

Coast Energy and was informed that they would not be coming to Bere Regis. However, he feels that they should be pressed to giving such a presentation here as the development will affect residents of this parish.

12.74.3 Jon Parker – began by saying he had put name forward to join all village groups for the Neighbourhood Plan but had, as yet, not heard anymore. The Chairman informed him that the Parish Council is about to resurrect the groups now we have the list of new volunteers following the return of the latest questionnaires. Mr Parker went on to inform members that he had raised several points of concern at a recent District Council meeting in respect of the questionnaire. He felt that survey guidelines were inconsistent, ambiguous and misleading and the map was confusing and does not indicate any access route to the proposed new school site. The Chairman offered to hold a workshop one Saturday morning to explain any problems people may have. Cllr Fairhurst reported that he had asked several villagers if they had any queries and had been told no. To date, some 133 returns had been received and neither the Clerk nor any councillor had received any telephone calls from residents saying they were having problems with the questionnaire or did not understand anything in the paperwork sent out. Cllr Wharf reported that, because of Mr Parker's contribution to the PDC meeting, it was suggested that a meeting is set up with Ms Bridget Downton to review the questionnaire and the plan and what the parish council is doing. In the meantime, Cllr Ventham will post on Facebook an offer for a meeting this Saturday (13th October) asking if anyone would like clarification of the map, or any other details of the FAQs and questionnaires.

12.74.4 C.A.R.S. have now raised £180 from events held. The Police have agreed to send at least 2 officers to run 2 road safety workshops for children aged between 4 and 12 years. These will be free of charge and will be run at the Drax Hall on Saturday 24th November. On the same day, children will be invited to collect a selection of road safety gifts from C.A.R.S., Brake, Brickwerk and Dorset Police. C.A.R.S. will also be providing one high visibility vest to every school child on the Monday of Road Safety Week, commencing 19th November. It is hoped that all future children who attend the school will also be able to receive a vest.

12.75 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr Howard (holiday).

12.76 To receive the County Councillor's Report

12.76.1 Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme - Over 50% of the roundabouts in Dorset have been sponsored putting some £56,000 into the Highways maintenance budget.

12.76.2 Verges - Highways are starting to cut the verges but they are starting from the western side of the county first.

12.76.3 Mobile Library Consultation – Overall everyone who responded was happy with the current service

12.76.4 Winter Snow Plans – Currently being collated.

12.76.5 Temporary signs on the highways – The policy regarding fees and notification of all the small signs that appear along the highways has been withdrawn.

12.76.6 Proposed new school - Cllr Munnings said that, following a recent meeting, he now understood that the Bere Regis School is less likely to happen as there is uncertainty about the Free School in Swanage. Cllr Brenton replied saying that the County Council has a duty to co-operate with free schools and it is taking much longer than anticipated. This will be raised at the Children's Overview Committee next Tuesday. Cllr Munnings will attend the meeting and report back.

12.77 To receive the District Councillor's Report

12.77.1 Roundabouts – Cllr Wharf had asked the solicitor from the PDC to give clear legal advice regarding the review of planning applications in respect of the roundabout sponsorship signs as, technically, all councillors should declare an interest. The advice given was that councillors are free to discuss the applications.

12.77.2 Boundary Commission – The Commission has reported back and their findings are virtually the same as they were before. Bere Regis will be losing Bloxworth, which will be going into the Wareham St Martin. Objections have been submitted.

12.77.3 Neighbourhood Plan funding – Bridget Downton has applied to Central Government for funding. They will be entitled to claim £30,000 once they are able to prove the Neighbourhood Plan has started. How much of this is likely to be allocated to the individual parish councils is up to the District Council.

12.77.4 Mr Jon Parker – Mr Parker attended a District Council meeting and expressed concerns regarding the Neighbourhood Planning process as we have already heard. His concerns are now on record and, as a District Councillor, Cllr Wharf must ensure that those concerns are addressed.

12.78 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2012

A copy had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Fairhurst proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting and this was seconded by Cllr Margetts and agreed unanimously. The Chairman then signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

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

12.79.1 Rights of Way - Vitacress have kindly offered to clear the main circular walk pro bono. A formal thank you will be sent to them.

ACTION: CLERK

12.79.2 Village Flower Boxes – A thank you note will be sent to Elaine Stanfield for planting, watering and maintaining the flower boxes at the eastern entrance to the village.

ACTION: CLERK

12.79.3 Police Commissioner – An article will be put in the Parish Magazine explaining this role and the forthcoming election. This will be separate to the entries the Parish Council and District Councillor usually submit and Cllr Margetts will assist with the wording.

ACTION: CLLRS WHARF & MARGETTS

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

No interests were declared at this stage.

12.81 Key Topics

12.81.1 Neighbourhood Plan update

Questionnaires have gone out to every house in the parish – 857 in total. 133 have been returned to date and all are being put on to the on line system. Another note will be put up on Facebook asking people to return the questionnaire by the 19th October. Once they have been independently scrutinised, the groups will be reactivated. 8 volunteers have come forward so far.

Cllr Munnings reminded members that there will be a training session organised.

Members of the Steering Group met with PDC to discuss the Housing Needs Survey Report. We are now awaiting a resume which will be circulated as soon as it arrives and will be on the agenda for next month.

Councillors are asked to complete their questionnaires if they have not already done so.

12.81.2 Elder Road Open Space

The chair and clerk met with officers from PDC to discuss the handover of the site. They have now come back with a counter proposal, offering a 4 year taper. It would appear that the original cost for maintaining the site was understated and should have shown £7,507. The proposal is for the handover to be based on 80% in the first year, amounting to £6,005.60, 60% (£4,504.20) in year 2, 40% (£3,002.80) year 3 and 20% (£1,501.40) in year 4. DCC have agreed to maintain the path and the bridges, the Parish Council will be responsible for the stream but this will be overseen by the Environment Agency. Cllr Ventham recommended that we accept the offer and agree in principle but take a look at the long term budget to ensure we are able to do so. This was seconded by Cllr Munnings and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: CLERK

12.81.3 School Report

Unfortunately no-one has responded from the school. Cllr Munnings will speak to the school and report back at the November meeting.

12.82 **Finance**

12.82.1 To approve monthly expenditure

The following payments had been requested:

Tradewind Graphics	Printing for NP mailshot	1424	697.50
Leisure Controls	Postage for NP mailshot	1425	545.05
N Fairhurst	Update web site with questionnaire	1426	50.00
James Loxton	Web hosting – 2 years	1427	179.98
Mrs A Crocker	Wages & expenses – October 2012	1428	761.52
HMRC	PAYE October 2012	1429	61.00
DAPTC	50% of Clerks Seminar fees	1430	15.00
P Critchell	Lengthsman – September 2012	1431	1046.72
K Florek	Grass cutting – September 2012	1432	675.00

The total amount of expenditure from the Precept is £4,031.77. 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.

12.82.2 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.

12.82.3 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.

12.82.4 To consider the grant application from Bere Regis Scout Group

Cllr Ventham declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion. The Clerk reminded members that there is no money left from the grants budget for this year, although there are sufficient monies in the account to cover the cost should councillors wish to do so. Cllr Margetts proposed that the grant for £120 is paid this year and the Parish Council then review the commitment once the budgets have been set for the year 2013/14. This was seconded by Cllr C Maunder and agreed unanimously. Members were reminded that this will be the first year the Parish Council will lay their own wreath and all councillors are invited to take part in the parade. Cllr Ventham will not be available on the day so Cllr Fairhurst will lay the wreath in his place.

12.82.5 To consider items for the 2013/14 budget

Members are asked to give this some thought and bring their ideas to the November meeting.

12.83 **To review planning applications received**

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

12.83.1 6/2012/0621: Poole Hill Roundabout – sponsorship signs

The Planning Working Party recommended no objections to this application. Cllr Ventham proposed that our comments should include a note to the effect that we would like to see the roundabout better looked after now it is being sponsored although this is not a planning consideration.

Cllr Margetts suggested that perhaps the village could have some sort of reciprocal arrangement with the Tank Museum. Although the Church does already have some of their leaflets at the Museum, perhaps something for the village in general could be done.

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

12.83.2 Wind Turbines – concerns have been expressed by several residents. West Coast Energy has been asked to attend the parish council and WDDC will be contacted and asked to ensure that both the Parish Council and Mr Moore are consulted on the planning application. In the meantime, Mr Moore of Weatherbury House is not on the Electoral Role and a note will be sent to PDC. Cllr Brenton reported that she had attended the Briantspuddle PC meeting and they are pushing to invite West Coast Energy. It was agreed that we will keep them copied in on any correspondence and invite them to attend our meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

12.84 Village Environment

12.84.1 Stone Signs unveiling

Two of the signs are now in and we had a very enjoyable morning at the unveiling. The chairman of the Corfe Castle Jubilee Committee has been in touch as they would like to do something similar. There has been one note of dissent saying they are divisive but, otherwise, all comments have been favourable. The WI has approached the parish council asking if they could plant bulbs around the signs. We are very happy for them to do so.

12.84.2 Cemetery

The new contractor is doing an excellent job so far.

12.84.3 Defects

- Over hanging trees – the Lengthsman will be asked to have a look around Shitterton Lane and let the clerk know of any specific problems.
- Tree broken across cemetery lane path
- Cllr Margetts asked for a detailed report of what the Lengthsman does each month
- Trees at the back of Shitterton Close need cutting back.
- New path at Elder Road needs building up in one area.

12.85 Traffic, Public Transport & Roads

12.85.1 Winter Road Arrangements

The grit bins need refilling and the Clerk will look into getting some more grit bags. Cllr Alderman will draft something for Cllr Wharf to put in the parish magazine asking people not to use the grit from the bins for their own use. The Facebook page will be used to get residents out to assist in clearing paths, etc in the event of similar weather conditions to those two years ago. The parish council has expressed interest in taking part in the Snow Plough Scheme and Mr Phillip Trim has agreed to take on the plough and DCC will be in touch with him shortly.

12.85.2 CARS Objectives

As was covered earlier, the money raised so far has been used to buy fluorescent jackets for every child who attends the school and it is hoped to keep this going for all future attendees. To avoid any doubt, Mr Parker was

asked to put a note on the status of CARS on their web site and include what its governance is, how it is run and what any money raised will be used for. He was offered help with developing a Child Protection Policy and urged to ensure that all adults involved in the CARS Road Safety workshops for children were CRB checked.

12.86 Children & Youth

12.86.1 Play Area Update

We now have approx. £39,500 and the BRPAC have met with Andy Frost, the preferred contractor, regarding the positioning of some of the equipment. They have looked at a schedule of works and he is going to reuse some of the equipment such as the slides and bridges. The original quote was for £32,000 in March. He is revisiting his costs and including additional items such as the bark chipping, etc. He will be looking to start in November and, depending on weather, should be completed before Christmas. BRCPA have raised £50 at the school fair and have pledges of £250 matched funding from Barclays. The Secret Garden Party raised £550 and there are other fund raising ideas coming on. It was suggested that Cllr Pitcher attend a RoSPA inspection course and the Clerk will look into the costings and include it in the next budget. Our thanks are sent to the committee for their efforts. In the meantime, the play area fence needs repairing and this will be put on the Lengthsman's list of work and the replacement of the whole fence will be included in next year's budget.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr Ventham suggested that, when the play area is completed, we could have an official opening but include all the projects that have been undertaken over the last two years.

12.87 Community Liaison

12.87.1 PPG – Cllr C Maunder reported that the group met last night. It was decided that another survey will be carried out after Christmas. A Newsletter will go into the magazine and it is hoped that another health event will be held in the spring. The Purbeck Health Review has come to a halt for the moment.

12.87.2 Souls Moor Update

DWT met last week and the Souls Moor Management Plan is currently being written by Brian Edwards and should be ready by end of November. Mr Parker has now got access to an Oxford Allen Scythe that had been brought up at the recent Management Committee meeting. Fencing – Tony Bates has been in touch with the Purbeck Nature Improvement Trust who may be able to provide access to funding for the fencing. Consultation with the public will take place to go over the management plan and explain the need for fencing and grazing on the site

12.87.3 Remembrance Service – Phil Ventham, with Bere Regis Scouts will be organising the parade and the band. If any members would like to take part in the parade, they are asked to inform the Clerk and, as has already been mentioned, Cllr Fairhurst will lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

12.88 Police & Security

Cllr Margetts will contact PC Jonathon Stuart in order to find out what is going on as he is no longer being kept informed of events. There is an event taking place on Friday morning that has not been advertised.

12.89 Correspondence Received

There has been no additional correspondence received since the last meeting.

12.90 Communications

- Nick King and PCC
- Proposed wind farm
- Traffic problems in Butt Lane
- Thanks to be recorded to CARS for the fluorescent jackets.
- Snow clearing

- Play area update

No being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:20 p.m.

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