

Bere Regis Parish CouncilMinutes of a meeting held on Thursday 11th March 2010 at 7.35pm

| Minutes | | Action |
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| Present | Councillors L W Fairhurst, J George, M Howard, C Maunder, T Maunder, S Munnings, R Pitcher, I Ventham, P Wharf and Mr J Ruddock (Clerk). | |
| 010/027 | <u>Apologies</u> Apologies for absence have been received from Councillors M S Munro, K Nurrish and A Brenton (DCC). | |
| 010/028 | <u>Purbeck Housing Trust</u> Mr P Derrien gave an update in the situation in Bere Regis. Work has been done on the paving near the Elder Road flats. Grass cutting has been done and will continue every 2 to 3 weeks hedges have been trimmed and the car park is looking tidy. The hedge on the path between Manor Farm Road and Old Barn Road will be cut back to the boundary as soon as it can be. The path near Turberville Court has been repaired as have the steps in the car park and the drain has been cleaned out. The Trust has done a satisfaction survey of its tenants and 90% of the response was positive. He reported that four of the trees in Sitterton Close are privately owned and the owners are responsible for their maintenance. The Trust will be pollarding theirs soon. Councillor Wharf felt the Trust should write to all residents in the close to inform them of who owns which trees. It was pointed out that Green Close is generally untidy with weeds etc. Mr Derrien will find out if the road has been adopted and work from that point. | |
| 01/029 | <u>Purbeck Core Strategy</u> Mr S Dring and Ms Cheeseman (PDC) gave a talk on the Core Strategy. This meeting is the third this week with a parish council and he has three more next week. Consultation has been carried out and 60% of the responses favoured developments to be spread amongst the larger settlements ie Swanage, Wareham Upton, Lytchett Matravers, Bere Regis and Wool, with Bere Regis taking 50 housing units. The next stage is to find sites for the new housing and work out the implications for the school. The support of the County Council will be needed for this part of the planning. A multigames area has already been proposed and the space for the doctors is tight all of which could affect the choice of site. There are two main landowners in the area who appear to be competing for developments. The Chairman then commented that Parish Councillors had been talking to agents for the Drax Estate and had urged them to talk to the others Landowners should try and come up with a joint approach. Lots of sites have been put forward but there are constraints on some of them. The District Council would like the Parish Council to comment on the best sites The Chairman then proposed that the April meeting be mainly aimed at getting the parishioners to attend to give their views in order that | |

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| | <p>the Parish Council can put forward a response to PDC. Mr Dring said that in June and July the District Council would be consulting every household giving details of sites and numbers and asking for a response..</p> <p>The District Council has been looking at site extensions to the north and south of the village. Councillor Fairhurst felt the north was not a good choice and the south would be better. To the west of Rye Hill is not likely as English Nature does not allow development within 400 metres of heathland. Councillor Fairhurst pointed out the land by the school which would fill in the development on the side of Rye Hill.</p> <p>Councillor George felt the Parish Council needed a position to put to residents at the April meeting in order to gain a response from them. Ideas from developers would also help.</p> <p>Mr Dring thought it would be best if the number of sites put forward was kept to a minimum. He pointed out the indicator on the plan was an area of land large enough to hold 50 new houses.</p> | |
| 10/030 | <p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>There was no other business.</p> | |
| 10/031 | <p><u>Minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <p>Councillor Wharf proposed they be accepted, this was seconded by Councillor Fairhurst and agreed.</p> | |
| 10/032 | <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>This item was deferred until the next meeting.</p> | |
| 10/033 | <p><u>Planning and Housing</u></p> <p>Councillor Wharf declared an interest and took no part in these decisions. Councillor Munnings declared an interest and took no part in the decisions on applications 6/2010/0093, 0119 and 0120.</p> <p>The Planning working party's recommendations were as follows:</p> <p>6/2010/0093 Glencoe, Blandford Road. Replace existing garage with a 2 storey garage with accommodation above. No objection.</p> <p>6/2010/0119 Rumbles, West Street. Erect a replacement garage. No objection.</p> <p>6/2010/0120 Rumbles West Street. Demolish existing garage. No objection.</p> <p>6/2010/0073 Bere Heath Farm. Station mobile home. No detailed justification for the siting of this mobile home in open countryside was given. Approval should only be given if there is a need for worker accommodation.</p> | |

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| | <p>Councillor George proposed that these recommendations be accepted, this was seconded by Councillor Fairhurst and agreed.</p> <p>6/2010/0082 Masters Pit, Puddletown Road. Erect 4 wind turbines up to 125m high , substation building, 89.5m high anemometer mast and vehicular access.</p> <p>A long discussion took place and each Councillor had an opportunity to express his/her views. The merits of an alternative source of energy were put forward as well as the problems and what this particular application would achieve or not.</p> <p>Councillor Fairhurst proposed the following which was seconded by Councillor Howard and agreed by a vote of 6 for and 2 against with one abstention:</p> <p>Bere Regis Parish Council voted by six votes to two with one abstention to oppose the wind farm on the following grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The close proximity to Buddens scout camp and the potential noise and flicker impact on the campers.2. The visual intrusion of four 125metre high masts and the adverse impact on the local habitat and wildlife.3. The proposed mitigations will reduce running time considerably, and so ensure that the adverse environmental impact far outweighs the ecological/renewable energy advantages. | |
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