

**MINUTES OF BRANKSOME PARK, CANFORD CLIFFS & DISTRICT
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 FEB 2014
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
Carol Parkin (CP) Secretary

Cllr Mrs May Haines (MH) Ward Councillor

Approx. 5 Members/Wardens

1. APOLOGIES AND ACCURACY OF MINUTES

ACTION

JS welcomed those present.

Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr Neil Sorton, Martin Heath & Ken Sanson, Chairman of Sandbanks Association,

JS

Accuracy: JS said would sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 08 JANUARY 2014.

Cabinet change – Prior to the commencement of the meeting, TS asked to make announcement and informed those present of the decision of the Leader of the Council to remove Cllr. Mrs Judy Butt from her Cabinet position, owing to a conflict over her collective responsibility for Cabinet decisions.

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): The next meeting will be the AGM on 19 March 2014, to which all residents are invited.

All

Council Budget Monitoring report: (2013/14) William Mutlow reported that, at the Cabinet meeting held the previous day, the Council's forecast budget surplus for the current year, as at 31 December 2013, was £1.79m, which is an improvement on the £1.706m surplus forecast in the September 2013 report.

WM

In January, the Leader of the Council held a meeting with Residents' Associations and Commerce and Industry, where a four year Financial Plan was presented. This showed some large savings were still required but had yet to be identified. For instance, looking to the year 2017/18, it shows a net resource gap of £13.5M.

Cllr MH pointed out that although Council Tax will remain the same, the Police and Fire & Rescue portion of this tax will go up. The Police precept is due to increase by 1.96%.

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

ACTION

Pinecliff Gardens (Sunken garden): JS reported that the Association's three year licence from BoP for the sunken gardens expires at the end of this month. MH said that she would follow this up.

MH

WH said that he and his volunteers are quite happy to continue with their work and in fact, they wish to join the "It's Your Neighbourhood" campaign, part of the Royal Horticultural Society's Britain in Bloom initiative.

WH

This is a free community campaign which has been joined by a number of similar groups to ours from the Bournemouth area. They may obtain some support and help from these other groups who are also supported by the Bournemouth Borough Council. This will cost nothing to join and the RHS will give advice, and come along and give a certificate if they feel that a good job is being done.

CP asked WH what had happened about the 'Green Flag' we would be awarded. WH replied that as it would cost £200+ for this and the benefit would only be a mention on a website, he felt that it would be better to join the It's Your Neighbourhood campaign.

WH agreed to contact Cecilia Grimston of the Canford Cliffs Land Society (CCLS) to pass on the information he has obtained, as the CCLS are responsible for the Pocket Park garden in Canford Cliffs and are hoping to establish a Memorial Garden in the area when they have sufficient funding.

Poole Council's Efficiency Review Programme (ERP): There has been further slippage. A saving of £250,000 from 'Admin Accommodation' was included in the 3-year (2011 to 2014) Target but, so far, there appears to have been no saving.

JS

MH said that the move from St Johns House, Serpentine Road took longer than expected and the Council is experiencing difficulties with the 2013 'Break clause for Crown Buildings, Park Road.

Localism Act/Community Engagement: JS reported that he, TS and Ken Bearcroft of Parkstone Bay Association are meeting Poole's Chief Executive the following day to seek answers to a number of questions falling under this heading. JS will report on the outcome of the meeting in the Minutes of this meeting, when these are distributed.

JS/TS

Navitus Bay Offshore Wind Farm – Roy Pointer reported that there had been some good news in that the developers have decided to make a small decrease in the size of the footprint of the Wind Farm. In response to a query from MP, RP agreed that this will also reduce the number of turbines and the output slightly.

RP

However RP does not feel that this will make any difference to six points contained in the objections to the construction and work will continue to oppose this. The application by Navitus is due to go into the Council in March or April.

The drop-in sessions held by Navitus in January were poorly attended.

RP said that the Steering Committee are critical of the whole communication process thus far.

MP pointed out that as time has passed, the data available now on turbines appears to be fairly negative. RP replied that yes, when a turbine fails it seems to be catastrophic and not minor, but this is not really a planning issue and therefore cannot be raised by the Steering Committee. This is a matter for national politicians.

RP thanked the BPC CRA for providing accommodation for meetings.

Road Safety concerns Lindsay Road/St Aldhelm's Road & Burton Road: MH reported that, following the recommendations of the Area Committee in December, these recommendations have now been reviewed and one will go forward.

IC/PT

ACTION

The car parking spaces in Burton Road will be taken back at the triangle as one exits from either side of the fork in Balcombe Road, to give clearer views. On the question of trying to deter parking by camper vans, this is going to be extremely difficult to enforce because of the anomalies in the classifications of vehicles – e.g. what is a 'large' vehicle?

Sustaining Poole's Seafront (Formerly Seafront Beaches Master Plan DPD): At it's meeting on 14/01/14, the Cabinet agreed to go ahead with the building of approx. 79 additional beach huts, 35 during 2014 and the remainder during 2015. JS said that he would include details of the two phases in the Minutes (See below)

TS

JS went on to say that, in his view, it was unacceptable to wait until 2015 to build the additional 44 beach huts and he gathered that this was shared by, at least, one member of the Sustaining Poole's Seafront 'Task & Finish' Working Party.

Phase 1:

1. To construct 20 huts at Flag Head Chine (10 new and 10 replacement in a two story block).
2. To construct 14 huts at Branksome Promenade (14 new in a two story block replacing current shelter). At this location the project would also provide a new disabled toilet, a new ramp to improve access to huts and toilets and partially refurbish the existing toilet block.
3. To construct 9 new wooden huts at Canford Cliffs.

Phase 2:

4. To construct 58 huts between Branksome Chine & Branksome Dene (31 new and 27 replacing existing wooden huts with two storey blocks).
5. To relocate (or purchase if uneconomical to relocate) 3 of the wooden huts above to Sandbanks (West) and 12 wooden huts to Sandbanks (East).

Gypsy and Travellers' Sites – The Council have lodged two Planning Applications

TS

1. Land at Safety Drive, Poole (*Coverage of the land with permeable surfacing to provide parking for up to 12 caravans and associated cars and commercial vehicles, for traveller and gypsy families. To include security fencing/entrance gate*)
- Application validated on 31/01/14.

2. Land off Broadstone Way (*Creation of a temporary stopping place for up to 4 traveller / gypsy caravans and associated cars / commercial vehicles. Erection of a perimeter palisade fence and construction of new vehicular access.*) - Application validated on 07/02/14.

Strategic Car Parking review (SCPR) - The Cabinet decision to proceed with further work on the proposal for on-street summer charging in residential roads adjacent to the beaches has been 'Called-in' and a Call-in Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting has been convened for 27 February 2014 at the Civic Centre at 9:30am to look at whether this decision followed due process and that all the 'pros and cons' were considered. It also includes a Call-in for proposed increase to charges in District car parks.

MH said that it would help to have a good turn out at the meeting to show strength of local feeling,

3 NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT -

KA said that he had nothing to report other than.

114 Canford Cliffs Road (*Demolish existing dwelling and erect two dwellings on the plot*) – The application was refused on 20/01/14.

KA

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 due to be determined at the Planning

Committee the following day.

ACTION

Chairman's note: This application was **approved**, contrary to the officer's recommendation.

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*) – Application due to be determined at the Planning Committee the following day. The Association believes that both the s106 and Community Infrastructure Levy has been calculated incorrectly.

Chairman's note: Application was **Granted** on 14/02/14, subject TO CIL Contribution Agreement

MH asked the Chairman if the Association had a view on **74/80 Lilliput Road.**, as she has had quite a lot of representation from the people in the blocks opposite. JS said that, so far, the Assn. has not been approached by anyone.

4. **ACCOUNTS TO DATE** – JS reported that the total Association funds as at 31st January 2014 amounted to £35,113.27.

JS

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Next Canford Cliffs and Penn Hill Area Committee meeting – This is fixed for 02 Apr 14 at 7:00 pm. St Luke's Church Hall, Wellington

All

Proposed changes in the Ward Boundaries - TS asked about the proposed changes in the Ward Boundaries as a lot of people don't know what is happening. MH said that the recommendations by the Council still have to be reviewed by the Boundary Commission. JS said that all the information is available on the BoP website <http://ha2.boroughofpoole.com/akspoole/users/public/admin/kab12.pl?cmte=COU&meet=110&arc=71>

No further action

There was no other AOB and the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Date of next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th March 2014 at Committee Room (formerly Lounge), Rear of Branksome St Aldhelms Parish Centre (Access via Lindsay Road)

All