



MINUTES OF THE BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8th MARCH 2018 AT THE DRAX HALL, NORTH STREET, BERE REGIS, COMMENCING 7PM

Present: Cllrs L Fairhurst, P Wharf, D Bishop, B House, T Bates, R Pitcher

Chair: Cllr I Ventham

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also Present: 1 member of the public

17.161 Public Participation

No points were raised.

17.162 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Cllrs Simon Munnings, B Benjafield, C Packham and Peter Wharf.

17.163 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2018

A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr House proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Bishop and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Cllr Pitcher in the presence of the meeting.

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

Purbeck Local Plan consultation – Cllrs Ventham, Pitcher and Bates will be attending and will be available to talk to residents about the Neighbourhood Plan and Community Hall if required.

A response to the new PDC Small Sites Proposal has been sent to Cllr Suttle, PDC.

The Tree Officer has been informed of the trees on the Lockyer land.

17.165 To receive declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

17.166 To consider the co-option of a Parish Council

The Parish Council currently have one vacancy remaining and only one resident has put their name forward – Phil Morgan. The Chair invited Phil to introduce himself to members and say a few words about his career to date.

Phil is already a driver for NeighbourCar and helps as a cook for the Lunch Club. He was invited to take his seat on the Council.

17.167 To receive the County and District Councillor's report

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

17.168 Key topics

17.168.1 Neighbourhood Plan progress update

Cllrs Ventham and Munnings, together with the Clerk attended a meeting with Natural England (NE) on the 26th February. The presentation given at that meeting was shown to members and the proposal outlined.

NE were reminded that, originally, in PLP1, the SANG was proposed to be on Souls Moor and along the streamside. NE were unable to respond to this. It was also noted that there had never been a formal consultation with the village in respect of the SANG until the November 2017 consultation, at which time most residents could not really see the need for a SANG. The number of people who now use Black Hill has been vastly reduced since May's Wood was planted and made available to residents.

Attention to the Drax land to the south of the sports field was pointed out to NE as this land is not currently open to the public.

Our proposal was to reduce the size of the proposed SANG in return for the land to the south of the sports field. The access to the northwest end of the SANG would be opposite the Old Mill, West Street and a biking area close to the proposed employment site at the northern end of North Street. By adding in the land to the south of the sports field, a northern circular walk could be created. This would reduce the SANG from 14 acres to 10 acres but would then add the 2 acres of land south of the sports field.

We are now awaiting a formal counter proposal from NE before we can go back to the Drax Estate.

Tower Hill – The Chair gave a brief update of the recent events. The owners of the land had instructed surveyors to carry out a topographical survey of site. At the same time, a contractor turned up to work in the garden of one of the Butt Lane residents and removed part of the hedge and widened the gateway at Barrow Hill in order to get his equipment across the field. At the same time, SSE were in the area replacing the electricity poles. The Butt Lane resident has received pre-app advice suggesting that an upgraded track across the field and widening the entranceway from Barrow Hill would be acceptable. A request has now been submitted for Alan Davies, PDC Planning, to speak to the resident and formally withdraw the pre-app advice. It is important that residents understand if the field is not included within the Neighbourhood Plan, under the Local Plan, it becomes vulnerable under the small site policy for up to 30 houses and the only way to help prevent this from happening is to bring the site into the Neighbourhood Plan.

A date will be set up to meet the Tower Hill residents, together with a PDC officer, to try to explain the proposal and how the Neighbourhood Plan is the best way to try to protect the site.

Community Hall – we cannot proceed beyond obtaining broad advice until we have confirmation on a Common Land swap. The working group will be meeting again on the 27th March to go through the events to date, offer a broad business plan and a timeline, and revenue expenditure and income budgets will be discussed. This will all be on the basis that nothing can actually be done until the land is available.

17.168.2 To consider a Parish Clean Up Day

In general, the village is much tidier than it used to be, but we have lost the two residents who used to walk around picking up litter. Whatever happens, the initiative should be headed by a member of

the Parish Council. Cllr Morgan very kindly offered to head this and Cllr Pitcher will assist in the organisation.

17.168.3 Shitterton footpath upgrade and streamside path renewal

Footpath upgrade – Cllr Ventham has spoken to Tilhill regarding the western end of the path leading to Shitterton. Graham Preece of Tilhill will check with his directors and see if there is anything they are willing to do.

Streamside path – between Shitterton Bridge and Jubilee Bridge – It has now been nearly 5 years since this path was upgraded and it is in need of maintenance. The Clerk will contact the Dorset County Rangers, saying that this work now needs to be carried out.

ACTION: CLERK

17.169 Finance

17.169.1 To approve monthly expenditure

The following payments had been requested:

A King	Lengthsman – January 2018	BACS120	2202.60
Bere Regis School	Grant re Life Education Van	1879	375.00
Autumn Leaves	Grant towards cost of speakers	1880	200.00
PDC	Stage 2 planning advice re the Drax Hall	1884	412.50
PDC	Stage 2 planning advice re Souls Moor	1885	337.50
Wessex Water	Cemetery standpipe 50%	BACS122	86.00
DC Pension Fund	March contribution	BACS125	230.22
A Crocker	March wages + expenses	BACS126	762.97
HMRC	March PAYE & NIC	BACS127	73.19
Cheap Printing	NP & Community hall printing	BACS128	131.40

Total amount to be paid from the Precept £4,811.38.

Cllr House proposed that the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Bates and agreed unanimously.

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

Brenda House	NC expenses to February 2018	1881	495.36
A Patterson	NC February 2018	1882	19.80
N Reid	NC February 2018	1883	10.80
G Roskelly	NC February 2018	BACS121	12.60
S Munnings	February Lunch Club	BACS123	13.05
S Percival	February Lunch Club	BACS124	245.00
A Crocker	February Lunch Club	BACS126	84.53
D Fairhurst	NC February 2018	BACS129	87.30
M Benjafield	NC February 2018	BACS130	63.68
B Britten	NC February 2018	BACS131	36.00

Total to be paid from the scheme's funds £1,068.12.

17.169.2 To confirm the reconciliation of accounts

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

17.169.3 To review the position against budget

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

17.169.4 To review the Grant Funding criteria

A copy of the criteria had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. It was agreed that the criteria will remain the same.

17.169.5 To approve the appointment of Darkin-Miller as auditors for the year ended 31st March 2018 at a cost of £245 and to consider entering into a 3 year contract, giving a discount of 2.5%

Cllr Pitcher proposed that Darkin-Miller is reappointed, and we take advantage of the discount. This was seconded by Cllr House and agreed unanimously.

17.169.6 To approve a grant of £200 for Autumn Leaves to go towards the cost of speakers

Cllr House proposed that the grant is given. This was seconded by Cllr Bates and agreed unanimously. This money is able to be taken from this year’s budget as monies had been set aside.

17.170 Planning & Housing

17.170.1 To consider planning applications

6/2018/0071 8 Tuberville Road – erect replacement conservatory

The PWP recommended no objections.

6/2018/0090 3 Townsend Business Park – convert existing workshop to 3 bed dwelling

It was noted that, when the houses were originally built with workshops, they were outside the settlement boundary and it was only the fact that they were work at home units that allowed them to be built in this location. Cllr Ventham proposed that we **Object** to this application on the grounds that the properties were built as commercial/residential developments. They exist in what is basically a commercial area and our Neighbourhood Plan and PLP1 both recommend a larger commercial area opposite this site. To have a 4th dwelling in this area would be inappropriate. This was seconded by Cllr Bishop and agreed unanimously.

17.170.2 To consider tree work applications

TWA/2018/033 Hyde Woods, Hyde – various tree works

Cllr Bates recommended no objection.

Cllr Ventham proposed that the recommendations of the PWP are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr House and agreed unanimously.

ACTION: CLERK

17.171 Environment & Facilities

17.171.1 To consider a permanent location for the beacon

Cllr Pitcher felt that it would be inappropriate to have a permanent location until the hall site is finalised. In the meantime, he will contact Eddie Butterfield to sort out a pole for the beacon.

17.171.2 To consider the renewal of the dog waste bins

Two new bins are on order.

17.171.3 To receive an update on an exercise equipment trail

This will be taken up by the Open Spaces group. The route has already been considered and a budget will be worked out.

17.171.4 Open Spaces update

Cllr Bates reported that the wildlife group will be sowing the wild flower seeds on the area outside the school over the coming weekend. He will write a piece for the Parish Magazine about the work of the group to date.

Poole Hill roundabout – Cllr Bates will continue to follow this up. It has been suggested that poppies could be planted here to commemorate the end of WWI.

17.171.5 Defects

No defects were reported.

17.172 Police, Traffic and Roads

The Winter Action Plan worked during the recent bad weather and residents did come out and assist with clearing the pavements. The Clerk will forward a copy of the Winter Plan to Cllr Morgan to update. It was suggested that we need an annexe that is updated annually which will list those with 4 x 4s, those who have snowploughs and others who are willing to help. Cllr House will assist Cllr Morgan with this. A request will be made for anyone with 4 x 4s to come forward and this will be included in the Parish Magazine article. The Plan must also be put to those people who are included within it, i.e. both the pubs, the Scouts, etc. Once complete, the Plan should be sent to the Police for discussion.

Cllr House reported that the NeighbourCar groups have all been contacted and asked if the drivers would be prepared to come out in case of emergencies.

Cllr Pitcher suggested a donation should be made to the two farmers of £25 towards their diesel costs for the work they did during the worst of the weather. This was unanimously agreed. Thanks are extended to Kevin Crocker and Barry Tuck for their efforts in keeping the traffic moving on the C6 and around the village.

17.173 Community Liaison

Cllr House reported that discussions are still underway regarding the purchase of a community bus.

WWI commemorations are underway, and the working party will be holding a meeting in the near future. It was noted that Cerences will be holding a commemoration at the same time and a member of the Parish Council has been invited to attend.

17.174 Children & Youth

Nothing to report. The school is coming under the control of the Hardy's Academisation process following the recent poor report.

17.175 Correspondence received since the agenda was set

Nothing to add.

17.176 Public Relations

- Parish Clean Up
- Grant to Autumn Leaves
- Barrow Hill
- Snow report from Cllr House and 4x4 request
- Parish Council visit to the Houses of Parliament – Cllr Fairhurst will write a few notes

17.177 Items for the April meeting

Members are reminded to send any items for the agenda to the Clerk by the 31st March 2018

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.