



12.68.5 Roundabout Sponsorship – Cllr Margetts expressed concern that the roundabout was renamed following “personal concerns” from the Chairman as stated in the August minutes. The Chairman reported that he had in fact been approached by two residents expressing concern over the proposed new name. A vote was taken to amend the name and this was agreed and a second vote to name the roundabout “Poole Hill Roundabout” was taken and agreed. The amendment to the August minutes was noted.

12.68.6 Neighbourhood Plan funding – Cllr Wharf has spoken to PDC regarding funding assistance with the Plan. Whilst they are sympathetic, they are also suffering from cuts to their budget. PDC are following up the central government news of a £10mill fund for Neighbourhood Plans but, at present, no-one seems to know anything about it. The Parish Council will submit a formal request for financial assistance and a copy of the draft budget will be included with the letter.

**ACTION: CLERK**

12.68.7 Grant for Rights of Way maintenance - A list of path numbers in the vicinity of the village have been passed to the clerk. At the moment the paths are all so overgrown that people are walking on the headlands and so the paths are not being kept short by walkers. The clerk will organise some quotes to have the paths cleared in conjunction with Cllr Fairhurst and pursue the possibility of the DCC grant.

**ACTION: CLERK**

## **12.69 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA 1972**

No interests were declared at this stage.

## **12.70 Key Topics**

### **12.70.1 Neighbourhood Plan adoption of letter, etc.**

All members had been issued with copies of the covering letter, FAQs, questionnaire and map which the Steering Group is proposing to send to every household in the Parish. Cllr Pitcher pointed out the FAQ 21 should read “the Bere Regis SNCI Management Group”. This also appears in question 13 on the questionnaire. Cllr Margetts drew attention to question 13 regarding the route of the bypass and asked if the parish council had the power to put this into the Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman responded saying that we do and this is the sort of item that should be highlighted within the Plan. To date no-one has come forward as a volunteer following the insertion into the parish magazine but it is hoped that they may do once the packs have been sent out. During her review of the proposed pack, Alison Debenham had suggested an alternative layout using a larger layout but this will involve more pages and increasing the cost. The headings will be made uniform. It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Pitcher and agreed unanimously that, once the amendments are made, the documents are adopted and the packs issued.

The Chairman proposed that, as we have budgeted £2000 for the Neighbourhood Plan, we go ahead with the first mailing and see what level of returns are received, whilst speaking to PDC regarding funding. However, no further costs will be incurred until we get some assurance from PDC that they will help. Should we not be able to continue due to lack of funding, we will publicise why it is not going ahead. It was proposed by Cllr Fairhurst, seconded by Cllr Wharf and agreed unanimously that a letter is sent to PDC emphasising the need for their assistance in order to complete the task. The letter will also contain a request for PDC to assist us in finding alternative sources of funding in order to be able to proceed.

**ACTION: CLERK**

County Cllr Alex Brenton reported that Neighbourhood Plans have been mentioned at a several meetings of DCC but as there are none in Dorset at the moment very little attention is being paid to them.

Members were reminded that the debrief by Alison Debenham will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at the Drax Hall, 7.30pm. There were 69 of the first questionnaires returned and the debrief is designed to highlight key points and trends that arose from the returns. All current group members are invited to attend.

## **12.71 Finance**

### 12.71.1 To approve monthly expenditure

The following payments had been requested:

S & S Brown	Notice board upgrades	1418	686.97
K Florek	Cemetery grass cutting August 2012	1419	695.00
CXL		1420	
BR Scout Group	Grant re Union Jack flag	1421	250.00
Mrs A Crocker	September wages, stationery, mileage	1422	538.61
HMRC	September 2012 PAYE	1423	61.00

The total amount of expenditure from the Precept is £2,231.58. The payments were proposed by Cllr Maunder, seconded by Cllr Alderman and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed by two councillors in the presence of the meeting.

### 12.71.2 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.

### 12.71.3 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.

## 12.72 To review planning applications received

Cllr Wharf took no part in discussion or voting during this item.

### 12.72.1 6/2012/0540 – Hyde Lodge, Hyde: demolish garage/workshop & erect new garage The Planning Working Party recommended no objections to this application.

### 12.72.1 6/2012/0516,0521 & 0534 – Robinswood Farm – repairs following fire The Planning Working Party recommended no objections to this application.

It was proposed by Cllr Duncanson, seconded by Cllr Pitcher and agreed unanimously that the Parish Council accept the recommendations of the working party.

## 12.73 All other groups – important matters only

### 12.73.1 Stone Signs unveiling

Cllr Howard reported that the Roke Road and Royal Oak stones are now complete and awaiting collection. The name panels will be put in place once the stones are delivered and set, which should be the week commencing the 17<sup>th</sup> September. The Grand Unveiling will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> at 12noon with Giles Sturdy, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Dorset to carry out the unveiling. Due to safety issues, the Roke Road stone will be used for the ceremony and every contributor will be invited personally. The event will also be advertised around the village and on Facebook. After the unveiling, everyone will be invited back to the Drax for cup of tea and nibbles. Cllrs Pitcher and Duncanson will organise the time capsule. If anyone has anything they would like to put in please speak to Cllr Duncanson as soon as possible. Cllr Duncanson will liaise with Pat Brady to organise it being buried.

### 12.73.2 Bere Regis Town Scape – Cllr Wharf informed members that this document is part of the Core Strategy and, although the Parish Council should have seen it before, it now needs to be passed by Council on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September. He asked if a councillor could check this again to make sure none of the statements conflict with anything we are proposing to include in the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllrs Munnings and Howard agreed to review the document.

12.73.3 County Council Snow Plough Scheme – Cllr Alderman and the Clerk attended a meeting at DCC Highways regarding the proposed new snow plough scheme. Although a snow plough scheme exists using local farmers, it has not worked well for a number of years. It is now proposed that the parish councils approach local farmers to see if they would be interested in working alongside their parish council in keeping the smaller, more rural routes open. Whilst DCC would be willing to give a grant of £200 to the parish councils should snow fall and the farmer be called out this year, in the long term, it is something the parish council will have to precept for. Cllr Margetts stressed the need to look at this additional cost in terms of our other commitments in future years. The Chairman proposed that we sign up to this scheme once we have spoken to Phil Trim to see if he would be willing to take part. Should he agree, it will then be necessary to update our Winter Maintenance Plan with the snow plough scheme and inform Highways accordingly.

12.73.4 Police Commissioner appointment – Cllr Margetts attended a meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> September regarding the appointment of a Police Commissioner who will replace the 17 people currently on the Police Authority. The role has no operational responsibility for the police but is responsible for appointing the Chief Constable, set the budgets and appoint grants for none police activities. An item will be put into the Parish Magazine explaining the role of the Police Commissioner and encouraging villagers to take part in the voting opportunity. Cllr Margetts will draft the article.

**ACTION: CLLR MARGETTS**

12.73.5 County Councillor's Report - Cllr Brenton reminded members that the Minerals Presubmission Consultation paper is due in by the end of the month.

12.73.6 District Councillor's Report – Cllr Wharf highlighted the Council Tax Benefits Consultation and will include this in his report for the Parish Magazine.

12.73.7 Communication –

- Letter re 20mph limit
- Statistics produced regarding the traffic will be produced once we get a response from DCC
- Green Close parking
- Neighbourhood Plan – a reminder to contact the Clerk if the documents have not been received
- Stone signs
- Police Commissioner

No being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45p.m.