

**MINUTES OF BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12th JANUARY 2012 AT THE DRAX HALL,
BERE REGIS , COMMENCING 7PM**

Present: Cllrs R Pitcher R Margetts C Maunder L Alderman
T Maunder M Howard S Munnings A Duncanson
L Fairhurst District Cllr P Wharf

Chair: Cllr I Ventham

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

In attendance: County Cllr A Brenton

2 members of the public.

11/178 To receive the County Councillor's report

11/178/1 Bus Services – 347 & 387 currently coming through the village will be stopping from 18th February 2012. There will be a meeting on Friday 13th January with County in the hope that Yellow Buses, the original bidder, may be persuaded to take the route on if only to cover the school runs. An e-mail will be sent to DCC asking to clarify the situation – Miles Butler – ask what alternatives are to be put in place to enable the children to get to school. *Post meeting note – the deregistration will not now take place until after 14th April. In the meantime, Damory will cooperate with DCC in reviewing all the current services in the Dorchester area with a view to designing an alternative viable network.*

ACTION: CLERK

11/178/2 School Buses – buses have been resized to 70 seaters and all the people on the waiting list from Bere Regis who were awaiting concessionary passes have now been allocated spaces.

11/178/3 Purbeck School Review – should be moving on a pace.

11/178/4 Purchase of school site – no further news as yet but Cllr Munnings to follow up and find out what is happening from Graingers.

ACTION: CLLR MUNNINGS

11/179 To receive the District Councillor's report

11/179/1 Grass cutting – number of cuts are to be reduced throughout the county to 6 times per year. All the various grades of cutting /have been reduced.

11/179/2 Synergy is to merge with the Aster Group who are a much larger organisation.

11/179/3 Rural Exception Site Review – documentation passed to PWP

11/180 To receive apologies for absence

None.

11/181 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2011

A copy had been issued to councillors prior to the meeting. They were proposed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting by Cllr Margetts and seconded by Cllr Munnings. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

11/182 Matters arising from those minutes, not covered by this agenda

11/182/1 Volunteer of the Year – The nomination for Mr Terry Vine has been submitted and accepted. PDC will contact Mrs Vine accordingly.

11/183 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA 1972

Cllr Ventham declared a personal interest in the Mulberry View planning application as this is a neighbour.
Cllr Fairhurst declared a personal interest in the planning application regarding 7 North Street.

11/184 Key topics

District Cllr Wharf withdrew from this discussion.

11/184/1 Elder Road Open Space – the proposal will go to full council on the 21st February 2012. It was suggested that parish council wait until the path is adopted before we agree to accept the proposal. Cllr Wharf will check to see what is needed to produce a Management Plan.

2 main issues – (a) the principle of taking the area over and keeping the care of the site in local hands and (b) the council is embarking on a whole system of cost cutting, one of which may well be the reduction in the maintenance of areas such as this. This would result in an asset transfer of £40,000 to the Parish Council's balance sheet

In principle the Parish Council is unanimously in favour of taking over the area.

If they are spending £5,000 per annum at present, it may be a better option that we would like to receive the full £5,000 in the first year and not the 75% being offered. Perhaps the handover could be carried over a four year period starting at 100% and reducing annually by 25%. Cllr Margetts will attend the Policy Group Meeting if the Chairman is unable to attend and put forward this suggestion.

It was suggested some form of due diligence should take place highlighting any severe problems that may arise. A survey needs to be carried out to check what we are planning on taking on and this could then be used as a tool to back up our claim for the increased funds.

The Scout Hut would have a contract with the Parish Council in exactly the same format as they currently have with the District Council.

Tony Bates reminded councillors that the woodland area is a site of SNCI. The Bere Regis Wildlife Group would welcome taking on this piece of land.

District Cllr Wharf re-joined the meeting.

11/184/1 Village Forum – 25th February Saturday 9.30am for 10am start – topics to include

- Stone Signs – Cllr Alderman & Ventham
- Play area – to be a display – Cllr Pitcher and Clerk
- Diamond Jubilee – Cllrs Duncanson & Ventham
- Neighbourhood Plan – 5 minute briefing – Cllr Munnings

Cllr Wharf left the room.

11/185 Planning & Housing

11/185/1 To consider planning applications

11/185/1/1 6/2011/0777: Mulberry View, Shitterton – erect single storey extension - No Objection

11/185/1/2 6/2011/0776: Mulberry View, Shitterton – erect detached garage – No Objection

11/185/1/3 6/2011/0761: 7 North Street – erect detached workshop – No objection

11/185/1/4 6/2011/0759: 24 Southbrook House – convert existing detached garage into annexe to be used as ancillary accommodation. No objection.

It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Margetts and agreed unanimously that the recommendations of the PWP are accepted.

ACTION: CLERK

11/185/2 To consider tree work applications

None.

Cllr Wharf re-joined the meeting.

11/185/3 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Munnings has agreed to lead this project.

11/186 Village Environment

11/186/1 Stone signs for the village – Progress Report

Cllr Howard – locations have been agreed and a slightly more detailed plan is required as to how we are going to install them and when.

Cllr Ventham has drawn up an insert to go into the Parish Magazine.

ACTION: CLLR ALDERMAN

11/186/2 Lengthsman Scheme

Cllr Howard – two quotes have been received with regard to the pathway from the boardwalk to Elder Road.

The Clerk will be meeting two contractors to get estimates to put against this.

Essential work to the play park – the work has now been carried out. 5 posts have been replaced at a cost £275.

ACTION: CLERK

11/186/3 Cemetery

Jon Cleave has been doing the on-going hedge work and our thanks are extended to him for the amount of work he has done on the cemetery hedges. Cllr Ventham will send a letter and attach one of the Parish Certificates.

ACTION: CLLR VENTHAM

Hiscocks have yet to return the contract. The Clerk will follow up.

ACTION: CLERK

11/186/4 Footpath upgrade – still no news from the contractor.

11/186/5 Souls Moor

Viridor have responded to our application with various questions and the responses need to be returned as soon as possible.

Cllr Pitcher will get two quotes for the fencing. Tony Bates reported that the Wildlife Trust have bid for some large sums of money in respect of projects similar to Souls Moor and they have submitted Souls Moor as one site that could be used to help train volunteers and raise public awareness of wildlife.

11/186/4 Defects

- Trees came down in the gales at the end of Shitterton Close – possibly on Synergy land – we believe they may be dangerous.
- Tree blown down by the original bridge on the board walk.
- West side of North Street drains.

8pm Cllr Wharf left the meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

11/187 Traffic, Public Transport and Roads

11/187/1 School Crossing Patrol

Following a meeting held at the school, it was agreed that the school will contact various large local business for support via sponsorship. The Parish Council will support whatever action they decide to take but will not be called upon for financial assistance.

11/188 Children & Youth

11/188/1 To receive an update on the proposed play area upgrade

Cllr Pitcher met with Martin Cooke from H & L and Andy Frost, the designer, has attended the school and carried out some workshops with the children.

The Parents group will be meeting next Thursday to discuss their level of involvement.

11/189 Community Liaison

11/189/1 Diamond Jubilee Plans

The Committee will be meeting at the end of January 2012. Two meetings have already held and this meeting will involve the person who will be doing the marketing. At present, it is thought that the Church service and street parties will be held on the Sunday, the Carnival on the Monday followed by the party at the sports club. There will be no fireworks but there will be a beacon, possibly at the end of the sports field.

Hopefully there will be various entertainments throughout the day. Twinning, Scribblers, the Pop in Place and the Gardening Club are all planning events to celebrate the Jubilee.

11/189 Police and Security

Cllr Margetts reported that the village had been very quiet in general. Only two serious incidents had occurred this year – a drugs bust in Elder Road on Sunday and a car crash on Saturday afternoon outside Central Stores.

11/190 Finance

11/190/1 To approve monthly expenditure

The following payments had been requested:

H & L Management	Consultancy fees	1340	1050.00
DCC	Install traffic tubes	1341	420.00
P Critchell	Lengthsman – December 2011	1342	717.98
J Hiscocks	January 2012 cemetery grass cutting	1343	230.00
M Howard	Mileage, stationery	1344	29.80
Marquess of Salisbury	58 Christmas trees	1345	600.38
T Maunder	Christmas lighting & village trees	1346	86.00
Mrs A Crocker	January 2012 wages, honoraria, post	1347	400.67
HMRC	January 2012 PAYE	1348	86.40

The total amount requested from the Precept is £3,621.23. The payments were proposed by Cllr Alderman and seconded by Cllr Margetts and signed by two councillors in the presence of the meeting.

11/190/2 To confirm reconciliation of accounts

A copy had been distributed to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

11/190/3 Comparison to budgets

A copy had been distributed to all members prior to the start of the meeting.

11/190/4 To agree the budget for the year ended 31st March 2013

A copy of the proposed budget had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting – showing a proposed precept of £33,000.00 which equates to a 3.68% increase.

It was proposed by Cllr Munnings and seconded by Cllr Maunder and agreed unanimously that the 2013 precept is set at £33,000.00.

11/191 Communications

- Village Forum
- School Crossing sponsors

- Bus service
- Precept and how it is made up

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9 pm

Signed:

Dated: