

Bere Regis Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on 11th November 2010 at 7pm.

Minutes		Action
Present	Councillors L Alderman, A Duncanson, L W Fairhurst (Chairman), M Howard, R Margetts, T Maunder, S Munnings, R Pitcher, P Wharf, A Brenton (DCC) and Mr J Ruddock (Clerk).	
10/142	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies have been received from Councillor C Maunder (ill) and I Ventham.</p>	
10/143	<p><u>Period for Public Participation</u></p> <p>Two parishioners were present with Mr Holcroft, the agent for their planning applications at Donkey Land. He gave details of the application and reasons for making them. Councillor Wharf listened to this but explained he would not be taking part in the decision making.</p>	
10/144	<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>Councillor Fairhurst reported that the County Council was carrying out work to ensure that there was a footpath sign for each path that starts from a metalled road. He had maps of the parish, with each footpath marked, and asked if Councillors would assist in this. Councillors agreed to do so and Councillor Fairhurst will allocate areas for each one.</p> <p>Councillor Margetts raised the matter of the Bere Regis show 2011 and the meeting he attended on 1st November. Miss Stone has also written on this matter suggesting that the show could be more of a community event involving more organisations and people. A request has been made for some help towards the start up costs, Councillor Wharf proposed £50 which was seconded by Councillor Howard and agreed.</p> <p>The pavement along the C6 near the school is covered in leaves and is very slippery. <i>PMN. The Clerk reported this to DCC 16/11/2010.</i></p> <p>The Council has been asked if it would support extra times for the taxi service because people feel they do not get enough time in Wareham. More publicity will be put in the Parish Magazine and the Clerk is to write to Mr Impett to say the Council will do what it can to help to publicise the service.</p> <p>The Drax Hall Committee has written regarding a screen for the hall. The Clerk will obtain some information on screens.</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>LWF</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10/145	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <p>Councillor Howard proposed that the minutes of the meeting on 14th October 2010 were correct, this was seconded by Councillor Pitcher and agreed.</p>	
10/146	<p><u>Matters arising from those minutes</u></p> <p>Diamond Jubilee 2012 – The Village Forum will discuss this at its next meeting.</p>	

	<p>Purbeck Volunteer of the Year. It was agreed to put Councillor C Maunders name forward</p> <p>Parish Certificate of Merit. Mrs Lyn Fancy was put forward for the next meeting together with Peter Larder and Peter White.</p> <p>Weeds on the streets. PDC have expressed an interest in helping out once the weeds have been chopped down. Councillor Howard did not think that this was the right way forward and it was agreed to look at this in conjunction with the Lengthmans Scheme.</p>	Clerk
10/147	<p><u>Planning and Housing</u></p> <p>The Planning Working Party had met and sent round their recommendations. Councillor Wharf declared an interest and took no part in the decision making. After a discussion on the applications Councillor Margetts proposed there be no objections to the following applications, this was seconded by Councillor Howard and agreed.</p> <p>6/2010/0632: 17 North Street. Change of use from shop and office to dwelling. 6/2010/0654: 4 Donkey Lane. Demolish dwelling and erect 2 storey dwelling. 6/2010/0675: 3 Donkey Lane. Demolish dwelling and erect detached dwelling. 6/2010/0671: Fire Station Replace existing antenna.</p> <p>Play Park Planning. Councillor Munnings reported that this Council owns the land where the existing play park is. PDC owns the land, earmarked for the new one, and this will be handed over to the County Council. Until this is completed nothing more could be done.</p> <p>Play Park repairs. It was agreed to go ahead with the specification of work provided by Councillors Maunders, Pitcher, Howard and Munnings. It was agreed that quotes be obtained within seven days with a view to the work being completed by the end of November.</p>	Council Clerk
10/148	<p><u>District Councillors Report</u></p> <p>The Core Strategy is out for further consultation. This Council is in favour of the proposals for Bere Regis and it was agreed that the Chairman should complete the response form.</p> <p>The Boardwalk improvements have been discussed and the cost will be £12,000 and PDC had requested that this Council contribute £600. Councillor Wharf said that there was funding available from Viridor but only Parish Councils could apply. It was agreed that the Clerk should meet Ms Lilley to ensure the form was filled out correctly. If funding was made available then this Council could pay 5% of the balance.</p> <p>There is a meeting on 24th November to discuss the future of the school. As well as the Governors Steve Dring (PDC), Alex Brenton (DCC) and Councillor Wharf will attend. He felt that this Council should take the lead on this subject. On the electoral review PDC decided to stay as it is rather than change the whole Council.</p> <p>He also felt that there should be photos of the Council on public display probably in the Drax Hall or Post Office window. Lists of planning applications could also be put up each month.</p>	IV Clerk

10/149	<p><u>Village Environment</u></p> <p>Stone signs for the village. The Clerk is waiting for the replies from the statutory undertakings.</p> <p>Lengthmans Scheme. There is a lot of preparation for this plus liaising with Purbeck District Council and the County Council.</p> <p>Village Tidy. This was not very well supported and Councillor Ventham has made his point on this. If anyone has any suggestions on how to improve the take up for 2011 please let Councillor Howard know.</p> <p>Garages at Egdon Close/Green Close. The Clerk has received a phone call from Mr McCarthy of Synergy regarding the garages explaining what has happened. He agreed things had been done slowly and that they have looked at the matter again. The garages at Green Close will not be demolished but those at Egdon Close will go. They will be replaced by a tarmac parking area which will be fenced with a locking gate with the users getting their own key. They have now introduced a two letter system 1) informing tenants of what is being done and 2) the results and giving 28 days notice of any tenancy that is to be terminated. A written copy of the letter to the MP explaining this will be forwarded to this Council.</p> <p>Path from West Street to Turberville Road. The information provided doesn't make the position clear and the Clerk is to write to Mr Meggs asking him for a proper plan of the land in and around the area concerned. Councillor Munnings has not been able to establish ownership of the land in question from the Land Registry. Councillor Fairhurst felt if the owner could be found the Council could request the landowner to dedicate the path as a right of way. The Clerk is to obtain more evidence forms for the Post Office and the stores and for individual councillors.</p> <p>Defects. There is a tree down on the footpath at the side of the cemetery leading to Blackhill The Clerk will contact DCC.</p> <p>The roads surface in the lay by near the play park has not been repaired and there are blocked drains at the junction of Shitterton and Sitterton Close and outside 49 Old Barn Road. The Clerk will chase this up.</p> <p>Cemetery Trees. Councillor T Maunder has spoken to the Tree Officer at PDC who says the Council can do what is needed. He has also spoken to a tree surgeon and they will look at the trees together. Councillor Maunder will then provide a specification of work for the Council to approve. It was agreed that this be done.</p> <p>Christmas Trees Councillor T Maunder has a list of 50 names requesting Christmas trees and it was agreed to order 50 four foot trees and one eight foot tree from the Morden Estates Company for him to collect in the first week of December.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>MH</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>TM</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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10/150	<p><u>Traffic and Transportation</u></p> <p>There is nothing to report except that the letter regarding Chamberlaynes has been sent to Mrs Bircumshaw.</p>	
10/151	<p><u>Children and Children and Youth</u></p> <p>Councillor Duncanson reported the next task is to arrange a trip to Bovington to see the facilities there. Six people are already interested and the group has to contact Steve Lacy (DCC) to find out what procedures have to be used.</p>	AD
10/152	<p><u>Community Liaison</u></p> <p>The Village Forum had a good turn out and there was a lot of support and support for the Council. The next meeting should discuss the Diamond Jubilee and it was agreed to hold it on 19th February 2011. The Clerk will book the hall. Councillor Duncanson will email the village organisations</p>	Clerk AD
10/153	<p><u>Police and Security</u></p> <p>Councillor Margetts reported there had been an attempt to steal the organ pipes from the church and he will put this in the Parish Magazine and include himself as the person to contact on matters of security.</p> <p>Councillor Pitcher reported that there were some areas of graffiti in the village. Councillor Ventham has the removal kit</p>	
10/154	<p><u>Children and County Councillors Report</u></p> <p>The County Council has found £22,000,000 in savings to_date and has to find a further £24,000,000. This is because all grants from Government have been cut and the the Council Tax has been capped at 2%.</p> <p>Library funding is to be cut although DCC are to spend £5,000,000 on a new library in Dorchester although 95% of users are happy with the existing one. There will be cuts in access to Adult day centres and transport will be more expensive.</p> <p>The No Excuse scheme should be continuing as it is so effective.</p> <p>Highways has asked for an extra £1,000,000 to get C and D Roads up to a reasonable quality but plan to save money in the next 5 years. The winter service has been checked and revamped with more gritting in villages of over 750 houses and most routes to schools.</p> <p>QE school has overrun again and will now cost more than £50,000,000. The cabinet has voted to keep the revamp of Purbeck schools as a capital priority and outdoor education will have to be self funding. Out of school education will be cut and the service altered. Youth centres and worker will be cut back drastically and village hall grants will be stopped after a freeze for the last year.</p> <p>Staff will bear the brunt of the cuts, reducing redundancy payments and laying</p>	

	<p>off 2.5% of the staff. However, the increase in the unemployed will effect the whole area</p> <p>The application for the waste management system at Winfrith is on the County Planning agenda for December 1st.</p> <p>Permission has been given for cattle grids at Oakers and Briantspuddle Heath so the area will be open cattle grazed</p>	
10/155	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>The monthly expenditure for November, totalling £605, was presented. Councillor Margetts proposed that this be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Duncanson and agreed.</p> <p>The Budget and Financial Statement for October 2010 were accepted. 2011/2101 budget. It was felt that a long term strategy should be used for the maintenance of the existing and any new play park.</p> <p>After a discussion on the request for help from Victim Support, Councillor Margetts proposed £75, this was seconded by Councillor Munnings and agreed.</p>	
10/156	<p><u>Communications</u></p> <p>Good contact with parishioners is essential and ideas are needed. If Councillors can think of ways please let the Chairman know. This is to go on the agenda for December.</p> <p>Items for the Parish Magazine are Village Forum, Bere Regis Show, Taxi Service, Councillor Margetts as the PACT contact for reporting incidents and the footpath from West Street to Turberville Road.</p>	Clerk
	<p><u>Actions to be carried forward</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath signs • Screen for Drax Hall • Certificates of Merit • Bere Regis School 	