

**MINUTES OF BRANKSOME PARK, CANFORD CLIFFS & DISTRICT
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th MAR 2013 AT
7.30PM IN THE LOUNGE, BRANKSOME ST. ALDHELM'S PARISH CENTRE**

PRESENT: John Sprackling (JS) Chairman
Carol Parkin (CP) Secretary

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 Dez Dobson, who was attending for the first time and Cllrs Mrs May Haines & Neil Sorton.

Apologies: Apologies received from Terry Stewart & Wayne Hancock (Attending CWG Annual meeting), Keith Alcroft (Holiday), John Gunton and Ken Sanson, Chairman, Sandbanks Assn

JS

Accuracy: JS said that he would sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 06 FEBRUARY 2013.

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:

Victoria Education Centre – The reinstatement of verge in St Aldhelms Road has been finally carried out but the landscaping to the new entrance has still not been completed to comply with the Conservation Area guidelines.

NS

Heavytree Road (Unauthorized felling of the 12m Scots pine as reported in the Daily Echo dated 23/06/10) – Awaiting date of 'Leave to appeal against Sentence' hearing.

Community Working Group (CWG): The Annual meeting is being held this evening.

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Council Budget 2012/13 & Council's Budget Monitoring report: William Mutlow reported on the Council Budget Monitoring report (1 April – 31 January 2013) which currently shows a year-end surplus of £1.172million. There are still some pressures on the budget – car parking is still a problem, concessionary fares continue to rise, the Adult Social care budget which takes several months to have effect and there are still two months to go until the end of the financial year. JS pointed out that at a Cabinet Meeting it was reported that the number of children looked after by Children's Services had gone down from 175 to 150.

WM

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 fence has been moved back but, allegedly, not to its original position

Pinecliff Gardens (Sunken garden): No new developments.

ACTION
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): NS reported that the Council are trying to centralise council workers, but ,for instance, when St. John's House was due to be vacated. it was found that the IT system wasn't compatible with that in the Civic Centre and therefore the situation was not straightforward.

JS

Localism Act/Community Engagement: JS & Wayne Hancock attended the National Organisation of Residents' AGM in London on 05/03/13 The Guest Speaker was the Rt Hon Don Foster MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and Lib/Dem MP for Bath. He spoke for about 20 mins and answered questions for the remaining 30 mins. Mr Foster spoke principally about Localism.

JS/TS

JS said that he would include a brief note about this in the Minutes, including a few of the Q & As.

1. Community right to bid – Community Shares Unit can provide funding. It has provided funding for group of residents in Bath to buy 'The Bell' Public House in Bath
 2. Community right to challenge - A group in Ventnor are taking over 'Parking' from the Local Authority. Central Government has provided a Budget of £30m to encourage other local initiatives.
 3. Community budgets - A new way for local public service providers to work together to meet local needs. Community Budgets allow providers of public services to share budgets, improving outcomes for local people and reducing duplication and waste The first 12 trials results to be announced in late Spring
 4. Neighbourhood plans - 400 plans are being developed. Upper Eden Neighbourhood Plan is being launched on Thursday (07/03/13). 15% of CIL money to go to local area but 25% of CIL money to go to areas where there are Neighbourhood Plans
 5. Neighbourhood councils - One Parish has already been set up in London. More funding and more rewards for people who want to get involved
 6. Anti-social behaviour - 120,000 'Troubled families identified'. Work started with (?)21,000 Example given of single mum unemployed with 3 children, 1 at school but frequently absent & 2 over 18 out of work. As a result of the intervention, child attends school regularly 1 child over 18 has an apprenticeship and the other is in work. The single mum has now set up a business using the school canteen, when this is not being used for school dinners, to provide meals for families on the Estate.
 7. High Streets - Portas pilots and initiative to allow unused upper floors above shops to be converted to residential
- Q. Variation in Local Government funding between one authority and neighbouring authority.
- A. The overall reduction in spending power next year is just 1.3%. Questioner was invited to check out spending power reduction per household which is available via DCLG website <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fair-deal-rewards-councils-that-lead-drive-for-growth>
- Q. Loss of greenbelt
- A. Questioner was referred to Garden cities initiative
- Q. 'Permitted development' proposals
- A. Unable to comment on this in detail as decision, following consultation, to be announced shortly.
- Q. Concern was expressed about the reduced time now allowed for consultations from government, which were three months but now is usually six weeks or less, and it was hoped that something might be done to regularise this matter.
- A. Noted

Offshore Wind Farm – Roy Pointer reported on Poole, Christchurch & Bournemouth Association Steering Group meeting held the previous day (12/03/13). Things are going quite well and an association was now formed – The

RP

Poole and Christchurch Association whose prime aim is to liaise with around 40 Residents' Associations in the area of impact. This is from Old Harry round to Highcliffe. There is also a small Steering Group formed of four representatives – Purbeck, Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch. They will build up a document describing residents' views and complaints which revolve around six issues – visual impact, effect on tourism, navigation, bird migration, impact on the Heritage Coastline, and health effects due to the noise.

ACTION

Cllr Mike Green from Bournemouth has contacted RP. He has convened a public meeting for 23 March at 1.30 – 3.00pm, open to all, to be held in the Royal Bath Hotel.

RP has written the following piece for the Spring 2013 issue of the BPCRA magazine which is due to be sent out to all addresses in the BH13 postcode during the week commencing 8 April but the official end date for this phase of consultation is 5 April, so time is short for views to be made known.

“You can use email or letter. Write to:

- The Developers who are - Navitus Bay Development Ltd, Units 3 & 4 Athena Court, Athena Drive, Tachbrook Park, WARWICK, CV34 6RT (email: info@navitusbay.com) and (Letters to: **FREEPOST, NAVITUS BAY WIND PARK** - no stamp required).

Also, write, email or send a copy to:

- your MP, county or district councillor
- other statutory consultees eg. Natural England, RSPB (others are listed on the Challenge Navitus web site)

All members of your family and friends can write individually, so please encourage as many people as possible to take part.

The official end date for this phase of consultation is 5 April, so time is short to make your views known. However, even if you miss this date, still send in your submission; it is easier for the proposal to be significantly altered or, better still, scrapped early in the process and well before the formal planning application is made. There will only be one more community consultation stage, in the autumn, after which the process gets formal.

We are the guardians for the time being of the environmental gems that are the Poole and Christchurch bays and the surrounding coastline; let us not be found wanting by future generations by doing all we can to get this proposal stopped.

Finally, don't forget, the massive government subsidy paid to developers to make these wind farms financially viable is one of the reasons why your energy bills are substantially higher than they used to be.”

Road Safety concerns Lindsay Road/St Aldhelm's Road Junction & Lower end of Wilderton Road: JS reported that, at the Branksome Park, Canford Cliffs & Sandbanks Neighbourhood Watch AGM on 15 February 2013, the Guest Speaker was Martyn Underhill, the Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner, mentioned that 'Community Speedwatch' (CSW) was being introduced via Neighbourhood Watches in Dorset.

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The relevant kit is being sourced in order to roll CSW out force wide and the police are hopeful that they should achieve it by close to the end of March 2013. 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 has been re-branded 'Sustaining Poole's Seafront'.

TS

At last night's Cabinet meeting, a decision was taken to defer the discussion on the Supplementary Planning Document until the next Cabinet meeting on 16 April 2013

NS said that he was personally keen on trying to sort out some of the appalling traffic by routing it down to Beach Road via relevant signage in order to take advantage of the lovely beach areas around Branksome Chine, rather than Sandbanks. At the moment the majority of visitors are unaware of these other areas.

ACTION

MH reported that she Chairs a quarterly meeting with Sandbanks Assn. and Transportation Officers, and it is proposed that this summer there will be two 'variable messaging systems'; one on Wessex Way and one for traffic arriving in Poole via the Civic Centre. These will indicate if the Sandbanks car parking is full and detailing where there is alternative parking, and this will hopefully alleviate the problems of traffic in Sandbanks.

JS referred to the following extract from 9.4 of the Council Budget Monitoring report (1 April – 31 January 2013) which may be of interest to members...

**Environmental Areas
 (£154,000) Pumping Stations**

Work on the Canford Cliffs Chine and Crematorium pumping stations is underway and is expected to be completed by end of March. The Flaghead Chine and Branksome Dene Chine stations have however proved more complex and work has been slightly delayed into April and May. The budget has been reprofiled accordingly.

Proposed SSE Sub-station in Links Road: JS reported that, earlier this month, the Council's Estates Department informed Cllr Ron Parker that there were no objections to the disposal notice and SSE has been invited to instruct its solicitors to contact the Councils with a view to progressing the lease of the site.

JG

Gypsy & Traveller Encampments: This was due to be discussed at the following day's Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.

TS

Terry Stewart had written to Martyn Underhill, the Police & Crime Commissioner expressing concern that the Police were not in attendance at the first meeting of the Dorset-wide Traveller Protocol Working Party on 5 February 2013.

NS said that he thought that the police have not been as fully engaged as hoped and the new Police & Crime Commissioner is going to be invited to take a more active part.

Membership recruitment drive: JS thanked all those who have helped with this initiative to date.

JS

Arrangements are, more or less, in place for the Association's Spring 2013 magazines to be delivered to the Royal Mail's Distribution Centre in Swindon around 21 March 2013 for distribution to all residential addresses in BH13.

It will still be necessary for the magazines to be hand-delivered to the 150 or so members living in BH14 and Estate Agents.

Waste collection: JS said that this would be included as an item at the Association's AGM

Chairman's Note: On reflection, I feel that this might make the meeting over-long as those attending will wish to get home to their lunch. I have therefore asked the appropriate Committee Clerk for Poole's wheely bin collection to be added to the Agenda for 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 expressed an interest in this subject too.

3 NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT -

JS reported

18A St Clair Road (Demolish existing building and erect 1 No 4 bed detached

KA

house with integral garage - Revised scheme) – Application to be determined by Planning Committee at its meeting on 21 March 2013., **ACTION**

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 to be determined by Planning Committee at its meeting on 21 March 2013.

4. ACCOUNTS TO DATE – JS reported that the total Association funds as at 28th February 2013 amounted to £38,175.29 **JS**

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tesco Express at Sandacres Hotel, Banks Road - NS commented that he has chaired several meetings between Tesco, residents of Sandacres and the Sandbanks Association, and he says that Tesco are very keen to work with the community and accommodate the residents as far as possible. As no planning permission is required for 'change of use'. NS intends that he, and several other people will endeavour to get the best deal possible and Tesco appears to be doing what they can. **NS/MH**

Dez Dobson said that concern has been expressed over delivery vehicles operating during the night, and the parking problems associated with deliveries.

NS said that he understood that Tesco were trying to have deliveries between 7 and 8am, and that smaller vehicles would be used, enabling them to turn around in the site. MH said that she had had a meeting with a marketing executive for the South West of Tesco and the question of a Café was discussed. But as the residents felt that this was inappropriate Tesco dropped this idea.

MH went on to say that one area of concern was the purchase of alcohol by under-age customers. Tesco have given a pledge to work with the Police on this and also the store in Branksome has Community Liaison Personnel who would be happy to get involved. JS said that he would provide Dez Dobson with the contact details, and also the contact details of John Newton of the Sandbanks Association.

Date of next Meeting: The next meeting will be AGM on Saturday 27th April 2013 at Canford Cliffs Village Hall at 10.30am **All**