



**MINUTES OF THE BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
14TH FEBRUARY 2019 AT THE DRAX HALL, NORTH STREET, BERE REGIS,
COMMENCING 7PM**

Present: Cllrs C Packham, L Fairhurst, R Pitcher, T Bates, B House, P Morgan & B Benjafield

Chair: Cllr I Ventham

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 2 members of the public

Public Participation

18.238 Simon Plain asked if it would be possible to have repeater signs on the southbound carriageway of the C6 going away from the village towards Wool. He feels that the traffic appears to be travelling much quicker than the designated 30mph. The Parish Council will request one of the speed teams attend the area to check the speed of traffic and we will ask for the 30mph repeater signs, but this cannot be guaranteed. Mr Plain informed us that he has reported to DCC the two drain gullies outside April Cottage. Last year the road was breaking up around the gullies and was subsequently patched. In 2018 a strip was tarmacked which subsequently dipped around the gullies. Now, as the larger lorries come around the corner, the rear wheels of the lorries drop into the dips and the Cottage vibrates. DCC had said they would clean the gullies, which they have, but this is not the problem. He has resubmitted the fault and the area has been measured and found not to be deep enough for their guidelines – a depth of 40mm is required before work can be undertaken, the dips are currently only 30mm deep. An officer did attend on a different matter on the 14th February and Mr Plain was able to speak to him and he confirmed that the hole was not as deep as 40mm, but he was told to speak to the Parish Council to follow this up. The Clerk will add this to the list of issues to put before Stephen Mephram. In the meantime, it was suggested that we could move the annual traffic survey lower down the hill to ascertain speeds as long as this does not distort the records we have been building up over the since 2008.

1. To receive apologies for absence

18.239 Apologies have been received from Cllrs Simon Munnings and Peter Wharf.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2019

18.240 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 Benjafield and agreed unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting.

3. Matters arising from those minutes, not covered by this agenda

18.241 It was noted that the Parish Council lost money on the Christmas trees in 2018 through residents booking trees without paying a deposit and then not collecting them. The future of this initiative will be discussed at the April meeting.

No news from Anne Brummer regarding the footpath across Brian May's land but Cllr Ventham informed members that they wish to discuss the issue of dog mess across their land.

Grit bins – Cllr Morgan will check the bins following the recent snow and arrange for any to be filled that need topping up.

4. To receive declarations of interest and confirm any dispensations received

18.242 No other interests were declared and no requests for dispensations had been received.

5. To receive the County and District Councillor's Reports

18.243 Cllr Wharf was unable to attend the meeting and no report was available.

6. Key Topics

18.244 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Examiner has raised some queries, mostly for PDC to answer. A couple of queries have come back to us following Natural England's insistence on the larger area of land for the SANG which, despite opportunity to comment in the past, they only commented on recently. The Examiner expressed concern about fitting the required number of houses on to the reduced area, following this increase in the size of the SANG. The Steering Group subsequently met with Pro Vision (working on behalf of the Drax Estate), who are happy to include the entrance area to the Back Lane site within the proposed development land. This will then allow sufficient area for the 55 houses. The noise attenuation bund was also discussed as the Drax Estate are now reconsidering the need for it. We have agreed that, whilst noise attenuation is a necessity, it need not necessarily be in the form of a bund. Our main concern is that we do not want construction traffic moving through the village and the Drax Estate are happy to look into ways that this can be achieved. The Estate now have until the 28th February to submit their comments. We then have until the 4th March to review the subsequent report from the Examiner and allow Frances enough time to submit her report to full Council in order to have it ratified at the March meeting.

7. Finance

18.245 To approve monthly expenditure

The following payments had been requested:

Thomas William Trust	Share of profits from sale of calendar	1898	92.50
FoBRS	Share of profits from sale of calendar	1899	92.50
DC Pension Fund	February pension contribution	BACS117	237.44
A Crocker	February wages + expenses	BACS122	807.62
HMRC	PAYE & NIC February	BACS123	89.24
Marquess of Salisbury	50 Christmas trees	BACS126	534.00
A King	Lengthsman – January 2019	BACS128	1716.34

Total to be paid from the Precept **£3,558.64**

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

S Stone	Lunch Club Nov'16-Jan'19	BACS118	435.00
D Fairhurst	NC – December 2018	BACS119	10.35
B Britten	NC – January 2019	BACS120	22.50
Came & Co	Minibus insurance	BACS121	576.03
I Ventham	February Lunch Club	BACS124	96.10
B House	December Lunch Club	BACS125	103.77
M Benjafield	NC – Dec'19-Feb'19	BACs127	106.20

Total to be paid from the schemes' funds **£1,360.95**

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

ACTION: CLERK

In addition, to the above a further £254 was paid by BACS to Bere Regis PCC as several of those who advertise in the parish magazine had made their cheques payable to Bere Regis Parish Council in error. These have been banked and the BACS offsets this payment.

18.246 To confirm reconciliation of accounts and position against budget

A copy of the reports had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. No questions were raised, and no comments made.

8. Planning & Housing

18.247 To consider planning applications

6/2019/0005 80 West Street – convert 2-storey dwelling to form dental surgery & 2 bed apartment

It is the Parish Council’s policy to support local businesses as often as possible, especially when they represent an important village facility as in this case. It was noted that parking will remain as it is at present with the surgery located in Manor Farm Road – there will be no client parking at the new premises. The move of the practice should not generate any additional traffic and there is a bus stop in front of the surgery which is a no parking zone. There may be more patients attending the practice should it obtain NHS status, but they will have to park in the central car park.

Discussion took place regarding the current parking situation throughout the village in general but there is no long-term solution.

The PWP recommended no objection. Cllr Morgan seconded the proposal and members were unanimously in favour of supporting the application.

6/2018/0684 Buddens Scout Camp – construction of new climbing & high rope facilities

PWP recommended no objections. Cllr Pitcher seconded the proposal and members were unanimously in favour of supporting the application.

18.248 To consider tree work applications

TWA/2019/007 Culver Dell, Shitterton – various tree works

Cllr Bates had attended the site and recommended no objections. This was seconded by Cllr Benjafield and agreed unanimously.

9. Environment & Facilities

18.249 To receive an update regarding the transfer of assets from PDC to the Parish Council

The Clerk reported that PDC is in the process of outsourcing the land transfer work to an external solicitor. PDC must also advertise their intention to dispose of the land via an advert in a local paper and it is their intention to place one advert to cover all the land transfers. At this time, PDC is still negotiating some heads of terms with some Town and Parish Councils and, until these are complete, they cannot proceed with the advert. It is hoped that this will all be completed by the end of March.

The area of wall on the north side of the car park which is falling down – who is responsible for the repair of the wall? If it is PDC, it needs to be made good before the Parish Council acquires the asset. If it is not PDC, they will be asked if they can enforce on the landowners to have the wall repaired before the handover.

18.250 Scout Hut tenancy

PDC confirmed that their interest in the lease to the Scout Association – 20 years from June 2011 – was assigned to the Parish Council in September 2014, following the disposal of their interest in the property. The Parish Council now has a copy of the notice of assignment, together with a copy of the lease. According to the PDC solicitor, we need take no further action.

The Clerk will contact the local Scout Group to ensure they are aware of the change in landlord.

ACTION: CLERK

18.251 Open Spaces update

Cllr Pitcher reported that he has met with another supplier regarding the outdoor gym equipment. Most of the contractors will assist with fundraising which will have to be matched. The total cost will be in the region of £14,000 + VAT. Cllr Ventham pointed out that we have never formally consulted with residents on this initiative and this is something that would need to be carried out if we were to apply for funding. Cllr Packham suggested this could be something that could be done in conjunction with the school. The Parish Council will be sending out a mailshot to the whole parish in April for the Neighbourhood Plan and this opportunity could be used to promote other activities.

Skate park update – the latest version of these are pump tracks and Rosie Osborne from FoBRS, who has had experience of commissioning a pump track elsewhere, is very happy to assist with locating funding, but until we secure the land, this cannot be progressed.

In the meantime, the opportunity exists to bring together an exercise/facilities project team which will take into its brief the trim trail, pump track and possible play area on the SANG.

An event will be held on Saturday 27th April to promote the Neighbourhood Plan just prior to the referendum, and this will be preceded by a door drop that can promote the Neighbourhood Plan, trim trail, pump track, etc.

Cllr Pitcher suggested Cllr Packham might like to assist with the project. He will also contact Rosie and Jethro Loader to invite them onto the group.

ACTION: CLLR PITCHER

A working party was held and some more work was carried out on the boardwalk, assisted by the Lengthsman.

Cllr Bates asked if there was any movement on the Lockyer land as it is looking quite a mess. We have been in touch with Andrew Robinson, but, so far, he has not been able to contact the landowner. The fence along the bottom is falling over but it is owned by the landowner and there is not a lot that we can do about it unless it becomes a danger, rather than just being unsightly.

18.252 Rights of Way

The Clerk reported that she has now heard from Rights of Way with regard to Froom's Lane and they have requested that Form C- Notice of Application – is modified slightly by amending the date so it is different from that shown on the other forms. This is a minor detail but other applications have been denied because of this. The original form was received today and a new one will be returned to Rights of Way on the 15th.

Dark Lane – one form has been returned but the map has not been signed so it will be given back to the resident for completion. Two other forms have been issued. Cllr Ventham suggested putting some forms at the end of Shitterton at the entrance to Dark Lane. Cllr Fairhurst will arrange this.

ACTION: CLLR FAIRHURST

18.253 Update on the Lengthsman's Contract

This had been discussed at the November meeting and it was agreed that the hourly rate would increase from £15 to £17.50/hour. However, at that time, no decision was made with regard to the number of hours or how a greater level of accountability could be achieved.

The number of hours is agreed at 30 hours per week and greater control will be maintained by way of a priority list. Projects can be fitted into this list. The Clerk will go ahead and draw up the contract accordingly.

ACTION: CLERK

18.254 Defects

- Fly tipping – towards the Trout Farm. This was reported at the time and Cllr Pitcher will report it on D4Y. There is also a washing machine and a fire pit in an Aster car park – this has been here for nearly 10 months.

- The Jubilee bridge has some rotten woodwork around the base of the bridge – Rights of Way will be informed.

ACTION: CLERK

10. Police, Traffic and Roads

18.255 To consider the possibility of requesting yellow lines being installed at the northern end of North Street

This has arisen following frequent complaints from residents living in the Townsend Park area that people are parking their vehicles along both sides of the road for the day whilst they go to work. This makes it very difficult for those residents to enter and exit their driveways which, on occasion, have been blocked by the parked cars.

Cllr Ventham suggested a meeting with the residents of Townsend Park to discuss the situation, together with Cllr Benjafield at the Sports Club with Cllr Morgan in March.

11. Community Liaison

18.256 Mid-Summer Bere Fest 2019

Cllr Ventham reported that the first meeting had been held on the 29th January and was attended by 7 people. It was agreed that the date of the event would be Sunday 30th June from 2pm until 8pm and it would be held at the Recreation Ground. The next meeting will be held on the 4th March at the Sports Club, 7.30pm.

18.257 Community Hall update – Wilson’s proposal

Cllr Ventham reported that he had met with Wilsons, a solicitor’s firm based in Salisbury. To put together a CIO for the new village hall and to bring the Drax Hall into it, in order to transfer the asset in due course and permit borrowing against that asset, will cost about £10,000 in all. The full letter will be passed to members for consideration.

ACTION: CLERK

18.258 Mini bus

We are now in possession of the minibus. Originally it was felt that the bus could be stored at the school, but, in the interests of security, it would be better stored away from the school. An email has been sent to all the local groups, but no responses have been received to date.

Perhaps an event could be arranged to announce the fact that we have the bus. This could take place on the 27th April event.

The first trip is a shopping trip to Poole on 14th March which will be assisted and cost £6 per person.

Goodwin Graphics – Clerk to contact with regard to having the minibus sign written.

ACTION: CLERK

12. Children & Youth

18.259 Nothing to report.

13. Correspondence received since the agenda was set

18.260 Nothing to add.

14. Public Relations

- 18.261 - Mini bus
- Bere Fest
- Neighbourhood Plan update
- Dark Lane

- Transfer of land re Scout hut
- Calendar profits and who will benefit

15. Items for the March meeting

18.262 Members are reminded to pass any items to the Clerk for inclusion in the March agenda by the 28th February 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.45pm.