

**MINUTES OF BRANKSOME PARK, CANFORD CLIFFS & DISTRICT
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 DEC 2013
AT 7.30PM IN THE LOUNGE, BRANKSOME ST. ALDHELM'S PARISH CENTRE**

PRESENT: Terry Stewart (TS) President
John Sprackling (JS) Chairman
Wayne Hancock (WH) Vice-Chairman
Keith Alcroft (KA) Planning Officer
John Gunton (JG) Magazine Editor

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

Approx. 20 Members/Wardens

1. APOLOGIES AND ACCURACY OF MINUTES

ACTION

JS welcomed our Ward Councillors and all those present, especially those attending for the first time

JS

Apologies: Apologies received from Stan Alfert and Carol Parkin (Hon Secretary)

Accuracy: JS said would sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 13 NOVEMBER 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 (Landscaping to the new entrance) – No new developments

JS

31 Western Avenue (Overhanging vegetation) – ditto

Community Working Group (CWG): TS reported briefly on the CWG meeting on 20 November 2013. The full Minutes of the meeting will be distributed with this meeting.

TS

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) replaces s106 payments. The levy for new builds in Canford Cliffs & Penn Hill Wards is the highest in the Borough.

Anthony Vickery asked if CIL/s106 can be used in Branksome Chine and who makes the decision on how this is spent. The drainage needs overhaul but TS did not think that this was covered.

TS said that a commitment had been given to use some funds to improve the seafront.

JS said that the minimum 0.75 acre rule in Branksome Park might disappear.

Chairman's note: This was protected by Poole Local Plan, but NOT by Core Strategy. Council will try and prevent site splitting – but depends on site. Council admits that it has not been too successful in protecting the character of sites.

Council Budget Monitoring report: (2013/14) JS reported that the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2014 to 2018 – Update report shows that the Cumulative MTFP – Net Resource Gap for 2014/15 has been reduced to £0.1m.

WM

NS pointed out that, for the years 2015 to 2018, the Council is currently faced with

shortfall of £22m.

ACTION

Public Rights of Way

Westminster Road end of Dalkeith Road – No new developments.

RD

Buccleuch Road to Lakeside Road – ditto

Bessborough Road – ditto

Footpath 85 (Adjacent to 2A Shore Road) – ditto

Footpaths 82/128 (at the rear of 48 Panorama Road to the small beach) – Awaiting outcome of Public Inquiry held on 21 November 2013

Pinecliff Gardens (Sunken garden): No new developments.

WH

Poole Council's Efficiency Review Programme (ERP): No new developments.

JS

Localism Act/Community Engagement: No new developments.

JS/TS

Navitus Bay Offshore Wind Farm – Roy Pointer reported...

1. Atlantic Array – Contractor has withdrawn - reason cited foundation conditions. This is not necessarily good news for Navitus and Sussex
2. Bournemouth Natural Science Society meeting of 23 November 2013. 100 people attended along with the two Bournemouth MPs Tobias Ellwood and Conor Burns who spoke in opposition to current plans.
3. Representation document to Planning Inspector currently being drafted covering the 6 work streams. Further report being prepared covering flawed consultation
4. Public meeting on 14 December 2013 at the Liston Hotel, Wollstonecraft Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth. There will be talks by both Roy Pointer the Chairman of PCBA and Lord Christopher Monckton, the well-known climate realist who is a much sought-after speaker on the international circuit. All are welcome. This open meeting, arranged by UKIP, is without charge and there will be an opportunity to ask questions of the speakers.
5. Planning application – This is expected to be lodged in March/April 2014

RP

Ian Cross asked about the Government's decision to move to support offshore windfarms rather than onshore and it was felt that this would not have a significant impact on Navitus Bay.

Road Safety concerns Lindsay Road/St Aldhelm's Road & Burton Road: Ian Cross referred to the presentation to Wednesday's (December 4h) Canford Cliffs and Penn Hill Area Committee meeting about campervans/parking permit problems in Burton Road and also impact on surrounding areas. The issues related to blind spots. Speeding and the impact on the elderly residents. These issues were gradually making the conservation area undesirable . Residents had suggested 'Cars only' signs but had been told that these are not enforceable. Ward Councillors are sympathetic about safety issues.

IC/PT

Anthony Vickery also expressed concern about commercial vans parked outside houses in St Aldhelm's Road which is in the Branksome Park Conservation Area.

Ian said the Burton Road residents planned to work with Council to see what can be done and sought the support of the Residents Association with the Council in this matter .

JG said that the Branksome Park Community Speedwatch team had carried out speed checks in Burton Road – George Crawford, a Burton Roan road resident, is a member of JG's team.

NS mentioned Paul Turner's presentation at the Transportation Advisory Group meeting on 24/10/13 in which Paul proposed a mini-roundabout at the Junction of St Aldhelm's Road & Lindsay Road. NS said that he was with Paul in spirit but a mini-roundabout would need more land than was currently available. JS said the proposed crossing will be a help.

TS said that he had recently met Martyn Underhill, Dorset's Police & Crime Commissioner. TS said he was impressed with changes Mr Underhill had introduced. He had re-introduced the Marine surveillance team, reduced the cost of the Police helicopter by joining forces with the neighbouring authority. Crime is down by 8%. Mr Underhill is very supportive of Neighbourhood Watches.

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TS said that Mr Underhill had not only been active at a local level but at a national level too, including Chair of PCC Mental Health Working Group, Vice-Chair of Police Negotiating Board/Police Advisory Board/Police Staff Council & Member of Association of Chief Police Officers Review Working Group. TS thinks that it helps that Mr U was a former police inspector and understands the needs of the police.

Sustaining Poole's Seafront (Formerly Seafront Beaches Master Plan DPD): TS said that he & JS had attended Thursday's Economy Scrutiny Committee meeting

TS

TS said that a Working Party is being set up to progress the Plan. He was disappointed that no firm plan of action was agreed at the meeting.

JS said that the majority of the responses to the public consultation were negative

Chairman's note: A summary of the responses is set out below.,,

1. Sandbanks - Objections to hotel, parking decreases, shops and increase in traffic, some support for residential studios.

2. Shore Road - Objections to landmark building, flats on the public car park, support for more beach huts.

3. Branksome Dene - Objections to hotel and 'Go Ape' rope-ways.

Poole's Waste Strategy update – This is an Agenda item for the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting the following day.

MH

MH said that cross-party working group of members is recommending that a "bin swap" takes place which would mean that residents would give up small blue recycling bins of 140 litres for a larger 240 litre bin. And the 20- year-old large black refuse bins would be replaced by smaller 180 litre bins.

A decision on food waste collection is being delayed as the Working Party visit to the Isle of Wight highlighted more problems than positives. Caddies are meant to last 6 years but, after 7 months, the lids do not close and, when empty, the caddies fly around. The useful life of caddies is 4 years, if lucky.

Chris Stracey asked about extending green bin collection. MH replied that it has been decided that no extension and there are no plans to reconsider this decision. MH explained the green bin collection is carried out as a second round and this not possible during the darker evenings and potentially bad weather conditions for health and safety reasons. MH said that leaves had fallen later this year than usual

In response to a question from Roy Pointer, MH said that agency staff used on green bin collection at peak times.

3 NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT -

KA reported...

3 Martello Road South (*Demolition of the existing dwelling and garage and the construction of a replacement dwelling with integral garage and separate garage with accommodation above*) – Application validated on 30/10/13. Association are in process of sending letter of objection.

KA

9 Beaumont Road (*Demolish existing dwelling and garage, severance of plot into two, each with detached dwelling and integral garage. Formation of 1no. new highway access. (Revised Scheme)*) - Association lodged letter of objection on 29/11/13 but application granted subject to CIL contribution agreement on 11/12/13.

Puss n Boots Nursery 2 Lindsay Road (*Partial Change of Use of 1st floor of*

ACTION

premises from residential to nursery) - Appeal allowed by Planning Inspector on 27/11/13.

114 Canford Cliffs Road (*Demolish existing dwelling and erect two dwellings on the plot*) – Application validated on 25/11/13. Local concerns.

Other current planning issues

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*) – Current application pending outcome of applicant's tree expert's negotiation with the Council's arboriculturist over a possible adjustment to the plans to overcome the tree objection.

44 Western Road (*Demolition of conservatory, erection of two storey extension*) - Application validated on 25/10/13. Local concerns.

4 CANFORD CLIFFS & PENN HILL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING - JS reported on this meeting which included a presentation about the Poole Park Heritage Lottery Fund bid. Officers are seeking letters of support from residents.

Representations about the Town Centre - access and movement consultation are also required. TS said that there plans to move Bus Station closer to Train Station.

It was decided to take no further action regarding the Traffic Regulation Order for Wilderton Road. Steve Dean said that £1,000 or so would cover the cost of 'Dragons teeth' for three frontages.

JS mentioned the depression in Wilderton Road opposite the sewage pumping station (*Cllr Parker said that he had noticed this too*) and the damaged road sign and Steve Dean made a note of these issues.

Roy Pointer expressed concern that, apart from a computer generated acknowledgement, there is no feedback when issues are reported via the on-line 'Report it' facility.

Anthony Vickery said he was still waiting for action in relation to a street light obscured by overhanging tree branches.

However, Anthony Vickery was pleased to report that, at his request, Environmental Services has carried out good work in Branksome Woods - paths have been scraped, verges have been strimmed.

4. **ACCOUNTS TO DATE** – JS reported that the total Association funds as at 30th November 2013 amounted to £35,549.64.

JS

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Strategic Car Parking review – JS reported that, at Thursday's Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting, Members voted against the following three proposals

No further action

- Changes to park based public car park provision
- Reduction in the size of Beach Road and Penn Hill car parks, with any capital receipt to assist with funding towards essential Town Centre Multi-storey Car Park repair.
- Agree to the principle of a further 'invest to save' project involving on-street summer charging in residential roads adjacent to the beaches

JS said that, at the previous night's Cabinet meeting, the Leader of the Council, Cllr Ms Elaine Atkinson, was clearly not happy with this decision, as this leaves a gap to fill in the MTFP.

Gypsy and Travellers Sites - TS reminded members present that there had been 13

'invasions' this year. He had met up with Martyn Underhill who had agreed that something must be done but no action to date. Annette Brooke MP had not had a satisfactory answer to an oral question in the House and TS is still waiting to hear from Robert Syms MP about his proposed meeting with Ministers.

ACTION
TS

TS feared that the Council would be drifting into next year with no policy.

Waste collection over Christmas – MH reminded members present that there will be no black or blue bin collections between 25 and 31 December 2013 and all properties will miss one **black** bin (refuse) collection

No
further
action

The meeting closed at 8.15pm with 'Mulled Wine & Mince pies'.

Date of next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th January 2014 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room (formerly Lounge), Rear of Branksome St Aldhelms Parish Centre (Access via Lindsay Road)

All
