

Bere Regis Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in the Drax Hall on Thursday 10th June 2010 at 7pm.

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| Present | Councillors L W Fairhurst, M Howard, C Maunder, T Maunder, R Margetts, S Munnings, R Pitcher, P Wharf and A Brenton (DCC). | |
| 09/065 | <p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies have been received from Councillors Duncanson, Ventham and Parish Clerk J Ruddock.</p> <p>In the Chairman's absence Councillor Fairhurst took the Chair with Councillor Howard taking the Minutes in the Clerk's absence.</p> | |
| 09/066 | <p><u>Co-option of a Councillor</u></p> <p>Mr L Alderman was co-opted by unanimous vote and warmly welcomed by the Vice-Chairman.</p> | |
| 09/067 | <p><u>Period for Public Participation</u></p> <p>Six parishioners attended and four questions were raised.</p> <p>Mr Fysh complained about the quality of the new North Street sign erected by Purbeck DC as being inappropriate for a Conservation Area and wanted it replaced. This was supported by other parishioners and councillors and it was agreed a letter would be sent to PDC requesting a replacement. The possibility of the Parish Council providing a suitable sign directly more in keeping was not ruled out.</p> <p>Mrs Bircumshaw complained about dangerous traffic outside her home on the village outskirts fronting the C6 at Chamberlaynes and requested some traffic calming measures to ensure her and her neighbours safety. After a discussion it was agreed that a letter would go to DCC requesting a visit by their Highways Officers particularly at times of heavy traffic to illustrate the point, and to request suitable measures to improve the hazardous situation.</p> <p>Mrs Hewitt had an issue with Purbeck Housing Trust concerning delays in dealing with a shared boundary hedge to her property in Old Barn Road and the action that had now been taken on behalf of PHT which had caused serious damage to it. She was advised to send a formal complaint and it was agreed a letter would be sent to PHT by the Parish Council expressing its concern at was being alleged and seeking an explanation.</p> <p>Councillor Wharf explained he was no longer a Trustee of PHT and outlined difficulties which appear to exist with other Councils in</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |

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| | <p>the area and PHT.</p> <p>Mr Meggs had concerns over the footpath from West Street to Turberville Road. He claimed that the route of the footpath should go through the arch and not around the building as currently used. He stated that the used route was dangerous as cyclists rode into the path of residents' cars leaving Woodbury Court and that a barrier should be installed. Councillor Fairhurst stated that the Clerk was in the process of applying for a definitive map modification order to add the currently used route on to the definitive rights of way map. Councillor C Maunder stated that before the property was built there was a track known as Chapel Lane. Councillor Brenton suggested that she check with officers at DCC to see if Chapel Lane was recorded in the "Book of Roads" at County Hall before any further action was taken. This was agreed and the matter is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> | AB |
| 10/068 | <p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>Councillor T Maunder commented on the poor state of the road adjacent the access to the Shall garage and Councillor Pitcher stated it now appeared action was being taken to repair it.</p> <p>The Shitterton sign has been installed and Councillors were asked to view it so that a decision could be taken at the next meeting on whether to install something similar to both approaches to Bere Regis.</p> <p>Councillor Margetts queried the maintenance arrangement of the two new timber planters placed and set up by Purbeck DC. The arrangement was that the Parish Council was now responsible as PDC did not have the resources and the Gardening Club has agreed to take on what was a difficult job because of the lack of adjacent water and the need to supply plants throughout the year.</p> <p>The public Taxi Cab service to Wareham from the village which had been prompted by Councillors Maunder and Wharf was now operational and it was agreed an article would be included in the next Parish Magazine promoting its availability at a reasonable cost or free to bus pass holders.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Sports Club had written regarding the obstruction by cars to the gate at the end of North Street. It was agreed that a letter be sent to DCC and Fire and Rescue Authorities seeking the erection of a suitable sign to discourage this obstruction.</p> <p>It was agreed a sign would be erected at the Play Park encouraging no smoking in the area at a cost of about £10 with Purbeck DC providing the sign.</p> | <p>Cllrs</p> <p>PW</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |

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| | <p>A letter has been received from Sailhomes regarding parked cars obstructing Woodbury Court. It was agreed that a letter be written to DCC requesting that the existing "Restricted Parking" white line be extended to include the Woodbury Court driveway.</p> | Clerk |
| 10/069 | <p><u>Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2010.</u></p> <p>It was agreed that these were correct and signed by the Vice Chairman.</p> | |
| 10/070 | <p><u>Matters arising not on the agenda</u></p> <p>A schedule of Councillors attendance at the Turberville Court Monthly Surgery is to be prepared and circulated by Councillor Fairhurst.</p> <p>Authorities for Councillors cheque signing is to be completed on the return of the Parish Clerk from convalescence.</p> <p>The letter on the LCEF site proposals had been sent.</p> | <p>LW</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 10/071 | <p><u>Overview of responsibilities and plan for 2010</u></p> <p>Following the arrival of Councillor Alderman a new portfolio entitled Traffic and Public Transport would be created under his leadership supported by Councillor Margetts.</p> <p>Other portfolios would be covered as follows in the light of the new Council make up.</p> <p>Planning and Housing: Lead Councillor L Fairhurst, plus Councillors I Ventham, M Howard and S Munnings.</p> <p>Village Environment: Lead Councillor M Howard, plus Councillors L Fairhurst, S Munnings and T Maunder.</p> <p>Community Liaison: Lead Councillor C Maunder, plus Councillors I Ventham and A Duncanson.</p> <p>Security and Policing: Lead Councillor R Margetts, plus Councillor P Wharf.</p> <p>Children and Youth: Lead Councillor R Pitcher, plus Councillor A Duncanson.</p> <p>Councillor C Maunder stated he no longer wished to represent the Council on the DAPTC. It was agreed that Councillor Duncanson would be asked if she would be prepared to take on this role.</p> | <p>LF</p> |

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| 10/072 | <p><u>Planning and Housing</u></p> <p>A) Planning applications considered plus recommendations:</p> <p>6/2010/0261 and 6/2010/0262. Corner Stores 18 North Street. Change of use to residential and internal works. Recommend. Object given the need to retain commercial premises in the village.</p> <p>6/2020/0298 and 6/2010/0299. Shitterton Farmhouse. Remove existing porch and replace with a brick porch. Recommend No objection.</p> <p>All the forgoing were agreed by the Council.</p> <p>B) Play Park Planning: Councillor Munnings was pursuing the possible redevelopment of the Play Park for affordable housing and was awaiting the return of the Chairman and Clerk to check background papers relevant to the previous potential purchaser of the site.</p> | LF |
| 10/073 | <p><u>Village Environment Report</u> presented by Councillor M Howard</p> <p>The new dog, refuse and grit bins installation scheme was nearing completion and thanks were due to Councillor T Maunder. Councillor Howard was investigating a replacement refuse bin on the green approaching Shitterton.</p> <p>Lengthsman: It had been difficult to co ordinate a suitable date for visiting the Parish of Coker to see the operation of their Lengthsman scheme but the matter had not been shelved. Councillor Howard said he had made progress with the main promoter of the scheme at DCC and funds were available. After the holiday period he would convene a meeting of the Environment Group to deal with the search and issues of recruiting a suitable person. Councillors were asked to consider potential likely suitable candidates who might undertake this role and pass them to Councillor Howard.</p> <p>Councillor T Maunder was chasing the Cemetery Grass Cutting contractor to check the quality and frequency of the cutting prior to the latest payment being released.</p> <p>Councillor P Wharf indicated that although provision had been made, for expenditure on the boardwalk, by PDC budgets were under pressure and priority for work was being reassessed against other schemes.</p> <p>Purbeck Housing Trust activity and action: Following Councillor Wharfs' withdrawal from the Board it was necessary to monitor the</p> | |

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| | <p>activity of Trust in Bere Regis to ensure that past assurances in relation to maintenance and improvements were being fulfilled.</p> <p>No new defects were reported but Councillor M Howard confirmed he had spoken to PDC regarding the subsidence in the car park and DCC ref the erosion on the approach to Shitterton opposite Podgers.</p> | Clerk |
| 10/074 | <p><u>Children and Youth report:</u> presented by Councillor R Pitcher.</p> <p>The group was working towards a Youth Forum in September now that Councillor Pitcher was being supported by Councillor A Duncanson.</p> | |
| 10/075 | <p><u>Police and Security:</u></p> <p>No report although the Police had been represented at this meeting and general security and police issues had been discussed with no significant concerns expressed.</p> | |
| 10/076 | <p><u>Community Liaison Report:</u> presented by Councillor C Maunder.</p> <p>Councillor Maunder reported the Drax Hall was in good shape with many and varied activities being well attended.</p> <p>He had clarified with the Chairman the format of a Village Forum and was working towards Saturday 11th September at 10am as a provisional date.</p> | CM |
| 10/077 | <p><u>District Councillors report:</u> by Councillor P Wharf.</p> <p>A limited supply of new easier to manipulate recycling bags were available from PDC by calling 01929 557279.</p> <p>Following the fatality, in Purbeck, of a contractor emptying an overfilled refuse wheelie bin, the contractors have been instructed not to empty overfilled bins. Councillor Wharf will include this in his report for the Magazine.</p> <p>Councillor Wharf reminded everybody to support and encourage responses on the consultation for future development in the village over the coming years. Forms have been delivered to all houses and a road show would visit the Drax Hall on the 28th June to answer queries and explain options.</p> <p>The Council congratulated Councillor Wharf on the excellent news that he had been selected to Chair the Planning Board in Purbeck.</p> | |
| 10/078 | <p><u>County Councillors report:</u> presented by Councillor A Brenton.</p> | |

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| | <p>There was a discussion over the continuing concerns regarding the increasing use of the C6 road through the village and the reluctance of Dorset County Council to urgently address local traffic measures in rural communities. She urged representation in the future to be supported by positive evidence and to encourage visits to be made by officers at acute times to illustrate the concerns which might lead to tangible safety measures.</p> | |
| 10/079 | <p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>A) The monthly expenditure of £919.25 was approved but the cheque for the grass cutting will be held back until Councillor T Maunder has dealt with the contractor.</p> <p>B) The Budget and Financial Statements for April and May Were approved.</p> <p>C) The 2009/2010 external audit was discussed having been vetted by the Finance Working Group. It was approved and signed by the Vice Chairman in addition to the Parish Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer.</p> <p>D) It was unanimously agreed that in response to a request from Purbeck Citizens Advice Bureau a donation of £200 be made and the cheque is to be drawn at the next meeting.</p> | <p>TM</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 10/080 | <p><u>Communications</u></p> <p>The following items will be included in the July Magazine Article:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning consultation on Bere Regis Future Development • Request for any information on hazardous traffic incidents and potential traffic problems which exist particularly along the C6 as a result of a lack of road safety marking or measure. • Preliminary notice on Village Forum in September. • Introduction and promotion of Taxi service to Wareham. • Note about the introduction of new dog, grit and refuse bins and planters. | |
| | <p><u>Actions to be carried forward</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lease for Souls Moor • Stone Signs for the village • Schedule for monthly surgery • Councillors authorities for signing cheques • | |