

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

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

Chair: Cllr I Ventham

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

In attendance: Insp Tracey Baker, County Cllr A Brenton

No members of the public

The Chairman welcomed Insp Tracey Baker to the meeting and thanked her for attending. She explained that she was in charge of all policing in the Purbecks. She explained that there some community information offered at the time of the fires but there was insufficient information to take any action. There was a significant gap to the next incident at the beginning of March at Court Farm. It should be noted that the Fire Service will also carry out their own investigation to incidents and, with regard to the Court Farm case, they felt they could handle this particular incident and report back to the Police. Patrols were taking place after the first weekend in March and a number of individuals were stopped and spoken to during this period. Two individuals were arrested towards the end of last week before the Easter Bank Holiday weekend and they were subsequently released on Police bail. To assist in future community involvement, the Chairman suggested that the Facebook page could be used, together with the community e-mail list held by the Clerk and District Councillor. The CPS decision is awaited pending investigation but to date no-one has been formally charged.

11.224 Public Participation

No members of the public.

11.225 To receive the County Councillor's report

11.225.1 347/387 Bus Service – At the Cabinet meeting on the 21st March it was agreed that DCC would pay the subsidy to Damory to run the buses until the 8th June, allowing an EU compliant procurement procedure to be put in place. What happens after that is still under discussion. Whatever is decided upon, there will still be a subsidised service and the time table has still to be agreed. First have registered an interest in running a service from Lychett into Poole but are not interested in coming as far as Bere Regis. The early morning buses will come through as normal but the middle of the day buses will not go through Lychett as First now has that service. Effectively Bere Regis is the same as it was before until June. There is a strong possibility that the transport may be lost in one direction probably the Dorchester route. A letter will be sent to Miles Butler asking him to confirm what is happening as, having had a report from our County Councillor, we note that things have moved on but we have yet to be formally told of the outcome. In addition, we would support those concerns expressed by PDC.

ACTION: CLERK

11.225.2 School Crossing – Councillor Brenton confirmed that the school have obtained sponsorship from local businesses and the crossing has been saved – at least for the time being. As a result, the redundancy notice that had been issued has been stopped.

11.225.3 Snow Plough Initiative – The Parish Council has been asked to supply a map highlighting the roads that we can clear, together with the name and details of a suitable contractor. To date, 10% of the parishes have expressed an interest in the scheme. A letter will be sent the local farmers asking if anyone would be willing to take on the plough.

ACTION: CLLRS ALDERMAN/PITCHER & CLERK

11.226 To receive the District Councillor's report

11.226.1 Elections – Bere Regis, Bloxworth and Affpuddle would not be holding elections this year but there will be elections in 8 other Purbeck wards

11.226.2 347/387 Bus Service – At the April District Council meeting, Cllr Wharf submitted an emergency resolution concerning the potential loss of this service. The motion was debated and unanimously supported and representations will now be made to DCC expressing the grave concerns regarding the potential loss of the service.

11.226.3 Changes to the Planning Regime - This was also debated at the April District Council meeting. Two changes have been made to the original representations – these regard the referral of applications and site visits. It is proposed that site visits will be restricted to the councillors who sit on the planning board, the ward member and one member of the parish council.

11.227 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr R Margetts (holiday)

Cllr M Howard (ill)

11.228 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2012

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 Munnings and seconded by Cllr Fairhurst. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

11.229 Matters arising from those minutes, not covered by this agenda

11.229.1 Dog Bin – PDC are happy for a bin to be installed and will organise emptying. We are currently awaiting confirmation of location of dog bin at Court Farm.

ACTION: CLERK

11.230 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA 1972

No interests were declared at this time.

11.231 Key topics

11.231.1 Souls Moor Update – The Chairman reported that the project was moving ahead with Savills and Viridor have responded with a grant of £10,000.00 towards the purchase of the land.

11.231.2 Neighbourhood Plan – A meeting of steering committee was held on 11th April. A Vision Statement is currently being put together which will then be passed to the sub committees. The intention is that the first draft will be ready in the autumn. Jon Cleave has kindly agreed to conduct a very simple review of the Parish Plan. Once completed, it will then be possible to decide whether or not we wish to rewrite the Plan or do an update. If he can report back by July then any findings can be fed back into the Neighbourhood Plan if necessary. The proposed flier was issued to all members. With some minor changes, this will go out with the Housing Needs Survey. Cllr Munnings then ran through the makeup of the steering committee and its aims.

11.231.3 May meeting – This is also the Annual Parish Council. An e-mail will be issued to all current councillors asking if they wish to stand for the coming year. A letter will also be sent to as many local groups as possible, inviting them to attend.

11.232 Planning & Housing

11.232.1 To consider planning applications

11.232.1.1 6/2012/0147: Chamberlaynes, Bere Regis – erect 1st floor extn with Juliette balcony & front porch
The PWP recommended no objections.

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

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr P Wharf reported that the planning application in respect of 24 Southbrook has now been approved with conditions.

11.232.2 To consider tree work applications

None.

11.233 Village Environment

11.233.1 Stone signs for the village – Progress Report

Cllrs Howard and Ventham have been to the quarry again to check on the stones and confirm the wording. The stones are due to arrive in the village on the 8th May. The Chairman suggested putting a time capsule beneath one of the stones and asking the First School if they would like to assemble the items to go into the capsule. Cllr Pitcher and Cllr Duncanson will take this on and visit the school.

ACTION: CLLRS DUNCANSON/PITCHER

11.233.2 Souls Moor Update from Wildlife Group

Cllr Pitcher reported that the group has met and are in the process of formulating a management plan. This is being led Tony Bates in conjunction with the Dorset Wildlife Group. The next meeting will take place as a site visit with the date yet to be arranged. Part of the management plan consists of the site be partially grazed but the exact details will be made public at a later date. There will be a consultation at the next bio-blitz in June and a new information board will be installed explaining everything that is going on.

The remaining land has now been purchased and DCC will be buying the 3.5 acre site subject to planning consent. It is understood they have agreed to pay £20,000 now and a further £60,000 when planning permission is granted. Although the new owner of the land is not known, it is known that the land has not been purchased with a view to development. At the moment it is understood that the current tenant has been asked to continue farming it for the next 6 months until September.

11.233.3 Cemetery

Cllr T Maunder informed the meeting that it is now important that a new contract is sorted out. The Clerk will continue to identify potential contractors and organise quotations to be put before members at the May meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

11.233.4 To consider a grant application from the Bere Regis Garden Show & Scarecrow Festival

An application had been received from the committee of the Bere Regis Garden Show & Scarecrow Festival for a sum of £150 to cover the initial costs and advertising leading up to the festival. It was proposed by Cllr C Maunder, seconded by Cllr Munnings and agreed unanimously that the request is accepted. The Clerk will contact Mrs Montgomery, informing her of the decision and requesting copy invoices before the cheque can be issued.

ACTION: CLERK

11.233.5 Elder Road Path Improvements & PDC proposals

The Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting with PDC on 28th March to discuss their proposal in respect of the handover of the site. Following this meeting, PDC now have to go back to the officers and resubmit the Parish Council's request. .

11.233.6 Footpath Review

A copy of the review papers had been issued to all members with the agenda.

The Clerk reported that an application for a definitive map modification order had been received with regard to the footpath running behind Culver Dell, Shitterton. Evidence of continued usage must be submitted by the 8th May.

11.233.7 Flood Warning Meeting

Cllr Alderman attended the meeting on the 27th March and reported that the Flood Warning Act 2010 has now been cascaded down to the Parish Councils. It has been suggested that an annex is added to the Winter Maintenance Plan. The Parish Council will need to register with the local authority to tell them what we are doing. Funding is available but how much and what it can be used for is yet to be determined. There exists a government grant for £3500 per household for flood prevention action. The Clerk will work with Cllr Alderman to draw up a contingency plan.

ACTION: CLERK/CLLR ALDERMAN

11.233.8 Defects

- Old Barn Road & North Street drains blocked and need clearing – Cllr Howard will be asked to ring his usual contact. Cllr Alderman pointed out that the drains need to be cleared in line with flood contingency plan.
- Broken drain at North Street – DCC to be contacted.
- Shitterton Bridge: plank needs repairing – PDC

ACTION: CLERK/CLLR HOWARD

11.234 Traffic, Public Transport and Roads

11.234.1 To consider the loss of the 347/387 bus service – update

Discussed under the County Councillor report – nothing further to add.

11.235 Children & Youth

11.235.1 To receive an update on the proposed play area upgrade

Cllr Pitcher reported that funding from Synergy has been received totally £7,000. Reapplication of Dorset Community Fund and Viridor application will go in shortly. The Drax has been very helpful in raising money and there are a lot of things going on.

11.236 Community Liaison

11.236.1 Diamond Jubilee Plans - since the last meeting there are several groups interested in putting something into the pageant but there is a cut-off date of the 21st April for notifying DCC. The music, beacon, etc are all going to go ahead as planned. The design of the coin has been received and confirmed. Road closures will be submitted. The Risk Assessment was circulated to everyone and it was proposed by Cllr Wharf, seconded by Cllr Fairhurst and agreed unanimously that it is accepted. The insurance cover is to be put in place shortly.

Post meeting note: The insurance cover is now in place, the road closures known have been submitted and the Temporary Events Licence applied for.

11.236.2 PPG – Cllr Maunder reported that the new doctor, Dr James Jackson, will be starting on the 4th May. To begin, he will be at the practice Monday to Friday mornings only. This will be issued in the Surgery News and we extend our welcome to Dr Jackson. The Surgery is considering running a health event in early July. This will consist of exercise teams available to tell people what they have to offer.

11.236.3 Wreath – Cllr Maunder highlighted the fact that we, as a Parish Council, have never laid a wreath on the war memorial. He proposed that we spend the £25 necessary to purchase a wreath for this year's ceremony. This was seconded by Cllr Pitcher and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: CLLR C MAUNDER

11.236.2 Website Proposal

CLlr Fairhurst declared an interest in this item and did not take part in the discussion or voting. The Clerk reported that an offer to produce a dedicated Parish Council web site in the sum of £260 had been received from Nathan Fairhurst. As this was well below the requirements for tendering it was proposed by Cllr C Maunder, seconded by Cllr Pitcher and agreed unanimously that he is instructed to go ahead. In addition, the bereregisparishcouncil.co.uk name has already been purchased and the Clerk will purchase the .org domain as well.

ACTION: CLERK

11.237 Police and Security

Nothing to report.

11.238 Finance

11.238.1 To approve monthly expenditure

The following payments had been requested:

DAPTC	Localism Act Update seminar fees	1362	75.00
P Critchell	February Lengthsman invoice	1363	1004.78
BWBSL	50% Cemetery Rates	1364	70.00
PDC	Temporary Events Licence	1365	21.00
Viridor	3 rd party levy re Souls Moor	1366	1020.40
Mrs A Crocker	April wages, mileage	1367	436.05
HMRC	PAYE April 2012	1368	142.50
P Critchell	Cemetery grass cut	1369	230.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £2,999.73. The payments were proposed by Cllr Alderman, seconded by Cllr Munnings and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed by two councillors in the presence of the meeting.

11.239.2 To confirm reconciliation of accounts

A copy had been distributed to all members prior to the start of the meeting. There were no comments made or queries raised.

11.239.3 Comparison to budgets

A copy had been distributed to all members prior to the start of the meeting. . There were no comments made or queries raised.

11.239.4 To confirm the year end accounts and Annual Governance Statement

This item will be discussed at the May meeting.

11.240 Communications

- Quiz night Monday 14th May – councillors team to be put in 7.30pm teams of 4 2 teams of 4.
- Short bit on arson
- School crossing
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Diamond Jubilee
- Annual parish meeting
- Stone signs

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:46 pm

Signed:

Dated: