks with the MoD it was agreed to proceed as per Councillor Venthams suggestions which he will take up with Bovington.

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- b) Environment. Priority 2 is most important and Councillor Munro will be looking for support from the Parish Conservation Group.
He is to meet officers from Dorset Wildlife Trust to discuss possible funding for the boardwalk project. Tenders for the work are to be resubmitted and ways of cutting costs are being looked at. It was agreed it would be best to do all of the work at the same time.
The Chairman has spoken to the DCA and feels there may be funding available. There has been no response from WDDT.
Village environment is something that touches all aspects of the Parish Plan. It was agreed that this year there be a litter pick and Sunday 27th May was agreed. The scouts will help with this. Areas will need to be identified but will include the play area and the land at the end of West Street by the slip road.
On the matter of the weather rainfall is drying up.
- c) Employment. 8 people have been invited to join a small group and there have been 3 positive replies, 1 refusal and 1 unable to spare the time at present. This is progressing and the group will meet Richard Wilson from PDC.
- d) Law and Order. Councillor Wharf has had no response from Inspector Adams since their meeting but is chasing this up. It is understood that the New CBO will start in May. The Purbeck Task Group meets soon and the further vandalism at the play park can be reported.
- e) Finance. The chairman has several contacts if any group needs some funding. Viridor Landfill Tax is a possible source. A suggestion was made that the youth shelter be painted over and used as a graffiti wall to avoid the obscene variety.
- f) Communication. For the parish magazine, possible housing site, mini clear up and asking for areas that need this, roundabout and the website facility for finding volunteers.
Councillor Ventham is still looking for a suitable site for village artefacts.

Quality Councils

- 07/060 The Chairman is looking for an agreement, in principle, that the Council becomes a Quality Council and this was agreed.
However, one of the main requirements is that the Clerk should obtain the necessary certification. At present the Clerk's full time employment is very busy and together with the time spent as Clerk he does not feel able to start this. It was agreed that this be looked at again in September to see if the situation has changed.
Councillor Maunder felt that Quality Council status would mean more work for Councillors which would deter new ones from coming forward. An opposite view was expressed by Councillor Ventham.

Finance

- 07/061 a) Eight accounts, totalling £2,009.35, were presented and it was agreed to pay all of these.
b) The Budget and Financial Statement were presented and were accepted with the reserves at 31st March 2007 being £12,242.
An internal audit has been carried out and the Clerk has been informed that 13th July 2007 is the date for the audit of the 2006/7 accounts.
c) Life Education has made an application for financial help. This is an organisation that visits schools to teach about life, alcohol, drugs and smoking etc to 4 to 13 year olds. Each year the education is upgraded. It was agreed to write to Mr Battishill for his views.
d) The Sports club has written asking for help towards the cost of replacing the safety fencing at the recreation ground. Councillors Pitts and Ventham declared interests and took no part in this. Councillors C and T Maunder proposed a grant of £500 and this was agreed.
This makes the total expenditure £2,509.35.

Correspondence

- 07/062 Of the correspondence circulated it was agreed to put the matter of a basketball hoop on hold for the time being.
Urinating and Defecating in public byelaw. It was agreed to comment as before that the areas covered be the same as for Alcohol Control.

Any other business

- 07/063 A table has been booked for Saturday 14th April in the Drax Halland the Chairman asked all Councillors to attend if possible.. It was felt the Council could work with Mr Cleave on the Parish Plan.
The revised Code of conduct comes into force on 3rd May 2007 and all Councils must formally adopt it within 6 months. There will be training available.
A suggestion was made to site the recycling bins on land at the western end of West Street. Councillor Macintosh is looking into the resiting of these bins.
It was thought that the sheds near the roundabout are to be part of a traffic Survey.
Councillor C Maunder attended the Health Scrutiny Committee meeting last week and explained this was the end of a 5 year investigation on which hospital was to do colon cancer operations. Bournemouth will do these but Dorchester will still do the pre and post operative care.