

**MINUTES OF BRANKSOME PARK, CANFORD CLIFFS & DISTRICT
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 09 OCTOBER 2013
AT 7.30PM IN THE LOUNGE, BRANKSOME ST. ALDHELM'S PARISH CENTRE**

PRESENT: John Sprackling (JS) Chairman
Keith Alcroft (KA) Planning Officer
John Gunton (JG) Magazine Editor

Cllr Mrs May Haines Ward Councillor

Approx. 10 Members/Wardens

1. APOLOGIES AND ACCURACY OF MINUTES

ACTION

JS welcomed Cllr Mrs May Haines and all those present.

JS

Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr Neil Sorton, Terry Stewart, Wayne Hancock, Carol Parkin, Chris Stracey, Ken Sanson, Chairman, Sandbanks Association.

Accuracy: JS said would sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 11 SEPTEMBER 2013.

Chairman's note: When NS 'phoned me to send his apologies, he made two comments regarding last month's Minutes...

1. Bin obtrusion on the side of pavements:- Planning and Regeneration Unit /& Environmental Consumer Protection Services are currently addressing the issues.
2. 38 Lakeside Road - there is nothing that can be done to prevent the sub-division of plots in this road, as it is not in the Conservation Area.

2. MATTERS ARISING

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

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 (Landscaping to the new entrance) – No new developments

JS

31 Western Avenue - ditto

Community Working Group (CWG): The next CWG meeting is fixed for 20 November 2013.

TS

Chairman's note: The Minutes of the meeting on September 2013 are enclosed with these Minutes.

Council Budget 2013/14 & Council Budget Monitoring report: The Council Budget Monitoring report covering the period 01 April to 31 August 2013 will be presented at the Cabinet meeting on 15 October 2013.

WM

William Mutlow expressed concern that there had been no Council monitoring reports for the past four months.

The Council has been under great pressure for some time as Central Government seeks to reduce the national deficit. The original Government plan was a balanced budget in 2015/16 but this has been put forward to 2019.

WM pointed that the national debt, which currently stands at £1.16trillion, is on course to hit £1.64 trillion by 2017/18. The figures do not include off-balance sheet items like the unfunded pensions for civil servants and the PFI Schemes. The debt

is unlikely to be paid off for two generations.

ACTION

Adult Social Care continues to be the major pressure because of Poole's demographic. In Poole, 85% of persons in Residential/Nursing Homes are currently self funded.

RP commented that big business manage their budgets by consolidation.

JS said that the Council is currently predicting a surplus in the current financial year of £1,682,000. largely as a result of an underspend on Adult Social Services – see below.

Significant Variances from Budget	May 2013 £000's	Aug 2013 £000's	Change (from May) £000's
Adult Social Care (ASC) NHS funding and Public Health Grant	(1,483)	-1483	0
Children's Services Public Health Grant	(149)	(149)	0
Rebase People Theme Budget	(1,632)	(1,632)	0
ASC reduced demand for residential and home care	0	(1,138)	(1,138)
ASC additional contributions (clients & health)	(242)	(522)	(280)
ASC invest to save (contracts)	0	600	600
ASC pan Dorset transformation bid	0	250	250
ASC reduction in deferred payments	0	200	200
Total ASC main variances	(242)	(610)	(368)
Additional growth agreed for Children Services in June	214	214	0
Transportation net savings to offset reduced parking income	0	(232)	(232)
Transportation – Parking income shortfall	0	232	232
Efficiency Review Programme (ERP) non-delivery	370	1,251	881
Release of revenue contingency (ERP)	0	(808)	(808)
Other net pressures/ (savings)	109	(97)	(206)
Net Surplus for the Year	(1,181)	(1,682)	-501

Public Rights of Way

Westminster Road end of Dalkeith Road – No new developments.

Buccleuch Road to Lakeside Road – ditto

Bessborough Road – ditto

RD

- Footpath 85 (Adjacent to 2A Shore Road) – ditto **ACTION**
- Footpaths 82/128 (at the rear of 48 Panorama Road to the small beach) – ditto
- Pinecliff Gardens (Sunken garden):** No new developments. **WH**
- Poole Council's Efficiency Review Programme (ERP):** The Council established an Efficiency Review Programme in 2010/11 with targeted savings totalling £4.956m. **JS**
- The shortfall in expected savings currently stands at £1,351,000. and JS said that he would include a breakdown in the Minutes – see below.
- | | 2013/14 | (2014/15) |
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| Cost of employment | - £393,000 | (£293.000) |
| Street Scene | - £193,000 | |
| Facilities Management | - £147,000 | (£87.000) |
| Administration Accommodation | - £200,000 | |
| Communications | - £175,000 | (£155.000) |
| Five smaller schemes (Beach Master Plan) | - £243,000 | (£273.000 - Includes £50K from |
- A number of planned initiatives are now expected to deliver over 2014/15 and 2015/16, which once achieved will bring the overall savings from the programme to 84% of the original plan.
- The Strategic Director for the Place and Business Improvement has included further analysis within the MTFP update report which will be posted on the BoP website this evening.
- Localism Act/Community Engagement:** The next Canford Cliffs and Penn Hill Area Committee meeting on 23 Oct 13 has been cancelled due to “lack of agenda items and in the interests of saving public funds”. **JS/TS**
- It is understood that a review of the Council's entire Committee structure is under way. Further discussions were due to take place at the group leaders meeting held on 26 September 2013.
- MH said that the Chief Executive, John McBride, and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Tim Martin had put forward proposals for the restructuring of the Council's Committees to produce savings. The Conservative Group have provided response but MH does not know about other groups
- John McBride is retiring in June 2014 and the post is being advertised JS asked if a representative of Residents' Associations could be included in the Selection Panel.
- Stan Alfert thought JMcB's retirement presented a good opportunity to review the Council's Corporate Management structure.
- MH said it would be difficult to share a Chief Exec with Bournemouth Borough Council because Poole's method of working is much different than Bournemouth because of the Mouchel contract.
- SA said that in his experience, organisations can merge smoothly where there is the necessary will to do so.
- A member commented that Christchurch and East Dorset share a Chief Executive
- Navitus Bay Offshore Wind Farm** – RP reported that, after waiting since February, representatives of the Poole & Christchurch Bays Association (PCBA) had finally met with representatives of NBDL Stewart Grant and Helen Cassini in their Bournemouth office. **RP**
- NBDL's response was disappointing. NBDL said that they are still at the pre-

application stage and would take all views into account. PCBA emphasised the strength of local feeling and pointed out that they represented 50 Residents' Assns. across the conurbation.

ACTION

RP was sure there has not been enough publicity; people were still largely ignorant of the project and its scale. NBDL were due to erect notice boards around coast but none had been seen. In Sussex, the developers had sent a personal letter to householders. NBDL had said that this was 'not financially viable' but an enquiry to Royal Mail had indicated the cost would be around £15,000 to send a letter to 150,000 homes.

RP referred to the Poole Council Members only meeting – he was not permitted to attend as observer. The meeting was not minuted but, following a Freedom of Information request, RP has been sent a CD record of the meeting and the presentation made by NBDL; both were being reviewed.

The UN Economic Commission Europe has recently issued an adverse decision relating to the way in which the UK Government has carried out public engagement in the promotion of wind energy projects; specifically that it has breached the Aarhus Convention. PCBA intend to follow progress as the Government responds to the UNECE decision in due course.

NBDL's exhibitions have now finished and representations are required by Friday 11th October.

The PCBA website at www.saveourdorsetseaside.co.uk is now live and provides a lot more information. PCBA e-mail address is pcba1313@gmail.com.

PR reported on two Media events...

PCBA were asked to take part in 'Inside Out' programme on BBC1 broadcast on Monday (07/10/13) but they were not included in what was a fairly lightweight programme.

The Daily Echo invited PCBA to attend a photo shoot at Bournemouth Pier Approach but this has not yet appeared in the paper.

As part of its exhibitions, NBDL had highlighted that 96% of businesses had said that they would not be affected but their latest consultation shows results from NBDL's tourism opinion survey. This identifies a likely net 11% drop in visits. This increases significantly during the (likely four year) construction phase when around a third of visitors say they are unlikely to return. These data would lead to a catastrophic fall in tourism revenue with businesses closing and economic downturn, far outweighing the improvement suggested by NBDL.

JG met a representative of Crown Agents at one of the exhibitions who said that the wind farm would have no effect on the Jurassic Coast and the minimum of 12 nautical miles from the shore recommendation does not really affect NBDL plans.

RP said that a number of wind farms in the North Sea are 20 miles offshore but the proposed Atlantic Array (Bristol Channel) is also much closer. He was sure that the 12 NM limit would be noted by the Planning Inspectorate since it was a recommendation made by a Government working party specifically to address Offshore Wind.

JS thanked RP for all his hard work in this matter.

Road Safety concerns Lindsay Road/St Aldhelm's Road Junction: The outcome of the latest consultation about the Poole Road - Proposed Improvement Scheme is awaited.

PT

JG reported on the Community Speed Watch - he has been appointed co-ordinator for the Branksome Park/Canford Cliffs area. Disappointingly, only four volunteers

have come forward. The project will start when PC Jane Newcombe is back on 13th October.

ACTION

RP expressed concern about dangerous parking in Balcombe/Burton Road triangle area – this is likely to be aggravated when the proposed five houses at 18/20 Balcombe Road are built. MH said that parking in Burton Road is to be addressed at the Canford Cliffs & Penn Hill Area Committee meeting on Wednesday 4th December.

WM made the point that the cumulative effect of parking should be addressed when new planning applications are being considered. Highmoor Road is a case in point.

Sustaining Poole's Seafront (Formerly Seafront Beaches Master Plan DPD):
The outcome of the latest consultation is currently awaited.

TS

Martin Heath said that 292 representations had been posted on the BoP website, mainly objections.

BPCRA Autumn 2013 Magazine: It is hoped that the first batch of magazines will be ready for distribution during week commencing 21st October.

JS

3 NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT -

KA reported that he had not been contacted about any planning application during the course of the month.

KA

Other current planning issues

10 Nairn Road (*Demolition of the existing dwelling and the construction of a block of 5 flats*) – Application refused at Planning Committee meeting on 12/09/13.

18A St Clair Road (*Demolish existing building and erect 1no. 3-bed detached house with integral garage (Revised Scheme)*) – Letter of objection lodged on behalf on Association on 08/09/13. Application granted at Planning Committee meeting on 12/09/13.

Puss n Boots Nursery 2 Lindsay Road (*Partial Change of Use of 1st floor of premises from residential to nursery*) – Subject to 'Written representations' appeal. Interested party comments to be lodged by 4 Oct 2013.

7 Wilderton Road (*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 and still a current application.

4. **ACCOUNTS TO DATE** – JS reported that the total Association funds as at 30th September 2013 amounted to £33,751.64

JS

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Poole's Waste strategy – MH said that she is a member of the Waste Strategy Working Party and explained that proposals being considered are

MH

- to swop all large Black bins with smaller bins and all small Blue bins with larger bins. Both bins will be emptied on a fortnightly basis.
- Food waste to be collected separately. Residents are to be provided with two small caddies, one for in the kitchen and one outside. Wales have been operating this system for four years and Members are planning a visit to the Isle of Wight to see its scheme in operation.
- Households of 6 or more will be provided with a large Black bin. (present arrangement which will be reviewed)
- Flats are due to be considered separately

SA and other members present said that they had already swopped their bins.

WM said that, based on his observation, families with two children do not seem to have difficulty in filling a large black bin. Another member commented that elderly folk living in his area do not appear to be making any attempt to sort their waste for

recycling. MH agreed that education is necessary.

ACTION

WM pointed out waste transferred to landfill costs the Council £72 per tonne.

Green bins - The cost of each bin is £31 for the annual collection from March 2014 to November 2014. If residents register by 11th December 2013 the cost per bin will be £27.95.

WM expressed disappointment that this facility was not available all year round and RP wondered if Branksome Park could be classed as special case as Pine trees shed their needles throughout the year.

Dog bins - Sandbanks has two new dog waste bag dispensers as members of the Sandbanks Association have agreed to refill these. Dog waste can be disposed in the Black bins on the Promenade.

SA reported that the dog bins in Branksome Woods not being emptied often enough. Full bins should be reported to the Council as these are not being emptied on a regular basis.

RP suggested an officer presentation but MH said that there was insufficient time. MH invited comments by e-mail.

All

Electoral Register - WM pointed out that the latest form which he had received didn't explain that if one opts to use the telephone facility, electors cannot choose to have their names excluded from the Edited ("opting out") version. MH to follow up.

No further action

Chairman's note: Electors are now able to opt out permanently by sending to the Council a signed written request.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Date of next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th November 2013 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room (formerly Lounge), Rear of Branksome St Aldhelms Parish Centre (Access via Lindsay Road)

All
