

**Chairman Dr Graham Moody**



**Clerk M Harding**

## **BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

Present: Cllr G Moody, Cllr D Batten, Cllr D Venn, Cllr Dixon, Mrs M Harding (clerk), and 12 members of the public

**2014/04-1 Welcome-** Cllr G moody noted that he had just been to a memorial service for Bob Thorn who will be greatly missed, the Funeral is likely to be on Easter Saturday. Cllr Moody would write a letter of condolence to Bob's wife and family.

**2014/04-2 Apologies-** Received from Cllr A Ross, Cllr K Delves, Cllr Crooke, Cllr Coatsworth (DCC) and Cllr Russell (WDDC)

**2014/04-3 Declarations of interest-** None

**2014/04-4 Parishioners' comments: Agenda items only-15 mins-**

Parishioners were reminded that this agenda item is for the parishioners to comments on items on the agenda and will not be permitted to speak whilst each item is being discussed by the Council, but will also have a further session at the end of the meeting to make any further comments.

D Edwards explained that a report had been submitted to the Council for the meeting but also commented that the Flood Action Group were not successful with the funding bid required for the project, although WDDC and DCC are will undertake Shadrach and Shipton Lane remedial works. The biggest issue is the sewerage and efforts will continue to remedy the situation. David Edwards explained that he is no longer chairman of the Flood Action Group after 12 years. Cllr Moody explained that he had instructed the Clerk to contact the various bodies regarding the sewerage issues to see who is responsible. Cllr Moody also thanked David Edwards and all those involved with the project and the Flood Action Group members for their work on the project.

J Grantham brought copies of the Flood action report circulated to the Council for those at the meeting. He spoke about the size of the project and his disappointment that the project had not achieved grant support. He went on to talk about the small improvements that had been schieved and hoped that the group can still find more small gains as the problem hasn't gone away.

Mr Troup asked about the sale of the field at Barrowfield and what are the PC's thoughts and plans if any. Would the PC support a developer? Cllr Moody explained that the Council did not have any plans as it does not have the money to purchase the land. Cllr Moody also commented that although the Council purchased Corncrake it was done with a view to protect the land since

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residential development would not be permitted as it is in the flood plain. The consultation draft of the Parish Plan explains that the Council would only support affordable housing not market housing in the parish. Cllr Batten found the excerpt from the Draft Plan and read it out to the meeting. The land is outside the DDB but the Council's view is that it could be accepted as a rural exception site for affordable housing.

B James asked if a developer were to consult with the community would the Council vote against any proposal, Cllr Moody reiterated that the Council would support a rural exception site but not market housing.

P Tomkins explained that he had spoken to the auctioneer and the need for the swale has been removed from the particulars. Cllr Moody noted that the requirement for the swale remained in WDDC's draft Local Plan, but that adoption of it looked some way off.

**2014/04-5 To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and sign the same**

The Council approved the minutes

**Proposed Cllr D Batten**

**Seconded Cllr A Venn**

**Resolved**

**2014/04-6 Matters arising for information only – None**

**2014/04-7 To consider the Parish Clerk's Report and Correspondence**

The correspondence list had been circulated previously:

- a) Cllr Moody reported that the Council had gathered quotes for rotivating the allotments but in order that they could be ready for the new allotment holders for this growing season the lowest quote had been accepted and asked for approval retrospectively.

**Proposed Cllr D Dixon**

**Seconded Cllr D Batten**

**Resolved**

- b) Cllr Moody would follow up the AONB finger post project looking at the purchase of the new letters.
- c) Repairs to the Gate and Fencing at Corncrake has been completed by Dorset Countryside Rangers. The gate had been provided by DCC and the fencing materials provided by the Parish Council. There had not been time to report DCC's offer to undertake the work to the Council so that quotes were obtained for the posts and wire and the material bought at the lower quote under the Parish Council's financial regulations and emergency provisions. The Council was asked for retrospective approval of the purchase of the materials.

**Proposed Cllr D Batten**

**Seconded Cllr D Venn**

**Resolved**

Thanks should be given to the Dorset Countryside rangers Team and their Line manager

**Clerk to Action**

- d) The new Material Planning Considerations have been received and circulated to the Council which Members will use when considering applications in the future.
- e) A letter from the Chair of Governors was received concerning the grass cutting contract on the Playing field. Also a letter from the School PTA requesting use for the Playing field for the annual Duck Race.

Cllr Moody noted that the letter states that the school has decided not to renew its contract for the grass cutting and pitch marking on the playing field due to issues of paying for maintaining property that the School does not own and financial pressures. The contractor who was cutting the grass for the school has not had his contract renewed, the previous one terminating at the end of March, and has subsequently contacted the Parish Council asking to be invited to tender. Information from the Head indicates that the school would like to continue to use the playing field for sports events and after school clubs and would be able to make some payment for usage. Cllr Venn commented that the Council wouldn't want to alienate the school but try to find a way forward. The Council discussed the options of gathering tenders for the grass cutting but the grass would not be cut immediately as a specification would need to be prepared and tendered. The school would be informed that in the meantime they can continue to use the Playing field at their own risk, as has always been the position. The PTA would be permitted to hold the Annual Duck Race as requested for this year.

- f) Great Dorset Spring Clean, the Parish Council hold a village clean-up day in April each year, and the date arranged for this year is the morning of Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Bags and gloves will be provided from the Reading Room and John Lewis will oversee their distribution. Notices will be placed on the Notice Boards, website and in the Library.
- g) Beach Road Speed- DCC Highways have written to the Parish Council regarding the speed restrictions along Beach Road as currently the road is not regulated. Advice from Highways is that the Council could request a 20pmh or 30mph limit. The Councillors were concerned about the size of the signage necessary to enforce the speed at 20mph. The Council to investigate this and then recommend a 20mph speed limit to DCC Highways if signage is appropriate.

**Proposed Cllr D Batten**

**Seconded Cllr D Dixon**

**Resolved**

- h) The Council had received on the day of the meeting a cheque for £78.65 for the Jubilee Plaque this will go towards the new signage on the Village Green
- i) The Council have received a notification that an allotment holder wishes to give up their plot in October. **Clerk to Action**

**2014/04-8 To consider the following planning application and any other applications received by the council**

- a. *WD/D/14/000662- Greenhill, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock Demolition of existing dilapidated bungalow and outbuildings. Replacement with a two storey dwelling and outbuildings.* The Council was reminded that a previous application on this site was approved in 2012, and that the current application appeared to be less obtrusive than the earlier one, which had obtained approval. The Council noted that if the application were being considered now without the earlier approval, it would have a different view and would probably object in line with other more recent applications in the vicinity. Given the earlier approval, the Council were not minded to object to the new application but in communicating with WDDC would note the above situation and its comments made in relation to the other applications in the area.

## 2014/04-9 Financial and General Purposes

### a. To consider the Finance report and approve payments

**Proposed Cllr D Venn**

**Seconded Cllr D Batten**

**Resolved**

### b. To consider quotes for the New Bollards at the Lay-by including fixings

Cllr Moody reported that J Lewis had been gathering quotes for the new bollards at the toilets, which was proving more difficult than expected. The quote from the firm that installed the existing bollards including brackets for WDDC worked out at £70 per bollard. The Council proposed to accept the lower quote for brackets obtained by John Lewis as long as together with the posts they are cheaper than the £70 per post quote noted above, similar in style, reflective and from sustainable timber

**Proposed Cllr G Moody**

**Seconded Cllr D Venn**

**Resolved**

### c. To Consider the Grass Maintenance Tenders

The Council had received 4 tenders from Grass Cutting contractors; the list was circulated to Councillors. The Council agreed to go with the lowest quote being:

Mr John Lewis at £35 per cut for 2014-15, £36 per cut for 2015-16 and £38 per cut for 2016-17

### d. To Consider electricity providers for the Reading Room

Cllr Moody reported on the tariff prices for electricity for the Reading Room, The quotes included a Green Energy price which was £78 more per year than the next lowest price and included a donation to the National Trust. The Council proposed to opt for the Green Energy quote as per the sustainable policy of the Council.

**Proposed D Dixon**

**Seconded Cllr G Moody**

**Resolved**

## 2014/04-10 To discuss the Flood Alleviation Report

Cllr Moody explained that it was a great shame that the Flood Project had its hopes dashed at the final hurdle. Even taking into account the works that will be carried out by WDDC and DCC the remainder of the scheme is still not affordable. The major concern is that of sewerage in the streets when flooding occurs. The Clerk is investigating this with the DAPTC and WDDC. The Scheme details are to be requested from WDDC and DCC to be held by the Council and the Flood Action Group for any future reference. The Council will thank WDDC, DCC Oliver Letwin for their support and help. The Parish Plan will be suitably amended when being revised after the current consultation.

**Proposed Cllr D Batten**

**Seconded Cllr D Dixon**

**Resolved**

Cllr Dixon will speak to the land owner at North Hill and suggest a soil plan that involves environmental measures and consider a discussion with Natural England in order to alleviate the flooding.

**Proposed Cllr D Batten**

**Seconded Cllr D Dixon**

**Resolved**

**2014/04-11 To discuss the Joint Neighbourhood Plan for Bridport**

Cllr Moody reported that he and Alan Ross had met with Jo Witherden who explained that an area of rough land with a potential for development and the houses at East Cliff, West Bay, that are in Burton Bradstock Parish could be part of the joint Bridport NP assuming there is a representative from the Council for the proposed Local Council Joint Committee. The Council had originally agreed not to be part of a joint Neighbourhood Plan covering the whole Parish. The Council discussed the possible use of the land and the effect this could have on providing affordable housing closer to Burton Bradstock village itself. After much discussion and provided that a Member volunteers to sit on the proposed Joint Committee, the Council agreed to the houses only at East Cliff, West Bay, that are within the current Defined Development Boundary being included in the Joint NP.

**Proposed Cllr G Moody**

**Seconded Cllr D Dixon**

**Resolved**

**2014/04-12 AOB for info only**

Cllr D Venn explained that due to changes in the software on the PC website he was unable to upload the documents for the meeting. The Clerk reported that the new website should be up and running within a week.

**2014/04-13 Parishioners' comments (15 minutes)**

Mr J Piper explained that one of his questions had been answered as the PC website is out of date. He also responded to the report on the School using the Playing field and it was not primarily about money but about being responsible for maintaining land it does not own. He also stated that he had alerted the Council two months previously that there would be changes but would see what holding arrangement could be put in place in the meantime. Cllr Moody said that the school could be granted a licence but Mr Piper said that this would not help to resolve the issue.

B James explained she had reported road surface issues at Cliff Road and Martin Hill DCC highways met with her and explained there were not funds to resurface the road but some patching will be done. Also Dave Maunder DCC had been out to collect highways signage left in the village. B James asked the council to thank Mr Maunder for his support.

J Lewis asked if DCC and Dorset Waste partnership could be thanked for dealing with the blocked drains and defects in the village. He also asked if the Best Village competition had been entered, this was confirmed by the clerk.

P Tomkins asked that it would be helpful if the Volunteers could know what the judges are looking for; Cllr Moody responded that there is a list of criteria. Also he suggested the Council keep the Flooding issue as a priority as the village had been extremely close in getting the support necessary, and felt that it would have been achieved if WDDC had stick to their original timeline in submitting the application.

Mrs Troup commented on the discussion about the grass cutting and the School and hoped that things could be sorted out harmoniously.

J Grantham also spoke about the history of flooding in the village, hoping that the community would harness the knowledge gained and maybe make some small changes every year.

**2014/04-14 Date of next Parish Council meeting- 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**2014/04-15 To approve the council moves to closed and private session to discuss the following items**

**Proposed Cllr G Moody**

**Seconded Cllr D Dixon**

**Resolved**

**Meeting closed 8.43pm**