

**MINUTES OF BRANKSOME PARK, CANFORD CLIFFS & DISTRICT  
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JAN 2013 AT  
7.30PM IN THE LOUNGE, BRANKSOME ST. ALDHELM'S PARISH CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** John Sprackling (JS) Chairman  
Wayne Hancock (WH) Vice-Chairman  
Carol Parkin (CP) Secretary  
Keith Alcroft (KA) Planning Officer

Cllr Mrs May Haines (MH) Ward Councillor  
Cllr Neil Sorton (NS) ditto

10 Members/Wardens

**1. APOLOGIES AND ACCURACY OF MINUTES**

**ACTION**

JS welcomed all those present, particularly Cllrs Mrs May Haines & Neil Sorton.

**Apologies:** Apologies received from Terry Stewart, Ken Sanson (Sandbanks Assn) & Leon Ellis

**Accuracy:** JS said that he would sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 12 DECEMBER 2012. **JS**

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

**Poole Pottery/Old Orchard/Quay Thistle Hotel sites update:** JS reported... **JS**

1. Quayside (former Dolphin Quays) development – No new developments
2. Former Poole Pottery & Swan Inn site – ditto
3. Quay Thistle Hotel site – ditto
4. Old Orchard House – ditto
5. Land at West Quay Road – ditto

**Planning Enforcement, TPOs/Tree replacements – update:**

Heavytree Road (*Unauthorized felling of the 12m Scots pine as reported in the Daily Echo dated 23/06/10*) – JS reported that Mr Davey has lodged an appeal against sentence. The usual procedure is for the matter to be put in writing by the Appellant's Counsel to a single Lord Justice of Appeal. If the judge decides that there is merit in the appeal, it is then put in for a hearing before at least two Lord's Justices to be heard. **NS**

Other current issues

Victoria Education Centre (*Reinstatement of verge in St Aldhelms Road*) – No new developments.

**Chairman's Note:** The Head of Planning Enforcement is currently on sick leave following an operation but I have received the following note,,,"I have recorded the existing condition of the old entrance way. Some planting has taken place behind the green metal fence. This should be reinforced to establish improved screening at the rear of the hard surface area. I need to look into some other details as far as the hard area is concerned but cannot do this for 2/3 weeks. Please bear with us for the time being and I will contact you again as soon as possible".

**Community Working Group (CWG):** Next meeting on 16 January 2013. **\_WH**

**Council Budget 2012/13 & Council's Budget Monitoring report:** JS said that the next Cabinet meeting is not due to be held until 23/01/13 so there has been no Council budget monitoring report since that reported in the last Minutes. **WM**

**Public Rights of Way**

Westminster Road end of Dalkeith Road – No new developments.

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| <u>Buccleuch Road to Lakeside Road</u> – ditto   | <b>ACTION</b> |
| <u>Bessborough Road</u> – ditto  | <b>JS/RD</b>  |
| <u>Footpath 82/128</u> – ditto   |               |
| <b>Pinecliff Gardens (Sunken garden):</b> No new developments.   | <b>WH</b>     |
| <b>Branksome Chine Gardens, Branksome Park Woods, Pinecliff Gardens, Martello Woods &amp; Beach Road Woodland Management Plan 2001-2011:</b> – No new developments.  |               |
| <b>Poole Council's Efficiency Review Programme (ERP):</b> JS reported that the next Council Efficiency & Effectiveness Committee meeting is not due to be held until 31/01/13.   | <b>JS</b>     |
| <b>Localism Act/Community Engagement:</b> JS said that he was unable to report on meeting of the Community Engagement Working Party meeting held on 18/12/12. as he did not attend this but NS said  |               |
| Cllr NS said that there was to be a seminar later this month, when Councillors will be briefed on the current position on Community engagement and when they will receive the recommendations of the working party.  | <b>JS/TS</b>  |
| <b>Offshore Wind Farm</b> – RP reported that there will be a meeting of the Steering Group which has been formed from local Residents' Associations on January 24 <sup>th</sup> . The actions of each of the Residents' Associations. will be co-ordinated and plans will be made. He will then report at the Association's next meeting in February. At the moment, three of our local Residents' Associations are objecting to the Windfarm plans and Sandbanks Association declares itself 'neutral'. There will be a demonstration this coming Sunday (13/01/13) organised on the seafront at Swanage. | <b>RP</b>     |
| <b>Road Safety concerns Lindsay Road/St Aldhelm's Road Junction &amp; Lower end of Wilderton Road:</b> RP reported that the Borough Council has recommended that the whole of Wilderton Road becomes a 'No Waiting' area. This will cost approximately £1000 and will be carried out when funds are available. The grass verge is gradually being reinstated.  |               |
| RP is making a proposal that the Association donate a modest sum towards the cost, in order to speed things long. Cllr MH said that she would follow this up by making certain it is on the Agenda for the next Canford Cliffs & Penn Hill Area Committee meeting on 13 <sup>th</sup> .February  |               |
| <b>Draft Seafront Beaches Master Plan SPD:</b> There was a consensus amongst those who had read the plan that many of the proposals included in this were not sensible. Cllr MH said that she had not seen the commercially sensitive material but had queried, with the former Head of Leisure Services, before his departure, the viability of the proposed Dunes Hotel at Sandbanks and the Chines Hotel at Branksome Dene.   | <b>TS</b>     |
| <b>Proposed SSE Sub-station in Links Road:</b> JG is 'chasing'.  | <b>JG</b>     |
| Cllr MH reported that SSE are starting work on the corner of Sandecotes Road and will check on this work as she passes by and will e mail JS of her findings.  |               |
| <b>Chairman's Note:</b> Cllr MH has spoken with the contractors working nearby and writes "They will be putting one in along Sandecotes Rd in about a month's time. The person I spoke to has no instructions to install one along Links Road."  |               |
| <b>Gypsy &amp; Traveller Encampments:</b> No new developments.   | <b>TS</b>     |
| <b>Membership recruitment drive:</b> JS said that on the basis that the Association is going ahead with the proposal to get Royal Mail to distribute the Spring 2013 Magazine to every residential address within BH13, it will be necessary to set a firm   |               |

timetable for the production of this and he will circulate a note about this.

RP agreed to rewrite The Aims and Objectives of the Association to be included in our next magazine. This will be done in time for our next meeting.

**ACTION**  
**RP**

### 3 NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

JS reported

#### **Compton Acres, 164 Canford Cliffs Road**

(a) Erection of building comprising 20 Apartments with basement parking; re-arrangement for the existing Compton Acres parking area, and demolition of the existing office building set within the current car park – Application granted on 27/12/12.

& (b) Rear two storey extension to existing estate office in Compton Acres gardens including demolition of more recent rear addition) – Application registered on 31/10/12. Still a 'current application'.

**KA**

#### Other current planning issues

#### **7 Wilderton Road**

(a) Demolition of the existing block of 6 flats and the construction of a new block of 7 flats with basement car parking, accessed from Balcombe Road) – Application registered on 29/10/12.

& (b) Demolition of the existing garages and the construction of a detached dwelling house with integral double garage – Application registered on 26/10/12. Local opposition and Cllr NS confirmed that he had 'Red-carded'. both applications.

**4. ACCOUNTS TO DATE** – JS reported that the total Association funds as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 amounted to £34,748.49. Paul Fearnley will shortly sending the year-end accounts to Schofields for examination.

**JS**

#### **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

#### Meeting with representatives of Residents' Associations and Commerce & Industry

– To be held in Committee Suite, Civic Centre on 25/01/13 at 10.00am

Canford Cliffs & Penn Hill Area Committee meeting – The next meeting is fixed for 13/02/13 at St Luke's Church Hall.

Waste collection - RP does not feel that the refuse collection is as satisfactory as the Council would suggest, and over the Christmas and New Year period collections had not been made. Information on collections was not readily available, except on the BoP website. RP's problem was that his black bin waste collection had not been made on January 4 as scheduled, and he has written to the Council to lodge a complaint.

Cllr MH explained why there was no waste collection during the Christmas/New Year holiday. The Council made an agreement with the Unions, whereby the refuse collectors would forego all bank holidays in the rest of the year in order to have the Christmas/New Year holiday off. She is waiting for a reply from the officer responsible as to why several houses had no collection on 4<sup>th</sup> January, as scheduled.

Navitas Offshore Wind Farm - Roland Cunnell aired his misgivings that, from time to time, the Association embarked on campaigns where it was unlikely to have any influence – for example – the proposed Wind Farm. RP assured him that a concerted plan of action was being worked on. Michael Parkin asked where the raw data came from – i.e. reliability data, failure data, running costs data, replacement costs data. RP replied that they have to rely on data published by HMG. Navitus are not very forthcoming in this respect.

**Date of next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>h</sup> February 2013 – Lounge, Rear of Branksome St Aldhelms Parish Centre (Access via Lindsay Road)

**All**