

Bere Regis Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 14th January 2010

Minutes		Action
Present	Councillors L W Fairhurst, J George, M Howard, C Maunder, T Maunder, S Munnings, M S Munro, K Nurrish, R Pitcher, I Ventham (Chairman), P Wharf, A Brenton (DCC) and Mr J Ruddock (Clerk)	
10/001	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Councillors George and T Maunder apologised for being late.</p>	
10/002	<p><u>Period for Public Participation</u></p> <p>One parishioner was present and Ms Cruickshanks and a colleague from PEAT were present.</p> <p>Mr Pitts raised the matter of overgrowing hedgerows that were leaning into the C6 from Chamberlaynes Farm to the top of Rye Hill and then again between the houses on the western side of Rye Hill down to the speed limit sign.</p> <p>The representatives from Peat (Purbeck Environment Action Team) explained that it was a voluntary group that tries to promote a better environment for the community in the Purbeck area. They are willing to attend any meeting to explain more fully what they would like to see happen in the area. One thing they are interested in is the proposed additional supermarket, in the Core Strategy, and what effect it would have on the community.</p> <p>This could be discussed at the Parish Meeting.</p>	Clerk
10/003	<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>There are broken pavements on the north side of West Street from The Cross westwards it was agreed to write to DCC.</p> <p>Councillors' wedding photographs are needed for the Historical Exhibition email to Alison Bennett.</p> <p>PDC has offered to provide 2 planters for the village. It was agreed that they be accepted in principle and possibly sited on The Cross. Chairman agreed to consult WI and Gardening Club re watering</p> <p>It is too late for grit bins this winter however, it was agreed to buy 3 to be placed on concrete plinths. One each at Podgers, Snow Hill and one by the cemetery gates.. Councillor Munro will carry out the necessary services check once he knows exactly where they are to be sited.</p> <p>Work on the plinth for the bench can be done at the same time.</p> <p>The Clerk is to ascertain if the starting of a Neighbourhood Watch would be eligible to apply for Small Grants Funding.</p> <p>There has been a complaint about the dangerous use of the path from West Street to Turberville Road. The Clerk is to find out who owns the land there and the status of the path.</p> <p>The complaint about a car parking on the road outside a house is not a Parish Council matter.</p> <p>The Volunteer of the Year submission is ready to go in.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>IV</p> <p>MSM</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>IV</p>
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	<p>has a self employed person as the Lengthsman. They are happy to meet him and other Councillors either in Bere Regis or in the Cokers. He will try to arrange this before the next meeting.</p> <p>Morden Estate has placed a large obstruction in the gap next to the gate in North Street hopefully this will prevent drivers from cutting through.</p> <p>He is also trying to contact the owner of Dorset Reclamation with regard to roundabout sponsorship.</p> <p>Mr Bates has asked for help with an environmental tidy along the Bere Stream on 20th Feb. This is a good idea but might be better if left until later. The scouts are looking for a project and may be able to help with this.</p> <p>Three sites have been identified for the dog bins including Rye Hill.</p> <p>The Clerk is to chase up the matter of the verges on Rye Hill near the school.</p> <p>Graingers. At the meeting with four Councillors they came up with a proposal for a new school just west of Egdon Close with a playing field and housing spreading eastwards alongside Egdon Close and south of Souls Moor. An alternative to this is a land swap of the school site in exchange for the land near Egdon Close. The Egdon Close site could be used for the school/community use and a playing field, with housing being built on the existing school site. It was suggested that Councillor Ventham could approach DCC to support the proposed School site. This was proposed by Councillor T Maunder, seconded by Councillor C Maunder and agreed. Councillor Wharf abstained.</p> <p>Shitterton sign. Councillor Ventham reported that some funding is already in place and it was agreed to go ahead using the guidelines provided.</p> <p>Purbeck Housing Trust Actions. Nothing has been carried out and Councillor Wharf will write to them.</p> <p>Defects. The bins outside Cyril Wood Court, by Podgers and opposite the Royal Oak are in need of extensive repair or replacing. The Clerk is to write to PDC.</p>	<p>MSM</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>IV</p> <p>PW</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10/008	<p><u>Children & Youth- Councillor Pitcher</u></p> <p>Councillor Pitcher had nothing to report.</p> <p>Councillor George has spoken to Andy Kent who feels that a lunch time club is a good idea. A contact is needed at the Purbeck School and Bob Croom was suggested.</p> <p>Ragamuffins has started to take in children from outside of the village. It has also received a £10,000 grant from Surestart.</p> <p>Both the school and Ragamuffins received good Ofsted reports and it was agreed that the Council should congratulate them for this. Certificates to be prepared.</p>	<p>RP</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10/009	<p><u>Community Liaison- Councillor C Maunder</u></p> <p>The cold weather has shown up problems with the new heating at the Drax Hall and these are being attended to.</p> <p>Councillor C Maunder felt the Parish Meeting should be left until there is better weather.</p> <p>He also reported that the take up on Christmas trees has grown and</p>	

	<p>more would be needed in 2010. Councillor Ventham thought it would be good if a large village Christmas Tree could be put up outside Cyril Wood Court. Councillor Maunder will approach the Trustees.</p>	CM
10/010	<p><u>District Councillors Report</u></p> <p>The Polling Station will now be in the Drax Hall thus avoiding any inconvenience for the school.</p> <p>A sub-committee is to review the SHLAA which is the listing of all available land for housing in Purbeck. A suggestion was made to use the land to the east of the Shitterton junction but it was felt that this provided a necessary separation for Shitterton from the village. Any comments should be made to Councillor Wharf</p> <p>Complaints have been received about the late collection of bins due to the icy weather. Swanage has particular problems due to the hills but no collection was more than a day late.</p> <p>PDC has found out that Church Lane belongs to the Drax Estate. PDC has also withdrawn the licence for the Purbeck Hotel in Swanage.</p>	
10/011	<p><u>County Councillors Report</u></p> <p>A scheme to encourage people to drive safely is being launched tomorrow. This is called No Excuse and will be funded for 3 months, after that it has to be self funding.</p> <p>The Highways Agency have turned down an application to extend the 40mph limit on the A31 around the Drax Estate as it is a national trunk road and need overtaking places.</p>	
10/012	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor Fairhurst that the monthly expenditure of £662 be paid and that the Budget and Financial Statement for December 2009 be accepted, this was seconded by Councillor Wharf and agreed.</p>	
	<p><u>Actions to be carried forward</u></p> <p>Lengthmans Scheme Parish Council Liaison B3390 Traffic Survey Land south of Sitterton Close Verges PHT Actions Pavements in West Street Grass Cutting Boardwalk Path Parish Council Awards Litter Bins Bere Stream Tidy Graingers Liaison with parishes</p>	