

Minutes of a meeting of the Bere Regis Parish Council held in the Drax Hall, Bere Regis on Wednesday, 20th November 1985 at 7 p.m.

Present:-

Mr. L.L. Street (Chairman)	Mr. T. Mooney
Mr. L.W. Fairhurst	Mr. M.J. Shave
Mr. D.R. Gibbs	Mrs M. Carlyle
Mr. R.C.W. Gooch	Mrs D.M. Phillips
Mr. V. Stone (District Councillor)	Mrs D. Franklin (County Councillor)

APOLOGIES

4276 Apologies for absence from the meeting have been received from Messrs. R.J. Goldie and G.N. Griffin.

MINUTES

4277 Minute 4261 The amounts payable to B.J. Phillips and the County Council were transposed and the minutes were then confirmed correct and signed as such by the Chairman.

TRAFFIC IN BERE REGIS

4278 Mr. Fairhurst reported on the site meeting held this morning at 9.30 a.m. attended by himself and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Shave, Mrs. Franklin, Mr. Battrick (County Traffic Officer) and Inspector Hawkins. Mr. Battrick felt the only solution was to close off the western end of the village which wasn't acceptable because of its effect on the village. He also pointed out that The Cross was very low on the order of priority; a view supported by Inspector Hawkins. They also drove round the village and looked at the road signs etc. especially those for Milborne St Andrew from the by-pass. After a discussion and a suggestion from Mrs. Franklin it was agreed to write to the County Surveyor thanking him for Mr. Battrick's attendance and requesting, (1) a feasibility exercise on possible changes at the junction at The Cross, or failing this the reinstatement of the traffic lights, in view of the assurances given when the by-pass was being constructed; (2) alterations to the signs on the by-pass as discussed with Mr. Battrick and (3) the removal of the temporary alterations to the western end of the village. The Clerk will also send copies of any relevant correspondence he has on the lights.

CIVIL AID

4279 This is in abeyance.

DRAX HALL

4280 Mr. Gooch confirmed that the boiler room had been included in the conveyance dated 31st December 1955. On Mr. Gooch's suggestion the Clerk had contacted Derek Beauchamp, a surveyor from Dorchester, who had agreed to do a Valuation for a nominal fee. Mr. Gooch has also agreed to charge only a nominal amount for legal fees. Mr. Beauchamp has agreed to contact Mr. Walker before going ahead.

DRAX HALL (CONT'D)

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Mrs. Carlyle reported that the Drax Hall Committee's finances were not too healthy but they had decided to increase hiring fees and to hold a Christmas Fair to try to increase income. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are to resign at the next Annual General Meeting. It was felt that the Annual General Meeting should be well publicised in order that a good committee can be elected from the best possible attendance. The committee should then try to produce a budget to help in the running of the hall.

The Clerk reported that it had been found that G. & L. Barnes were doing some incorrect work on the hall. This has been stopped. The door to the north of the hall, at the rear, has been removed and needs no work now. Instructions have been given regarding the door to the south, at the rear of the hall. They have also been asked to ramp the exit from the exit door in the middle of the back of the hall. They had made a ramp outside the fire exit of the room downstairs this work had however repaired the cracked steps around the stanchions. The lights in the dressing room could be used elsewhere. This had been agreed with the Chairman, but it was hoped that there would not be much extra expense because some work did not have to be done.

In dealing with this it was found that there is a door from the northern dressing room to the boiler room. If the boiler room is demolished it was felt that this would be best sealed up. Mr. Gooch pointed out this would need to be included in the sale arrangements.

STREET LIGHTS

4281 Mr. Shave has not yet dealt with the tree obscuring the light opposite the school but would do so.

VILLAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

4282 Mr. Fairhurst has not contacted Mr. Griffin about the progress made by the editor but would do so for the next meeting.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

4283 Mr. Goldie had told the Clerk that Mr. Dunning will test the soil at the top of Southmead and at Podgers. He would then plant two suitable trees at Southmead and three at Podgers. These would be free of charge and if others were needed he may be able to provide some more. It was agreed to ask Mr. Dunning if he could test the soil at The Cross.

There had been no reply about the Tree Preservation Order at White Lovington.

Mr. Shave reported that Mr. Hoare at 17 North Street had offered to have a Christmas Tree outside his shop. After a discussion it was agreed that Mr. Shave should approach Mr. Dunning to see if he could obtain a tree and to see if traders would assist with finance. He was also to ask Mr. Hoare to deal with it from there and the Parish Council agreed to contribute £15 towards the cost.

COMMUNITY CONCERN

4284 The Youth Club was discussed; the new leader is very keen and has arranged for weightlifting at Bovington on Thursdays. Some repairs are being done and Rev. Burke is helping to provide transport for the leader who has no car.

There is a mobile service available for help with two to three year olds. It was agreed to publicise this on the notice board.

There is also a broken drain opposite the surgery and a broken manhole cover in the pavement outside what was Pamelas hairdressing salon. It was agreed to write to the County Council about these matters.

ELDER ROAD

4285 There has been no reply from the District Council regarding the possible costs of levelling the area of land at Elder Road. Another quote has been received to spread the soil over the area amounting to \$585 plus V.A.T.

The Scouts have been informed that Wessex Water have requested that this area be kept as a flood plain and the Director of Technical Services at the District Council will let them have more details when they are available. It was felt that the Scouts intended to erect the building on piers and that they should take this up with the Wessex Water Authority.

ROKE ROAD

4286 The Council agreed it would have no objection to the farmer pursuing the erection of a fence to assist moving his cattle.

BUTT LANE

4287 This is awaiting Mr. Griffin's report.

RYE HILL

4288 Mr. Street agreed to take up with Wessex Water the problem of the trench caused by the provision of a new supply at Chalkpit Farm. The hole at Forge Cottage has been dealt with. The effluent at the top of Rye Hill comes from Mr. Rowland's old system. He has been given three months to deal with this.

LOCAL AMENITY SIGN

4289 No reply yet.

MILESTONES

4290 It was thought that the stone at Sugar Hill had been repaired.

BERE STREAM

4291 The Clerk is still waiting for details of the landowners.

TELEPHONE KIOSKS

4292 The Clerk said that to the best of his knowledge the kiosk at Rye Hill and the one at Chapel Cross were not Type 6. The District Council would also like to know if this Council would be prepared to contribute to external maintenance if old kiosks were retained. It was agreed that this Council was not prepared to assist in this matter.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

4293 The inspection report has been received. All equipment is alright apart from the three seater swing. This needs some lubrication and the replacement of the tyres. It was agreed to leave this to Mr. Gibbs.

CEMETERY LANE

4294 There has been no reply from the County Council.

DOCTORS

4295 There has been a further problem when ambulancemen would not take a parishioner to hospital. It was agreed to take this up with the East Dorset Community Health Council.

SHITTERTON

4296 There has been no reply from Websters about the light, or from the County Council about the wall at the new bungalow. The builders have written to say they have no details regarding the lorry that hit the light.

There has been no reply from Wessex Water about the untidy pumping station.

ACCOUNTS

4297 The following accounts were presented for payment:-

	£.p
Mr. R. Joyce	4.00
Mr. R. Pashen	24.00
Dorset Community Council	2.22
Audit Commission	35.71
B.J. Phillips	42.00
Clerk's Salary/Expenses	58.00
	165.93

It was agreed to pay these accounts and to draw the cheques at the end of the meeting.

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

4298 Mr. Shave said that vandals had set fire to toilet paper in the toilets that had then burnt the plastic holders. Mr. Pashen had done a good job cleaning this up, but couldn't the District Council use better holders?

The Clerk reported that because of Christmas next month's meeting was on December 11th.

CEMETERY BUSINESS

4299 Mr. Gibbs had visited the cemetery and it is looking quite tidy and the weeds are dying off on the paths. There has been a problem with a water leak in the bier hut and this has been taken up with Wessex Water.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

4300 Mr. Stone felt that the future of the Streche Road car park would be settled by a public inquiry.

Mrs. Carlyle asked Mr. Stone about a large branch that overhangs the road near ~~Bledworth~~^{Meriden} crossroads. He replied that the bus company kept an eye on these matters and he thought the branch was quite safe.

PLANNING MATTERS

<u>4301</u>	<u>Plan No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Developments</u>
	85/483 (amended)	Mr. T. Percy - Erect lungalow adj. Linden, Snow Hill	Permission granted.
	85/606 (amended)	Mr. D. Comben - Erect four terraced houses; The Laurels	Permission granted.
	85/651	Mr. D. Comben - Erect extension to form garage and shower room/W.C.; The house r/c The Laurels	Permission granted.

The following planning application had been received for consideration:-

<u>Plan No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Observations</u>
85/689	British Telecom - Renewal of permission for an extension to the telephone exchange	Recommend approval.

P.T.A. BONFIRE

4302 Mr. Shave reported that the F.T.A. had left the field very tidy and was willing to let them have the field for a bonfire for as long as they wanted it.

The bonfire had raised £350 and the Chairman thanked Mr. Shave for allowing the P.T.A. the use of the field.

There is also a F.T.A. Coffee Morning on ~~December~~^{November} 30th at 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.