



**MINUTES OF THE BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
14th JUNE 2018 AT THE DRAX HALL, NORTH STREET, BERE REGIS,
COMMENCING 7PM**

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

Chair: Cllr R Pitcher

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: No members of the public

Public Participation

18.35 No members of the public were present. Cllr Benjafield, speaking on behalf of a resident expressed concern over an incident of dangerous driving on the short stretch of road from the Shell Garage to the Poole Hill roundabout. A vehicle was seen attempting a U-turn by Cow Drove. Members felt that this was a fairly regular occurrence as drivers were unaware that there was a roundabout a little further along. It was suggested that a sign at the junction might be appropriate. Cllr Munnings reported that this was discussed several years ago, and Highways said there was no reason for such a sign. It might help a little if the verges and hedges along this stretch were cut back; this would, at least, aid the visibility of traffic exiting Cow Drove.

1. To receive apologies for absence

18.36 Apologies have been received from Cllrs I Ventham, P Wharf and D Bishop

2. To confirm the minutes of the AGM held on 10th May 2018

18.37 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Benjafield proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Munnings 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

18.38 Signs for ponies are now up.

Verges alongside the zebra crossing at the old school have now been cut and the owner of the neighbouring land has been asked to cut back the hedges.

The community buses advert – notice to be drawn up by Cllr Benjafield.

ACTION: CLLR BENJAFIELD

Outdoor Gym – the Clerk has received two quotes and a third is awaited. Once received, the information will be passed to the Open Spaces group for consideration at the next budget setting meeting. It is felt that the equipment would be situated along Elder Road open space and on Souls Moor, but this will be discussed later.

WWI Commemorations – Eddie Butterfield is happy to provide a pole for the beacon to be set on. It may be installed in the same location where it has been lit on the last two occasions, but this will need to be considered in order to avoid the overhead wires and certain areas of the SNCI. The Open Spaces group will look into possible locations and report back to the Parish Council.

Village Tidy – Cllr Morgan had been tasked to investigate this. He has looked around the village and it looks quite tidy, although there are some kerbs that do need weeding. It was suggested that early October might be an appropriate time to hold the tidy, but Cllr Morgan will confirm the date, at which time PDC will be approached to provide the gloves and pickers as before.

ACTION: CLLR MORGAN

Village Walkabout – It was suggested that this should take place at the August meeting. Members are asked to consider a possible route, and this will be confirmed at the July meeting.

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

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

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

18.40 Cllr Wharf was unable to attend the meeting and no reports were available.

6. Key Topics

18.41 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Munnings reported that it is hoped the Plan will be going to referendum in May 2019 which means we must begin the public consultation period on 18th June. This will run for 6 weeks, after which the Plan goes to PDC who then need to undertake a further 6 weeks of consultation. To start the process, fliers have been sent to every house in the parish saying there will be a public consultation on Saturday 23rd June. All members are asked to attend to be available to speak to residents and explain what is happening. A timeline will be available on the day to show the consultation process.

The Clerk and Cllr Munnings met with Chris Jowett of Savills, who has recently replaced Jason Bowerman of the Drax Estate. There will be another meeting with the Trustees of the Drax Estate in the near future. Cllr Munnings will be meeting PDC, together with Cllrs Wharf and Ventham as Sue Bellamy will no longer be the officer dealing with the Plan and the new officer will be brought up to date.

Cllr Benjafield asked what the deadline for any amendments of the final plan is. We have built in two-week alteration periods between each of the consultation periods. Once the Inspector has reviewed and commented on the Plan and any necessary amendments have been carried out, it is understood that no other alterations would be necessary.

18.42 Arrangements for the consultation process and public consultation on Saturday 23rd June

The Clerk will contact PDC to see if we can borrow their display boards. Councillors are asked to arrive for 10.30am for a briefing.

18.43 To consider the various options available for Broadband within the Parish

Cllr Wharf was unable to attend the meeting. This topic will be put forward to the July meeting.

7. Finance

18.44 To approve monthly expenditure

The following payments had been requested:

Cheap Printing	A0 foamex boards x 2 re ponies	BACS019	72.00
DAPTC	Councillor training	BACS021	40.00
DC Pension Fund	June contribution	BACS022	246.73
HMRC	PAYE & NIC	BACS023	104.06
A King	Lengthsman – May	BACS024	2465.03
A Crocker	June wages + expenses	BACS025	841.28
DAPTC	Councillor training	BACS029	105.00
Cheap Printing	NP fliers, questionnaires	BACS031	56.00
C Packham	Mileage	BACS032	9.36

Total to be paid from the Precept **£5,127.10**

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

A Crocker	May Lunch Club	BACS020	40.52
B Britten	NeighbourCar	BACS026	102.15
D Fairhurst	NeighbourCar	BACS027	74.25
P Morgan	May Lunch Club	BACS028	43.21
M Benjafield	NeighbourCar	BACS030	72.20

Total to be paid from the schemes' funds **£ 332.33**

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

ACTION: CLERK

18.45 To confirm reconciliation of accounts

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

18.46 To confirm the position against budget

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

The Clerk requested permission to confirm the quotation of £400 for an ecological survey of the whole of the Barrow Hill site by Abbas Ecology. It was agreed that the Clerk should go ahead and agree the quote.

8. Planning & Housing

18.47 To consider planning applications

6/2018/0247 West Lea, Butt Lane – remove chimney, roof elevation with 2 Juliet balconies to front elevation and 1 Juliet balcony to rear elevation

6/2018/0253 20 Green Close - single storey rear extension, rear dormer, front porch

6/2018/0302 1 Donkey Lane - single storey rear porch – Certificate of Lawfulness

6/2018/0305 Church View, 8 Turberville Road – non material amendment re 6/2018/0071 to change to a flat roof with lantern light with brick wall & high level windows on southern elevation

The PWP recommended no objections to any of the planning applications.

18.48 To consider tree work applications

TWA/2018/097 10 Shitterton – reduce height of T1 Cyprus & T3 Ash, fell T2 Cherry

Cllr Bates recommended no objections to the work.

Cllr Benjafield seconded the recommendations and this was agreed unanimously.

9. Environment & Facilities

18.49 To consider the Lengthsman's contract

A copy of the contract had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. The existing contract has now been in place for over three years and, as previously agreed, the contract was to be reviewed after three years and put out to tender if members felt it necessary to do so. The contract will be amended to include reference to sub-contractors/employees.

Cllr Packham proposed that the contract is put out to tender. This was seconded by Cllr Morgan and agreed unanimously. The Clerk and Cllr Pitcher, together with Cllrs Packham, Fairhurst and Bates, will review the contract prior to the tender being issued.

18.50 Open Spaces update

The ponies have arrived.

Cllr Bates reported that there will be a survey taking place on Saturday, led by Shaun Couch looking at ancient and veteran trees in the parish.

Play park – the basket swing has been removed for repair. The Lengthsman will replace the pole on the top of the swing. Quotes are required for the replacement of the path.

18.51 To consider the installation of benches on the footpath near the school

The Open Space group will look at this and report back to the July meeting.

Cllr Packham reported that, although the boardwalk has non-slip strips, it is still quite slippery when it gets wet. Unfortunately, there is not a lot more that can be done about this but the situation will continue to be monitored.

18.52 Defects

- Slip road heading towards Dorchester; potholes to be reported via the Dorset for You web site.

10. Police, Traffic and Roads

18.53 Cllr Morgan left a message some weeks ago for the Community Police Officer to contact him. To date, no response has been received but he will continue to chase.

The traffic survey has been undertaken on Rye Hill and the results are awaited.

11. Community Liaison

18.54 Community Hall update

Cllr Munnings reported that we cannot go ahead with the new hall until the Common Land issue is resolved which, in turn, is completely tied up with the Neighbourhood Plan.

12. Children & Youth

18.55 Nothing to report.

13. Correspondence received since the agenda was set

18.56 Nothing further received.

14. Public Relations

- 18.57
- Neighbourhood Plan timeline and explaining that the 6 week public consultation period has started
 - Village walkabout
 - Village tidy

15. Items for the July meeting

- 18.58
- Village walkabout
 - Village tidy
 - Broadband

Members are reminded to pass any items to the Clerk for inclusion in the June agenda by the 30th June 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.33 p.m.