

**MINUTES OF BRANKSOME PARK, CANFORD CLIFFS & DISTRICT  
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEB 2013 AT  
7.30PM IN THE LOUNGE, BRANKSOME ST. ALDHELM'S PARISH CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** John Sprackling (JS) Chairman  
Wayne Hancock (WH) Vice-Chairman  
Paul Fearnley (PF) Treasurer  
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 those attending for the first time and Cllrs Mrs May Haines & Neil Sorton.

**Apologies:** Apologies received from Terry Stewart & Stan Alfert

**Accuracy:** JS said that he would sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 09 JANUARY 2013. **JS**

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

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

1. Quayside (former Dolphin Quays) development – Ground rent payable half-yearly in June & December is outstanding for 2012 totaling £68,000.  
**Chairman's note:** I was informed on 08 February 2013 that "this is currently up to date with June and December 2012 instalments having been received."
2. Former Poole Pottery & Swan Inn site – No new developments
3. Quay Thistle Hotel site – ditto
4. Old Orchard House – ditto
5. Land at West Quay Road – ditto

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

Victoria Education Centre (Reinstatement of verge in St Aldhelms Road) – The school applied for the licence from Highways last August and the inspector required the road to be closed. The school are now resubmitting the form to undertake the work during school half term or Easter holiday period. It is hoped that during this time it may be possible to do the work with sign and cones round the work area only, which will reduce the cost to the school. **NS**

Other current issues

Heavytree Road (Unauthorized felling of the 12m Scots pine as reported in the Daily Echo dated 23/06/10) – No new developments re Mr Davey's appeal against sentence.

**Community Working Group (CWG):** WH reported that, at an interesting meeting chaired by Stephen Thorne on 16 January 2013. there was a brief discussion on... **\_WH**

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which came into force in January. CIL will only apply to residential developments and not to retail or businesses in Poole.

A new version of the Seafront Beaches Master Plan is being worked on.

There was also a brief discussion on 'Tree management plans'.

NS reported on the Council's proposal for a Draft Local Development Order for the

High Street whereby businesses will no longer have to apply for 'change of use' but, with some, restrictions will be able to change the use of a building without the need for planning consent. This has not yet been approved, and will also have to go to the Secretary of State for endorsement. It is proposed that this will only be for a period of three years.

**ACTION**

The Minutes are available via

<http://www.poole.gov.uk/planning-and-buildings/news-and-consultations/planning-working-group-meetings/>

**Council Budget 2012/13 & Council's Budget Monitoring report:** William Mutlow said the he had had difficulty accessing the BoP website but the Council Budget Monitoring report (1 April – 31 December 2012) to be presented at Tuesday's (12/02/13) Cabinet meeting is predicting a £1.036m) surplus for the current financial year.

**WM**

The Cabinet are expected to propose a 1.95% increase in Council Tax, thus avoiding the 2% referendum threshold and this is based on the Council not accepting the Government's offer of a one-off Council Tax Freeze Grant for 2013/14;

A proposed 1.95% increase in the Police precept for 2013/14 is also to be debated at the following day's Dorset Police and Crime Panel meeting at County Hall.

**Chairman's note:** This was agreed. The meeting can be viewed via <http://webcasting.dorsetforyou.com/core/>

The Branksome Park, Canford Cliffs & Sandbanks Neighbourhood Watch AGM is being held on Saturday 16th February Canford Cliffs Village Hall, the Guest Speaker is be Martyn Underhill, so residents will have a chance to challenge him about this at this meeting.

Martyn Underhill is also to be the Guest Speaker at the Lilliput & Parkstone Neighbourhood Watch meeting on 27 March 2013..

#### **Public Rights of Way**

Westminster Road end of Dalkeith Road – No new developments.

**JS/RD**

Buccleuch Road to Lakeside Road – ditto

Bessborough Road – ditto

Footpath 82/128 (at the rear of 48 Panorama Road to the small beach) – ditto

Footpath 85 (Adjacent to 2A Shore Road) – The Highways Enforcement officer visited the site during the week commencing 21/01/13, and asked Legal & Democratic Services to issue documentation to the property owner, who will have one month to move the fence back to the original position

**Pinecliff Gardens (Sunken garden):** No new developments.

**WH**

**Branksome Chine Gardens, Branksome Park Woods, Pinecliff Gardens, Martello Woods & Beach Road Woodland Management Plan 2001-2011:** – No new developments.

**Poole Council's Efficiency Review Programme (ERP):** JS said that the Council Budget Monitoring report (1 April – 31 December 2012) reports anticipated savings of £797,000 forecast for 2012/13 have been deferred into 2013/14 (See below)

**JS**

<b>Efficiency Review Programme</b>	<b>2012/13 saving deferred into 2013/14</b>	<b>Detail of alternative saving included in forecast outturn for the year</b>
Street Scene	£ 300,000	In-year savings and efficiencies within Environmental & Consumer Protection services has increased further and is now forecast to be £ <b>164,000</b> . Work is ongoing, lead by the Head of E&CPS, to deliver further alternative savings in-year and the required ongoing streetscene savings from 2013/14 onwards.
Facilities Management	£ 197,000	Responsibility for this project has recently transferred to Transportation Services. Due to the other significant in-year pressures within this service area it is recommended that for 2012/13 only the shortfall is dealt with corporately providing more time for the unit to develop the necessary detailed savings plans.
Administration Accommodation Communication	£ 250,000 £50,000	Alternative savings and efficiencies have been delivered as part of the Business Improvement Theme. These savings continue to increase and are now valued at £ <b>690,000</b> . This approach will allow the Head of ICT Services time to deliver the necessary savings from 2013/14 onwards.
<b>Total</b>	<b>797,000</b>	

**Localism Act/Community Engagement:** JS understands that Poole's Chief Executive, John McBride will be speaking on 'Localism' at the Society of Poole Men meeting at the Sandbanks Hotel on 19 February 2013. **JS/TS**

**Chairman's note:** There is an admission charge of £2.50.

**Offshore Wind Farm** – Roy Pointer reported he had visited the Navitas exhibition at the RNLI Lifeboat College earlier in the day and it seems that a quite a number of residents visited this too. This included William Mutlow. **RP**

The recent slight modification to the plans by the developer do not make much difference to the visual impact. A formal planning application is expected to be made around this time, next year.

A Steering Group, to be known as the Poole, Christchurch & Bournemouth Association, has been formed with representatives from each of the four main areas (Purbeck, Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch), together with a deputy each in the case of Poole and Christchurch). A further meeting has been fixed for 7 March 2013,

**Road Safety concerns Lindsay Road/St Aldhelm's Road Junction & Lower end of Wilderton Road:** JS reported that he had been contacted by John Newton of the Sandbanks Association which had discussed the possibility of introducing a 20 mph speed limit in place of the 30 mph. Recent government noises have suggested that they are looking at this, and the web is full of successful introductions to urban areas of a 20 mph limit.

PT

ACTION

It has been suggested that Mr Newton might co ordinate a meeting of the local Associations, as it is clear that the Council is more likely to favour a combined agreed approach rather than a series of piecemeal applications. The SA has regular meetings with Transportation where we have discussed this on a number of occasions.

An inaugural meeting is proposed for Sunday 3rd March at 2.30, but if a weekday meeting is preferred this would have to be after 16th March.

JS has contacted Paul Turner to see if he will represent the Association on this Committee.

The proposals for Wilderton Road have been deferred to the next Canford Cliffs & Penn Hill Area Committee meeting on 17 April 2013.

**Draft Seafront Beaches Master Plan SPD:** the Draft Seafront Beaches Master Plan SPD is due to be re-considered at the Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 07/03/13.

TS

NS reported that it was not an option to leave things as they are with reference to the seafront as it is slowly decaying and is in need of an uplift.

WH reported that Stephen Thorne, when chairing the CWG had endorsed this stating that doing nothing was not an option., and as there was no money in the Council's budget, funds had to be sourced elsewhere.

NS pointed out that Sandbanks Beach, which had had a Blue Flag for 25 consecutive years and was a great draw for family holidays.

JS reported that Seven Developments Ltd has lodged an Outline application to demolish existing bungalow at 89 Banks Road and erect three storey restaurant and bar with basement

7.1 of the Draft Seafront Beaches Master Plan SPD refers to this area....

*"A network of pedestrian paths will be needed across the area, but servicing and car parking should not be allowed to penetrate the site further than necessary. In broad terms, the density and intensity of buildings and activities will rise across the site from the north-east to south-west reaching a climax opposite the existing shops and restaurants. Here an extended commercial offer (e.g., bars, leisureshops, objects d'Art) can act as 'the centre of Sandbanks Village', as well as picking up on passing trade, with a retained Scots Pine as the focus of an intimate and informal public space.*

*Close to this hub, but overlooking the beach, a Dune Hotel nestled within the landscape would offer a distinctly Sandbanks version of a restaurant-with-rooms. Adjoining the hotel, and potentially operated as part of it or with access to its facilities, are two or three private houses or large suites. These are replicated on the north-eastern boundary and serve the same function of softening the architectural treatment of these flanks, as well as providing natural surveillance."*

**Proposed SSE Sub-station in Links Road:** JS reported that there had, at last, been some progress. A Notice of proposal to dispose of land by way of a 99 year lease was advertised in Daily Echo dated 01/02/03 with representations to be lodged by 27/01/13.

JG

**Gypsy & Traveller Encampments:** No new developments.

TS

**Membership recruitment drive:** JS reported that the contract to use Royal Mail's 'Door to door' service to distribute the Association's Spring 2013 magazine to every residential address in BH13, some 4,600 homes, had been signed.

JS

As a result, it is necessary to work to a tight deadline and copy must be with the Printers by 1st March and for the magazines to be delivered to the Royal Mail's Swindon Distribution Centre by Thursday 21st March 2013.

ACTION

Copy for the magazine must be sent to John Gunton by the middle of this month.

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**Waste collection:** JS to fix date(s) for Cllr Dion and an officer of her choice to explain the financial/operational challenges they face, what options they have tried and success achieved.

JS

The Association is also interested in the communications side, inter alia, how contingencies are detected, assessed as to impact and how these are passed to and dealt with by operations. What targets are set, measurements made and performance achieved?

Lastly, the Association would like to talk about how best to get the messages across to the residents using both traditional and modern media.

It is planned to focus on the Black and Blue bins since that service affects all residents. It is also one of the highest profile services the Council provides being measured by both those served and by those passing through the streets of Poole.

The Association would want to make the discussion positive (futures) rather than a complaints surgery;

Roy Pointer was It was felt that it wasn't fair to ask Cllr Mrs Dion to attend one of our monthly meetings, where the attendance is small, so suggested that this might be included as an item at the Association's AGM

**Chairman's note:** It has occurred to me that we could ask for Poole's wheely bin collection to be discussed at the next Canford Cliffs & Penn Hill Area Committee meeting on 17 April 2013 which attracts a slightly larger number than our monthly meetings. Particularly as Cllr Mrs Le Poidevin, Branksome West Ward has an interest in this subject too. In a note to Roy Pointer,

Cllr Mrs Le Poidevin wrote *"Our waste disposal teams do an excellent job, but my concern is with the schedule for blue bin collections over the Christmas and New Year period. As far as I am concerned any new system should be clear and simple to understand, cause minimum disruption and treat all residents equally as far as possible. I would be very happy to meet with your group to hear any ideas you have to help our thinking when the matter comes to Environment Overview and Scrutiny committee, probably in May"*

### 3 NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

KA reported

**Compton Acres, 164 Canford Cliffs Road** (Rear two storey extension to existing estate office in Compton Acres gardens including demolition of more recent rear addition) – Application withdrawn.

KA

**18A St Clair Road** (*Demolish existing building and erect 1 No 4 bed detached house with integral garage - Revised scheme*) – Application validated on 28/01/13,

#### 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** – PF reported that the total Association funds as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013 amounted to £37,057.29 **JS**
- PF also reported that the year-end accounts have been examined by Schofields and will be ready for the AGM.
- PF also commented on the fact that approximately half of the Income for BPCCRRA comes from the bulk subscriptions for blocks of flats, and suggested that this would be a good recruiting ground for members. **ACTION**
- PF agreed to write a paragraph for the magazine about the block subscriptions.
- 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- RP asked about the reserves of the Association. JS agreed to see what information he could find to show that the Association makes donations to charitable causes and to assist with fighting Planning Applications, and pass this information on to RP who agreed to write a piece for inclusion in the magazine. **RP**
- JS agreed that the Association would sponsor the Navitus Chairs group which RP is involved with. **JS**
- PF brought up the question of the Broadband speeds in Canford Cliffs Road. WH said that he had spoken to the South West Area Manager of BT who say they are upgrading the Canford Cliffs Exchange and that information is available on the BT website. **No further action**
- Date of next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>h</sup> March 2013 – Lounge, Rear of Branksome St Aldhelms Parish Centre (Access via Lindsay Road) **All**
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