



Bere Regis Parish Council

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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 10th August 2023 at the Drax Hall, North Street, Bere Regis.

Signed
A Crocker
Clerk

Short democratic period for members of the public to speak

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2021
3. Matters arising from those minutes, not covered by this agenda
4. To receive declarations of interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA 1972 and confirm any dispensations received.
5. To consider the co-option of a Parish Councillor
6. Key Topics:
 - (i) Neighbourhood Plan implementation update
 - (ii) To consider a loan of £400 for printing the Village Calendar
 - (iii) To consider how best to communicate with parishioners
 - (iv) To consider a new website for the Parish Council
7. Finance Clerk
 - To approve monthly expenditure
 - To confirm reconciliation of accounts & agree position against budget
8. Planning & Housing LF

P/HOU/2022/06232 The Coach House, 90a West Street
Appeal against decision in respect of to erect garden room and boundary fence. Construct patio

P/FUL/2023/03982 Land at Hurst Farm & Station Road, Moreton, Dorchester
Extraction of approx. 11.5m tonnes of sand & gravel in phased working; construction of site office, etc.
9. Parish Facilities & Rights of Way RP
 - (i) To consider the permissive path over May's Wood
 - (ii) To consider the Annual Play Park inspection and any subsequent work required
 - (iii) To receive a general update on Parish Facilities and Rights of Way
 - (iv) Defects
10. Conservation and the Environment TB
 - (i) To receive a general update on Conservation and the Environment
11. Police, Traffic and Roads
 - (i) To receive an update on the Traffic Focus Group- report attached
 - (ii) To agree the extension of the 30mph zone on Rye Hill - report attached
12. Community Liaison
13. To receive the Clerk's report and Councillors' reports on matters not covered by the agenda
14. Correspondence received since the agenda was set
15. Items for the Parish Magazine BB
16. Items for the September meeting

Bere Regis Parish Council
Payments Requested - August
2023

Invoice Date	Pay Ref	Invoice No.	Payee	Comments	Total
BACS Payments					
03.07.23	BACS230	1185079	Cheap Printing	Neighbourhood Plan books & posters	19.92
24.07.23	BACS231	N/CJun23	D Fairhurst	NeighbourCar mileage June 23	21.60
26.07.23	BACS232	1185201	Cheap Printing	Printing	13.40
25.07.23	BACS233	62732	Play Inspection Co	Annual play area inspection	87.54
01.08.23	BACS234	Nov-01	A King	Lengthsman - July 2023	3298.75
05.08.23	BACS235	Jul23DCPF	DC Pension Fund	August 23 pension contributions	275.00
05.08.23	BACS236	Jul23HMRC	HMRC	August 23 PAYE & NIC	222.40
05.08.23	BACS237	103	N Fairhurst	Website maintenance & hosting 2023	160.00
18.07.23	BACS238	18295	A Lynam	Lunch Club July 2023	25.67
31.07.23	BACS239	ComBus	J Park	Fuel	34.59
06.08.23	BACS240	Aug23 AC	A Crocker	August 23 salary + expenses	878.50
Total amount requested from each funding source					5037.37
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Bank Reconciliation as at 6th August 2023

Opening balances	7165621	162878.74	
	00155779	3364.50	
			166243.24
Income for the month			
Account interest		111.72	
NeighbourCar, Lunch Club and Cmmunibus		1098.00	
			1209.72
Expenditure			
Lunch Club		25.61	
NeighbourCar		212.75	
Communibus		98.09	
Council		4399.49	
			4735.94
			<u>162717.02</u>
07165621		158352.61	
00155779		4364.41	
			162717.02
Balance on accounts			<u><u>162717.02</u></u>
			0.00

Traffic Focus Group Meeting – Tuesday 1st August 2023

Present:

Alec Lillie (AL)	Glo Curtis (GC)
Simon Walker (SW)	Jon Parker (JP)
Amanda Crocker (AC)	Carolyne Sutcliffe (CS)
Jan Nurrish (JN)	David Sutcliffe (DS)
Christine Whitmarsh (CW)	

Apologies : Rachael Payne (RP)

JP welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for putting their names forward. It was noted that this is a focus group and all decisions must be put before the Parish Council before being acted upon. If it becomes necessary to contact any Officers at County, this should be done via the Clerk. Similarly, any expenditure must go before the Parish Council before it is made. The Group is primarily responsible for information gathering that will go to support requests submitted by the Parish Council for such things as 20mph speed limits, signage, etc.

1. To appoint a Group Lead

Although not able to attend, Rachael had expressed an interest in taking on this role. It was agreed that she would take the lead with Simon Walker and Alec Lillie acting as joint seconds.

2. Terms of Reference

It was agreed that the main focus of the group be:

- To review existing signage throughout the parish
- To consider any additional traffic surveys that may be required and their location
- To produce the requires analysis of roads for a 20mph status
- To consider speed reduction measures and locations

3. To consider the proposed extension of the 30mph zone on Rye Hill

Everyone was issued with the proposed extension (see Appendix A) and agreed that, although not ideal, it was at least a start. This will now be put before the Parish Council at the August meeting with a recommendation to accept the proposal.

4. Community Speed Watch Update

No-one present had received anything regarding the Community Speed Watch. Rachael will be asked to follow this up.

5. The next steps

The Focus Group will organise their next meeting within the next two weeks and report back to the Parish Council.

Appendix A

Extension of the 30mph speed limit on Rye Hill

Dorset Council have requested that the Parish Council comment on the proposed extension of the 30mph limit to the northern edge of the white cottage – where the traffic survey was located in May.

The 40mph zone will remain in place but shortened.

Vehicles will have a clear site line on the lead up to the 30mph zone and an additional SID pole could be put at this location as well as suitable road markings.

Discussion was had regarding moving the limit to the Turnerspuddle junction but, having gone back to 2013, no collisions have ever been reported.



Extent of the 40mph zone

The Police are in agreement with the proposal but the formal TRO process has not yet started.

CLERK'S REPORT AUGUST 2023

North Street Drainage – The Dorset Highways jetting gang jetted all the pipes along the West Street end of North Street at the end of June. All the pipes were found to be clear and running from the junction with West Street, along North Street and across into Blind Street. No pipework was found to be connected between the customer's property and the highway system. However, following a camera survey, it did look as though a utility company (probably Wessex) may have broken through a highway pipe, so a dig down investigation may be required in the future. At present, Highways are waiting to see what happens during the next heavy rainfall before going any further.

Stanbarrow Close – Following more complaints about fly tipping of garden waste, the Lengthsman cleared some of the area around the shrubs. However, the rest is completely full of wasps so, until they are gone, the remainder will be left and cleared when originally intended – towards the end of September.



SID – A box is finally on its way for returning the SID to the manufacturer for repair.

Fly Tipping – With the summer now in full swing (!) and people spending time tidying their gardens, the fly tipping of garden waste continues to be a problem. The Elder Road area is becoming increasingly used as a compost heap for those houses in the immediate vicinity. Following a sizeable amount of grass cuttings being dumped by the Scout Hut, the Parish Council put a request on Facebook for residents to stop doing this and to use the Dorset Council garden waste initiative if they are unable to take the cuttings to the Household Recycling Centre.

Play Park – The Lengthsman has been asked to remove the hut from the under 5s play area as this is now becoming quite hazardous. He has also been issued with a copy of the July 2023 report to begin work on the various issues raised by the Inspector.

Meetings attended – Since the July Parish Council meeting, I have attended two meetings – the Traffic Focus Group and a Neighbourhood Plan Review meeting. Both are on the August agenda for discussion and update.

Cemetery Lane – A request was submitted to Highways regarding the possibility of putting a gate across the access to Cemetery Lane to try and discourage vehicles from parking here. It transpires that Cemetery Lane is a bridleway and, therefore, covered by the Dorset Countryside Rangers. I am now waiting for confirmation from them that they are happy for us to proceed.

Councillors' Training Day - Saturday 9th September has been confirmed and the session will run from 10am until about 1pm. Everyone will receive an email from DAPTC with details of the pre-session eLearning and survey shortly. Please ensure you read it ready for the day.

Flip-flop sign on Rye Hill – Highways have been informed that the sign is not working correctly but I have yet to receive a response from them. This was followed up on the 2nd August.