



MINUTES OF THE BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12th APRIL 2018 AT THE DRAX HALL, NORTH STREET, BERE REGIS, COMMENCING 7PM

Present: Cllrs L Fairhurst, B House, T Bates, R Pitcher, S Munnings, B Benjafield

Chair: Cllr I Ventham

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

17.178 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

17.179 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Cllrs P Wharf, C Packham, P Morgan, and D Bishop.

17.180 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2018

A copy of the minutes 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. This was seconded by Cllr Pitcher and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman in the presence of the meeting.

17.181 Matters arising from those minutes, not covered by this agenda for report only

Purbeck Local Plan Consultation – There was a poor attendance, but it was still useful. Councillors present were able to use the occasion to explain to those residents who did attend why there has been such a delay regarding the proposed new community hall.

Village tidy – on-going.

Shitterton Footpath – Cllr Ventham has sent a reminder to Tilhill but nothing has been received to date. A further reminder will be sent.

Streamside path – a request has been submitted and we await a response from Venessa Penny, DCC.

Pole for the beacon – Cllr Pitcher will speak to Eddie Butterfield.

Dog bins have been purchased and a large bin has been sited at the school.

Winter Plan – A meeting is to be organised with Cllrs Ventham and Morgan and the Clerk to review the Plan and look at the 4 x 4 option previously discussed.

Cllr Munnings is currently our representative on the Williams Trust and, in line with their constitution, our representative must be reappointed every three years. Cllr Fairhurst proposed Cllr Munnings remain in place for the coming three years. This was seconded by Cllr Benjafield and agreed unanimously.

17.182 To receive declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

17.183 To receive the County and District Councillor's report

Cllr Wharf was unable to attend but had submitted his reports and these were read out by Cllr Benjafield.

17.183.1 County Council Report

A boundary review will be conducted to coincide with the elections to a single rural authority in May 2019. The proposals will be the subject of a public consultation from 3rd July to the 27th August this year. If agreed, the results will be announced in September or October 2018 in time for the 2019 elections. The aim is to reduce the 200 councillors currently in office, to 82 – which is double the number of existing County Councillors. The average electorate will be 3,757 per ward.

Minerals consultation – The plan has been formally submitted, without any amendments, to the independent examiner. This is likely to take place in June 2018. Cllr Munnings pointed out that DCC have not taken account of any of the objections or observations raised by the public consultation but have passed everything to the Planning Inspectorate so they will be the ones that make the final decision on which sites are included and which are excluded.

17.183.2 District Council Report

Local Plan Review – The ‘New Homes for Purbeck’ consultation has now finished. Over 6,700 residents and 131 businesses completed the questionnaire. Nineteen Town and Parish Council responded and over 500 people attended the drop-in sessions. Information from this will be published in due course.

The Purbeck Mile – The Purbeck Integrated Health and Wellbeing Locality Group is working with partners on the Purbeck Mile. The aim of this initiative is to increase people's participation in walking as short walks are proven to improve physical and mental health. Each GP practice and hospital in Purbeck will be provided with a free map showing a 1 and 2 mile walk starting from the GP surgery. Work will also take place with the local PPG to look to put in place weekly walking groups from each surgery to support the take up. Cllr Ventham reported that the existing walking group had chosen to disassociate themselves from the PPG as there were too many restrictions being imposed. This information will be fed back to Cllr Wharf. Cllr House reported that the Bere Regis PPG will be getting involved with this.

ACTION: CLERK

17.184 Key topics

17.184.1 Neighbourhood Plan progress update

The good news is that we have now got the definitive plan for the SANG sites. However, we are still awaiting the explanation paper. Once received, this can be sent to Jason Bowerman of the Drax Estate.

There is a meeting set for the 16th April to discuss the commercial land opposite the Shell Garage. PDC were asked to confirm Highways, Exeter's position regarding the need for this area and they have come back saying they do not want the commercial area as the roundabout, as it is, does not have the capacity to take any more traffic. The cost of amendments to the roundabout has been requested but no response has, as yet, been received. From the Parish Council point of view, it is felt that we should keep the commercial designation on the land to prevent any possibility of houses being built on the site.

17.184.2 Community Hall update

The community hall steering group has now met twice. Cllr Ventham proposed that he, together with Cllrs Munnings and Pitcher represent the Parish Council on the Project Team. This was seconded by Cllr Fairhurst and agreed unanimously.

With regard to grant funding, it is thought that the Lottery Fund is no longer giving priority to capital funding and Viridor no longer have a landfill site within 8 miles of the village. The Clerk is checking for other areas of funding. Cllr Ventham will go back and speak to Jayne George and see if she will have time to assist with the funding raising.

17.185 Finance

17.185.1 To approve monthly expenditure

The following payments had been requested:

Land Registry	Drax Hall registration	1886	140.00
Cheap Printing	Posters for Local Plan consultation	BACS132	12.00
A King	Lengthsman – February 2018	BACS133	2188.77
Play Inspection	Annual play area inspection	BACS134	78.00
A Crocker	Donations	BACS135	50.00
Glasdon	3 x dog bins	BACS137	456.08
DAPTC	Internal audit regime	BACS138	5.00
A King	Lengthsman – March 2018	BACS139	2075.87
Cheap Printing	Xmas tree fliers	BACS001	8.00
DC Pension Fund	April contribution	BACS002	230.27
A Crocker	April wages + expenses	BACS003	758.17
HMRC	PAYE & NIC April	BACS004	82.12
Whitecliff Consultation	Professional advice re community hall	BACS005	250.00

Total amount to be paid from the Precept £6,333.78.

Cllr Fairhurst proposed that the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Benjafield and agreed unanimously.

Lunch Club & NeighbourCar (Both these schemes are self-funding with no costs coming from the Precept)

A Meaton	NeighbourCar Jan-March 2018	1887	79.01
A Crocker	Lunch Club – March	BACS135	54.39
S Munnings	Lunch Club – March	BACS136	58.22
M Saywell	NeighbourCar 20/4-15/3/18	BACS007	138.50
M Benjafield	NeighbourCar 15/3 – 26/3/18	BACS008	43.65

Total to be paid from the scheme's funds £373.87.

17.185.2 To confirm the reconciliation of accounts

No report was available at this time.

17.185.3 To review the position against budget

No report was available at this time.

17.185.4 To consider the donation of £140 to the Scouts to buy 4 sheets of ply for making 'Silent Soldiers'

This initiative is in line with the national commemorations of the soldiers of WWI returning home from the war and as a tribute to those who did not. They would be life-sized silhouettes of soldiers, painted in black and positioned about the village. The silhouettes are available for purchase at a cost of £250 each but the Scouts have offered to see if they can produce their own using plywood. Cllr Munnings proposed that the Parish Council supports that and covers the cost of the plywood. This was seconded by Cllr Benjafield and agreed unanimously.

Poole Hill roundabout has been sprayed off and will be planted with poppies. This will also act as an appropriate recognition of the WWI commemorations.

Cllr Ventham suggested that we might also like to look at purchasing the large poppies for the lampposts. The Clerk will check the cost of the poppies. Cllr Ventham will also speak to Phil Ventham about the possibility of putting plaques at the addresses, where known, of those who died.

ACTION: CLLR VENTHAM

17.186 Planning & Housing

17.186.1 To consider planning applications

6/2018/0108 Hillview, Shitterton Road – non-material amendment to planning app.

6/2018/0136 Malthouse Cottage, Rye Hill – alterations & additions to form kitchen extension with bedroom over

6/2018/0152 Southview, track to Buddens Farm – change of use from residential to office

The PWP recommended no objections to all three of the planning applications. This was seconded by Cllr Pitcher and agreed unanimously.

17.186.2 To consider tree work applications

TWA/2018/073 43a and 44b West Street – Various tree works

Cllr Bates proposed no objection to the work but pointed out that this was a line of trees against a wooden fence. The application is to 'fell to the ground' as they are 'undermining the fence and posts.' He felt that, if the trees were felled to the ground, the root systems will be retained and the maples would regrow, and it would make little difference to the fence. It would be better to either lay the maples or cut them back to the level of the fence, from which they should develop into a hedge.

ACTION: CLERK

17.187 Environment & Facilities

17.187.1 Open Spaces update

The working parties have, once again, sown the wildflower seeds outside the school and made the area of planting slightly bigger.

The nature reserve is currently too wet for the ponies, but it is hoped that they should be on site at the beginning of May. The new signs will be drawn up and put in place before the ponies arrive.

ACTION: CLLRS BATES & BENJAFIELD

17.187.2 To review the play area annual inspection

The Lengthsman has been working through the various defects highlighted in the report, together with the additional work that needs to be carried out. The main issue is the pathway which needs replacing. The Open Spaces committee will get a quote for the work and bring it back to a future meeting.

ACTION: CLLR PITCHER

Cllr Benjafield reported that there were frogs underneath the trampoline. The Lengthsman will have a look at this and see if there was a way of getting them out. There was also a lot of praise for the zip wire which is now back in place.

17.187.3 Re-registering Rights of Way

Fromes Lane – The Clerk will be meeting with a representative from Highways in the coming week to go through the work that has already been carried out and to see what, if anything, else needs to be done.

17.187.4 Defects

- Notice board in Hyde needs repairing
- Stop cock outside the Drax Arms
- The road runoff drain at the bottom of Manor Farm Road was overflowing during the recent heavy rainfall and the lid was lifting.
- Fingerpost to Culeaze
- Information board outside shop is still waiting to be put up

17.188 Police, Traffic and Roads

Nothing to report.

17.189 Community Liaison

Salt & Pepper – is short of cooks and a notice has been put out on Facebook asking for more help.

Mini bus – Cllr House has been looking into finding some money to fund the bus. There is a community transport grant available that can provide up to £5,000 of funding but this is subject to match funding. However, there are three community services already supporting Bere Regis all of which are ‘dial-a-ride’ services. The mini-bus will cost £10,500. The Clerk will contact the Talbot Trust representative with a view to submitting an application. In the meantime, the details of the other available services will be included in the report for the Parish magazine.

ACTION: CLERK

17.190 Children & Youth

Nothing to report.

17.191 Correspondence received since the agenda was set

Nothing to add.

17.192 Public Relations

- Formation of Project Team for Community Hall
- Silent Soldiers and the WWI commemorations and poppies
- Nordcat, Hopper, etc.

- Play park inspection
- Wildlife Group
- Dorset Dogs
- Ponies on Souls Moor

17.193 Items for the May meeting – AGM, to include the Annual Parish Meeting

Members are reminded to send any items for the agenda to the Clerk by the 30th April 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.25pm.