



### **12.113 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA 1972 and review dispensations received**

Cllr T Maunder declared an interest in the planning application relating to the Doctor's Surgery as he is personally involved.

No dispensations had been received.

### **12.114 Key Topics**

#### **12.114.1 Neighbourhood Plan Update – letter to Central Government re funding given to DCs**

Cllr Ventham had previously suggested that a letter should be sent to Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government, expressing our concern regarding the Government funding in respect of Neighbourhood Plan projects. Cllr Wharf explained that Central Government had committed £30,000 to go towards the creation of each Neighbourhood Plan. This money could be applied for by the District Councils in two stages - £5,000 when the plan was started and the remaining £25,000 upon completion. There is no requirement for the District Councils to pass any of this money down to the parish councils who are creating the plans. We have already spent £2,000 via the Precept on the Plan to date and our estimated future costs are in the region of £6,000. It seems unreasonable to put all of this cost through on the Precept. As Bere Regis is the only council in the Purbecks that is producing a Neighbourhood Plan, we do have the support of the leader of the council and the leader of the opposition and PDC have committed to passing some of the money down, although the exact amount is not known. Cllr Wharf felt that it would still be appropriate to write to Mr Pickles MP although some reservation was expressed as to how much good it is likely to do.

<b>ACTION: CLLR VENTHAM/CLERK</b>
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Cllr Howard reported that the presentation shown at the Village Meeting on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December, although not very well attended, was very worthwhile and highlighted some interesting facts and figures. The groups continue to meet together and will next meet on the Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. PDC had suggested that we were moving too fast initially but we are on the right track now. The input from the various group members continues to be varied, positive and constructive.

#### **12.114.2 Elder Road Open Space**

As reported by the District Councillor.

#### **12.114.3 School Report**

Cllr Munnings reported that DCC have now purchased the school site. Jackie Groves of DCC addressed the Governors' meeting earlier in the week. She was quite positive about Bere Regis having a new school in due course. Although there is no specific funding allocated to Bere Regis, the village picks up funding left over from over projects and it looks as though there will be sufficient funding available, with a view to opening a new school in 2015.

County Cllr Brenton reported that, unfortunately, Bere Regis is the last in line on the scheme and all the other school building projects have to be cleared first. However, looking at the way the projects are coming in, they are more or less on budget and on time. As Central Government is currently expressing concern over the number of school places throughout the country, it may be that more funding is released from elsewhere, thus further improving our chances of a new school.

#### **12.114.4 Souls Moor update**

The Clerk reported that completion had taken place on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

### **12.115 Finance**

#### **12.115.1 To approve the 5 year forecast**

A copy had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Some discussion followed and the Clerk reminded councillors that this was not fixed – it was designed to act as a starting point for setting the Precept in future and to keep in mind the costs that have been incurred following the acquisition of the various sites.

#### 12.115.2 To approve monthly expenditure

The following payments had been requested:

C Tibby	Wall brackets	1442	150.00
K Florek	Cemetery grass cutting – October 2012	1443	520.00
Andy Frost Design	Stage 1 payment re play area upgrade	1444	12603.00
Bere Regis PC	Advert re Xmas refuse collections	1445	8.00
K Florek	Cemetery grass cutting – November 2012	1446	290.00
Wessex Surveyors	Digital mapping re NP	1447	120.00
Marquess of Salisbury	Christmas trees – 60 small, 2 large	1448	671.76
P Critchell	Lengthsman – November 2012	1449	1539.22
Mrs A Crocker	Dec 2012 wages, expenses	1450	668.15
HMRC	PAYE December 2012	1451	61.00

The total amount of expenditure from the Precept is £4,028.13, with the £12,603 payment to Andy Frost coming from grant monies received in respect of the new play area. The payments were proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Margetts and agreed unanimously. The cheques were signed by two councillors in the presence of the meeting.

#### 12.115.3 To confirm reconciliation of accounts

A copy had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. There were no comments made.

#### 12.115.4 To Review position against budget

A copy had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. There were no comments made

#### 12.115.5 To consider grant application of £200 for Autumn Leaves

An application had been received for a grant of £200 to go towards the cost of speakers and entertainment. It was agreed that this is an incredibly worthwhile cause but we do not have any money left in the grants budget for the current year. The application will be held until April 2013 and will be reconsidered at the start of the new financial year. In the meantime, a letter will be sent explaining the situation.

**ACTION: CLERK**

#### 12.116 Planning & Housing

Cllr Wharf took no part in the discussion or voting during this item and Cllr T Maunder withdrew from the meeting.

##### 12.116.1 To consider planning applications

12.116.1.1 6/2012/0759: Chamberlaynes – erect two storey side extensions including dormer window and roof light; insert new windows and erect front porch. Recommendation: no objection, however, Cllr Munnings commented that the walls and roof match the existing – which will make the building appear very large. Using a different treatment to walls (facing brick) would make the extension less obvious although it will increase the cost. He proposed no objection subject to consideration of facing materials. This was seconded by Cllr Margetts and agreed unanimously.

12.116.1.2 Bere Regis Surgery, Manor Farm Road - enlargement of treatment room under existing roof. Cllr Fairhurst took no part in the discussion regarding this application as he is a personal friend to one of the partners. Recommendation: no objection.

12.116.1.3 88 West Street – replace three first floor windows. Recommendation: no objection.

12.116.1.4 Lower Stockley Farm - repairs and minor alterations to existing farmhouse and reinstatement of first floor window. Recommendation: no objection.

It was proposed by Cllr Alderman, seconded by Cllr Howard and agreed unanimously that the recommendations of the Planning Working Group are accepted.

**ACTION: CLERK**

## 12.116.2 To consider tree work applications

There were no tree work applications to consider this month.

## 12.117 Village Environment

### 12.117.1 Stone Signs

Cllr Howard reported that the stonemason has completed the etching of the stone with the names of the contributors and it is ready for installation. Pat Brady is confident he can carry out the preparatory work and get the stone installed before Christmas. The intention is for the seven donors to attend a small reception, hosted by Mr & Mrs Soar once the stone is in place. With regard to the role of donors – it has proven quite difficult to find a calligrapher capable of and willing to do the work. However, Cllr Alderman has now approached a group called the Blackmoor Vale Scribes who are willing to carry out the work and he will get a cost from them.

**ACTION: CLLRS ALDERMAN/HOWARD**

### 12.117.2 Proposed Wind Farm

Cllr Howard attended the meeting at Briantspuddle village hall. 70 people attended and the majority were against the application. The proposal has been reduced from 10 to 9 turbines.

### 12.117.3 Defects

- Panels in the old bridge are now rotten and the bridge needs a major overhaul

**ACTION: CLERK**

## 12.118 Traffic, Public Transport and Roads

### 12.118.1 Winter Road Arrangements

Cllr T Maunder reported that, in recent years, people have been helping themselves to grit from the bins. It was agreed that, should the Parish Council be able to purchase some 25kg bags, we will advertise them for sale at £4 per bag, limited to 3 bags per household. *Post meeting note: The Clerk has contacted DC Highways who have said that they made a mistake when ordering the grit bags as they do not contain any salt and will, therefore, be of no use for melting snow. In addition, dumpy bags will not be available for purchase this year.*

### 12.118.2 Winter maintenance Plan

This will be brought up to date and reissued to Councillors.

**ACTION: CLERK**

## 12.119 Children & Youth

### 12.119.1 Play area update

The contracts have now been completed and exchanged with the designer, Andy Frost, and he has now begun making the equipment. The park will be closed from 27<sup>th</sup> December at which time the current equipment will be cleared and the new equipment installed. The park should then be open for February. An article will be put in the magazine by Cllr Pitcher explaining what is going to be happening and extending thanks to all those who have helped to date. The Clerk will draw up notices for putting up at the play area and setting out the closing dates.

**ACTION: CLERK**

## 12.120 Police and Security

Cllr Margetts reported that there will be a PACT meeting in January at which time the village priorities will be highlighted. Members were asked what they felt were priorities and suggestions were made with regard to fly-tipping and speeding on Rye Hill and West Street. Parking on the verge by the Shell garage was also mentioned – the double yellow lines are frequently ignored and the occasional Police presence would be useful.

### **12.121 Correspondence received**

A list of all correspondence received since the last meeting had been issued to all members. There were no comments made.

### **12.122 Communications**

The following items will be included in Cllr Wharf's article:

- 387 bus service
- Superfast broadband
- Elder Road transfer
- Neighbourhood Plan update
- Winter salting and grit bags
- Souls Moor update
- New School (unless the school are putting their own piece in)

The Lengthsman's hours were considered and it was noted that a large part of his time is spent picking up litter. Whilst this is an expensive use of his time, it is something that is a constant problem and needs to be kept cleared. Cllr Pitcher noted that the bench opposite allotments has been in its current state for about a month now. The fact that it has been stripped down, painted with red-oxide and tape put around it makes it very noticeable. The Clerk will speak to the Lengthsman and find out what the holdup is.

**ACTION: CLERK**

The Parish Council's thanks are, once again, extended to Cllrs Chris and Tim Maunder for organising the Christmas trees and delivering them around the village.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm