

Bere Regis Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 13th May 2010

Minute

Present: Councillors L W Fairhurst, M Howard, C Maunder, T Maunder, R Pitcher, A Brenton (DCC)

Cllr M Howard in Chair for items 1-3, Apologies & Election of Officers

10/48 Apologies: Received from Cllrs I Ventham, P Wharf, S Munnings and Parish Clerk, J Ruddock

10/49 Election of Officers: Cllr I Ventham was elected Chairman unopposed and Cllr L W Fairhurst was elected Vice Chairman unopposed

In the Chairman`s absence LWF took the Chair. He said that unfortunately the Parish Clerk was absent through ill health caused by a heart attack and it was agreed a message would be conveyed to Jim Ruddock and his wife wishing them both well and hoping Jim enjoyed a speedy and full recovery. A donation would be sent to the British Heart Foundation at Jim`s request.

Parish Councillors signed their Declarations of Office prior to the commencement of Proceedings witnessed by the Vice Chairman.

10/50 Co option of Councillors: R Margetts and Arlene Duncanson were co opted to the Council by unanimous votes and warmly welcomed by the Vice Chairman. An application for the remaining vacancy will be considered by co option at the June Meeting

10/51 Public participation: A presentation was made by Joe Zamick of Dist Gen UK and landowner Danny Hall of Rogers Hill Farm regarding the proposed erection of a single commercial wind turbine within the Parish. Questions were asked regarding the experience of the Company and the effects of the proposals on the surrounding area. Similar contact is to be made by them with Purbeck DC planners prior to submitting a planning application to install the structure. Any further direct contact by the applicants to Councillors is to be referred to the Chairman.

10/52 Any Other Business, not on the Agenda:

Play Park: The posts for the main gates and other defects required attention which Cllr T Maunder would undertake.

10/53 The Minutes of the meeting dated 8th April 2010: Agreed subject to the addition of “regarding” between “discussion” and “the” under **10/47: Communications**

10/54 Matters arising:

High Speed Broadband: E mail to be sent supporting need for accelerated speeds for this facility

Souls Moor: Progress on Grainger`s proposals for a Lease to the PC to be dealt with when Chairman present at next meeting or subsequently.

Footpath: West St to Turbeville Court: To be dealt with at next meeting to establish existence of Public Right of Way.

10/55 Planning and Housing: Chairman`s report presented by Cllr L W Fairhurst

A) Matters considered by Planning Sub Group plus recommendations:-

18 North St: 2 applications 1) change of use to residential and 2) alterations and works to create a residential unit on two floors

Recommendation: 1) To refuse on grounds that commercial use should be retained 2) refuse having regard to 1)

23 Shitterton Close: Proposed 2 storey rear extension (Councillor Duncanson declared an interest and did not participate in discussion)

Recommendation: No objection

24 Shitterton Close: Proposed single story extension

Recommendation: No objection

67 Butt Lane: Re thatch and roof repairs including replacement of chimney stack

Recommendation: No objection

All the foregoing recommendations were agreed.

B) Consultation Document on Future Development in the Village 2012-2026:

LWF together with IV and PW had attended a meeting with PDC officers to consider a restricted Draft of the Consultation Document shortly to be distributed. Certain important amendments had now been included as a result of comments and views expressed by the Parish Councillors.

C) Play Park Planning: In Cllr S Munning's absence, Cllr M Howard reported that they had met with PDC Planners to discuss the relocation of the Playpark site to south of Elder Road near the Stream Open Space. The Planners indicated the proposal had to be cleared first by the Environment Agency which was subsequently done and it was now back to Purbeck to discuss planning issues before approaching Synergy Housing Association to ascertain if they still wished to build affordable housing on the Site and their likely valuation for the Land.

10/56 Village Environment: Chairman's report presented by Cllr M Howard:-

Dog Bins/Grit Bins/Seats: Cllrs M Howard and T Maunder had been progressing these with work in hand and due to be completed by the June Meeting.

Graingers Lease of Souls Moor: Chairman to update at next meeting.

Stone Signs for Village: Ditto

Purbeck Housing Trust: Progress made on works but review required at next meeting to establish outstanding items and issues.(Cllr P Wharf)

Lengthsman: Contact made with Councillor from Coker Region of Dorset re meeting and visit. Dates offered were not convenient so alternative being sought. Contact continuing with DCC and PDC re funding contribution for Bere Regis Scheme with directly employed Lengthsman.

Defects: Following identified:-

A) Hole in Car Park: Action required by PDC

- B) Trees alongside Bere Stream: Action required by PDC
- C) Dropped kerb required in Car Park: Action required by PDC
- D) Road adjacent to Podgers/ Shitterton approach where gulley/road is defective: Action required but to clarify if DCC or PDC.

Cllr M Howard to pursue these items in Clerk`s absence

10/57 Children and Youth. Chairman`s report presented by Cllr R Pitcher

Still work to be done on setting up Youth Forum. New initiatives are required

10/58 Community Liaison. Chairman`s Report presented by Cllr C Maunder

Drax Hall was generally in good condition following internal re decorations

Proposed Parish Meeting in September: Need for format to be clarified between Cllrs Ventham and Maunder to establish wider involvement of Village Clubs/ Groups and Societies to present their plans and concerns for the future and where the Parish Council can assist.

10/59 Police and Security : New lead required for this following departure of former Cllr Keith Nurrish

10/60 District Councillor`s report: Deferred to next meeting because of Cllr P Wharf`s absence

10/61 County Councillors report: Cllr Alex Brenton presented

DCC Highways have initiated works across County to improve safety which will affect the C6 and other roads around the Village. Minor defects would be given a low priority for attention because of smaller budgets and increased serious defects /potholes to major routes caused by the bad winter which would be dealt with first.

She also outlined progress on the Education review affecting School composition in Dorset and an update on how Bere Regis ` School is being affected.

10/62 Finance

- A) Monthly expenditure and authorisation of payments: All approved and signed
- B) Budget and Financial Statement including end of year Audit and Position (To be deferred for consideration first by Finance Group for consideration at June Meeting with Chairman leading)

It was agreed that the Clerk, on his return to duty, would ensure that all Councillors had completed mandates to countersign cheques.

10/63 Communications:

Cllr M Howard to prepare item for Parish Magazine by 15th May to include:-

- A) Election and composition of Parish Council
- B) Next stage in Public Consultation by PDC relating to Bere Regis Development in 2012-2026 including circulation of documents and availability of Web sites for information.
- C) Progress on installation of Dog and Grit Bins and other Village facilities

10/64 Monthly Surgery by Cllr P Wharf: A new Schedule needs to be prepared of dates when Councillors will attend with Cllr Wharf following revised composition of Parish Council

Date of next meeting Thursday 10th June 7PM Drax Hall

Items carried over:

- A) Boardwalk footpath (PW)
- B) Graingers Lease to PC on Souls Moor (IV)
- C) Stone Village Signs (IV)
- D) Footpath West Street to Turbeville Court (Clerk?)
- E) Road near Shell Garage
- F) Schedule for attending Monthly Surgeries
- G) Councillors Authorities for Signing cheques
- H) Purbeck Housing Trust outstanding works and issues (PW)
- I) High Speed Broadband
- J) LCEF Site Winfrith
- K) State of Cemetery maintenance & gardening Contract (TM)

Minutes prepared by Cllr M Howard