

Bere Regis Parish Council

Meeting of a meeting held on 9th December 2010 at 7pm

Minute		Action
Present	Councillors L Alderman, A Duncanson, L W Fairhurst, M Howard, R Margetts, C Maunder, T Maunder, S Munnings, R Pitcher, I Ventham (Chairman) , A Brenton (DCC) and Mr J Ruddock (Clerk)	
10/157	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>No apologies have been received. The Chairman welcomed back Councillor C Maunder, following his recent illness.</p>	
10/158	<p><u>Period for Public Participation</u></p> <p>No parishioners were present but we were joined by our PCSO.</p>	
10/159	<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>Councillor Fairhurst reminded the other Councillors what they had agreed to do regarding the identification of footpaths with no signs. The dog bin at the beginning of Egdon Close has not been emptied. The Clerk will write to PDC. The trees on the land at the rear of Sitterton Close are very high. One resident has written to Synergy and the Clerk will write to the tree officer about them. During the recent bad weather there had been no visit from the gritter on the 2nd or 3rd. Councillor Brenton said the procedure was to provide one way in and out of villages. It was agreed that the Clerk write to DCC asking for their list for gritting under the Winter Services policy, asking for West Street, Elder Road and Manor Farm Road to be added to it and also to point out the road from Gallows Hill to Waddock Cross had not been gritted. The list could be published with a request that parishioners use the grit bins provided for them. Two other areas were suggested for bins: one on the corner of Old Barn Road and one at the top of Manor Farm Road, these were agreed if sites can be found.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>MH</p>
10/160	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting</u></p> <p>Councillor Fairhurst proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2010 be accepted as correct; this was seconded by Councillor R Pitcher and agreed.</p>	
10/161	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p>	

	<p><u>Graffiti</u> This was on the dog bin at Egdon Close, the sign for Bere Stream and the footbridge although a lot appears to have been washed away. No action at present</p> <p><u>Diamond Jubilee 2012</u> The Village Forum will discuss this at its next meeting. The Chairman felt this Council should have its own view on what could be done to mark the event. Various options were discussed and it was agreed that the Council could facilitate an event for the village rather than organising it.</p> <p><u>Honoraria.</u> It was agreed that these should be given to Peter Larder and Peter White.</p>	IV
10/162	<p><u>Planning and Housing</u></p> <p>The Planning Working Groups recommendations of no objections to the following planning applications were agreed:</p> <p>6/2010/0681 Purbeck Shooting School, Puddletown Road. Extend Permission for 2 steel containers and a portable toilet.</p> <p>6/2010/0681 Purbeck Shooting School, Puddletown Road. Extend permission for a wooden chalet for use as a clubhouse.</p> <p>6/2010/0755 74, West Street. Replace a wooden beam in the kitchen and insert a steel supporting beam.</p> <p>Planning Application 6/2010/0451. Mistover Knap. The appeal, against the refusal for permission by PDC has been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p><u>Play Park Planning.</u> Councillor Munnings reported that PDC cannot move on this until the County Council have agreed to adopt and maintain the path and boardwalk in the future. It is hoped a decision will be made in January 2011.</p> <p><u>Trees in the Conservation area.</u> All application for work on trees will go to the Planning Working Party and on the notice board.</p>	
10/163	<p><u>Village Environment</u></p> <p><u>DCC Matters.</u> Councillor Howard has been liaising with DCC officers regarding the removal of old signs and general tidying up.</p>	

	<p>The PMU will be coming in February 2011 so there is time to prepare a list. Councillors please contact the Clerk with details of any jobs they find.</p> <p><u>Boardwalk.</u></p> <p>The Chairman has the application form for funding from Viridor.</p> <p><u>Synergy/Egdon Close Garages.</u> The Clerk has been informed, by phone that the necessary investigations are in hand that will enable a full response to the last letter sent to them.</p> <p><u>Village Signs</u> The Clerk has had some replies from the utility companies and has chased up others. He will do so again.</p> <p><u>Path from West Street to Turberville Road.</u> Some completed forms, to create a right of way, have been received but it was agreed the more evidence the better. The Clerk will continue to pick these up from the Post Office and Stores. Councillor Howard raised the matter of the letter that was sent to Mr Meggs asking for a better plan of the area. This has been done but there has not been a reply. The Clerk will write again,</p> <p><u>Defects.</u> Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Cemetery.</u> Councillor T Maunder has spoken to Mr Howells (PDC) about the trees and he is happy for the Council to do whatever it feels is necessary to remedy the situation. Councillor Maunder will, with the Clerk, prepare a specification of work and then obtain 3 quotes.</p> <p><u>Lengthmans Scheme.</u> Councillors Fairhurst, Howard and Margetts have been looking into the contract, with the contractor, using a basic agreement and he asked for the Councils approval to approach PDC to do the legal checks on it. This was agreed. If PDC could not manage the work perhaps the County Council could. The County Councils contribution of £5,500 is approximately 50% of the staff costs for a year. However, the District Council budget has been affected quite severely with the cuts to grants and may not be able to help. Councillor Howard is assembling a pack for applicants. This will be advertised in the Parish Magazine but if any Councillor knows of anyone who may be interested please let them know</p>	<p>IV</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>TM/Clerk</p>
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	<p>where they can get a pack. These are to be returned to the Clerk in time for interviews in January 2011.</p>	
10/164	<p><u>Police and Security</u></p> <p>The PACT van was in the village on 4th December 2011 and the visit was quite successful. 22 people signed up for the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and will get automatic phone calls or emails when necessary. It is hoped the van will return when it is warmer and hopefully will attract a larger take up,</p> <p>Crime in the village has been quiet recently but there have been 2 burglaries in Wool. PC Stuart has produced a letter, about theft of lead from the church, for Rev Woodward to approve before it is circulated.</p>	
10/165	<p><u>Traffic and Transport</u></p> <p>Councillor Alderman asked if anyone had any details of the use of the taxi service. Councillor Wharf or Mr Impett, of DCC, are the best people to ask.</p> <p>A parishioner has expressed concern over the impact that Olympic traffic in 2012 might have on the roads and whether Weymouth traffic would be signed along the A35, rather than the C6. Alex Brenton explained that the ODA is a transport authority and would deal with all this and have the final decision. At present the preferred routes are via A31 and A35 with the C6 as a reserve route. The Clerk will inform the parishioner of this</p>	Clerk
10/166	<p><u>Children and Youth</u></p> <p>The Chairman and Clerk decided to give the urgent repair work to Mr P Syrett and will ask him if he would be prepared to keep an eye on it in future. The Clerk will write to Mr King informing him he was unsuccessful this time. The recent meeting at the school was called because the governors wish to keep in touch with what is going on. Councillor Fairhurst explained this Councils position. They are concerned about the County Council' plan and with the financial situation as it is they will be looking at alternatives.</p>	Clerk
10/167	<p><u>Community Liaison</u></p> <p>Screens. The Drax Hall Committee would like to have a portable screen</p>	

	<p>because some groups arrange the room differently when they meet. The Chairman felt that a large drop down screen, positioned just above the proscenium arch would be ideal for most uses.</p> <p>After a discussion Councillor Munnings proposed that a screen of each type be purchased, this was seconded by Councillor Pitcher and agreed. Costs were like to be less than £500. Councillor Margetts agreed to do the necessary research.</p> <p>Royal Wedding.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Council could facilitate an event and suggestions were made to utilise the tables etc from the Drax Hall and Councillor Duncanson would approach the Sports Club to see if the rec could be the venue. If they were happy with this then they could be asked to provide a Chairman for the working group of village organisations.</p> <p>There were 3 main requirements 1) furniture 2) food and 3) things to do.</p> <p>Three names have been put forward for Parish Certificates of Merit. The Clerk will invite them to the next meeting.</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10/168	<p><u>County Councillors Report</u></p> <p>The application for a waste to energy conversion facility at Dorset Green has been approved. This means £96,000 to the Purbeck Transport Development Fund and £30 to 40,000 to the County Council to ease roundabouts en route.</p> <p>The County Council has been discussing Children and Adult Services and so far the cuts are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for up to 20 of the 34 libraries. It is assumed that District and Parish Councils and communities will support this. • A reduction in the number of day centres • A reduction in the provision of careers advice. Connections has closed because there is no more government funding. Schools will be looked at to provide this. • 100 redundancies in children’s services <p>Government funding will go directly to the schools and there will be less money.</p> <p>There is to be a 5% cut in road maintenance, mainly the smaller ones.</p> <p>There will be 400 more redundancies and recruitment stopped in August.</p>	
10/169	<u>Finance</u>	

	<p>Councillor Munnings proposed that the monthly expenditure for December 2010, totalling £2,066.24, be approved, this was seconded by Councillor Margetts and agreed.</p> <p>A discussion took place on Christmas trees and the holders. The Chairman wanted to be assured that all the trees were displayed outside people's houses. It was agreed that the provision of trees and holders be publicised earlier in 2011.</p> <p>Councillor Fairhurst proposed that the Budget and Financial Statement for November 2010 be accepted, this was seconded by Councillor Duncanson and agreed.</p> <p>The Finance Working Party will meet on 16th December to discuss the Risk Assessment and finance for 2011/2012.</p> <p>Councillors have had a copy of the example and if they can find any item not included could they pass it on to the Chairman or Clerk.</p>	
190/170	<p><u>Communication</u></p> <p>The Chairman felt that a small group of parishioners, not necessarily Councillors, should meet to discuss what would be a good way to improve this. Councillor Alderman agreed to Chair this and Councillor Duncanson would assist him.</p> <p>For the Parish Magazine. Gritting and bins, Olympic routes, Egdon Close garages, Christmas trees etc, village forum and the Royal Wedding.</p>	<p>IA/AD</p> <p>IV</p>
	<p><u>Action to be carried forward</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synergy • Cemetery trees • Lengthmans Scheme • Taxi Scheme • Screens • Egdon Close, dog bin • Trees rear of Sitterton Close • Gritting • Royal Wedding 	