

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

PRESENT John Sprackling (JS) President
Bob Reid (BR) Chairman
Carol Parkin (CP) Secretary/Minutes Secretary
Mike Parkin (MP) Membership Secretary
Dugald Eadie (DE) Planning Officer

Ward Councillor - Cllr Mohan Iyengar (MI)

Approximately 26 members and Wardens

The Chairman welcomed those present.

1. APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr. May Haines. Mary Mullins, Roger Allen (Vice Chairman), Pamela and Dennis Spencer, Yvonne Alfert, Christine Norman, Steve Davidson, Maureen Harley, John Gunton (Magazine Editor) and Paul Fearnley (Treasurer)

The Chairman apologised for not getting an Agenda for this meeting onto the website. He had an operation on his hand and was not able to do an Agenda in time.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2018

These minutes were published on on the Committee page of the Pines and Chines website and, as there had been no feedback. the Chairman accepted them as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

Any matters arising will be covered by the Agenda.

4. PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES AFFECTING LINDSAY ROAD

The Chairman explained that this had come about with the merger of the Councils. It is proposed that the boundaries be re-organised so that there is a more even spread of voting in these areas.

It is proposed that the North side of Lindsay Road be moved into Branksome & Talbot Woods Ward. There was an opportunity to object to this and several people have. Cllrs MI and MH have put in their objections to the Boundary Commission.

5. UPDATE ON BEACH ROAD CAR PARK AND TRAVELLERS

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The Council re-acted well to the invasion of Travellers onto the wooded area adjacent the Esplanade, by placing a very large stone block and a sturdy steel post where the Travellers affected entry to the area. A member commented that she suspected that there was still room to get cars in, if not large vans.

Beach Road Car Park was invaded once again. Cllr. MI is lobbying for some sort of deterrent to stop large vans gaining access. DE suggested that the Council have a much better and quicker mechanism for moving travellers on. The Chairman explained that the Council is restricted in what it is able to do, and it uses the quickest possible method.

The plans to develop Beach Road car park by the Council have been postponed. Graham Jones said that he had spoken with a representative of the Lands Tribunal who confirmed that they had had the withdrawal notice application from Poole Council. Once JG has had an official notification of the withdrawal, he will be able to make claims on Poole Council for the costs of the objectors.

JS suggested that there be an Agenda item at the next AGM, to re-establish that the majority of the Association's members are opposed to the Council development of Beach Road car park. The Chairman agreed.

6. BRANKSOME PARK< CANFORD CLIFFS & SANDBANKS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There is an appeal from Neighbourhood Watch for somebody willing to take over the delivery of the Neighbourhood Watch newsletters for the area of Lindsay Road. This would entail delivering a bundle of newsletters to one particular person in each block of flats, who would then ensure that the newsletter is delivered to each flat in the block. If there is a willing volunteer for this please contact either Roy Pointer or Pat Halliday Tel: 01202 700911

7. SPEEDING AND PARKING ISSUES

Various parking issues were raised. A member said that the London area is much stricter than most. At the moment, each Council has its own rules. It is a very grey area.

Adrian Wardlow asked what is happening about that campervans permanently parked in Pine Drive near the entrance to the Branksome Park Bowls Club car park. JS replied that there doesn't appear to be anything that can be done and the Council does not seem minded to take any action.

SpeedWatch - The group of volunteers monitoring the speed of vehicles, does not have any legal standing. SpeedWatch is able to instigate a warning letter from the police, and if this should happen three times the person speeding faces prosecution. SpeedWatch has not been very active in the last year. There is a need to look at this problem. Julie Reid says that they have a problem with motor cyclists during the night time hours. Cllr MI asks that any situation is reported to the Council, 0800 50 60 50.

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Shirley Critchley suggested that the Association provide stickers announcing 30, which residents could then stick on wheelie bins. The Chairman suggested she approach Neighbourhood Watch with this idea.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Planning Officer, Dugald Eadie, presented the Planning Applications and decisions since our last meeting.

APPEALS

1-5 Lindsay Road (McCarthy & Stone) – Inspector ALLOWED the development on 19 July 18, following the Public Enquiry on 26-28 June 18. This was a disappointing result, and the Inspector did not seem to properly understand the nature of the Conservation Area. No doubt this event will create a precedent for further development on that side of Lindsay Road.

10 Widdicombe Avenue - The application 18/00757/F was refused by the planning officer on 26 July 18, went to Appeal on 1 August 18, and the Appeal was DISMISSED on 30 August 18. This was unusually quick! The project was to build a garage in the front garden, which would have seriously damaged the consistent appearance of this street.

DECISIONS

APP/18/00898/F 11/07/2018

49 Links Road - This plan to replace a bungalow with 2 semi-detached houses is not popular with the neighbours, as all the houses in this road are detached, and the parking/traffic issues are significant given the proximity to the golf course entrance. Approved 5/09/2018

Despite the many objections, the Planning Officer has approved this plan. Apparently one of the semis will have its front door on the side, which reduces the visual impact. The approval does not seem to pay much attention to the parking and traffic issues.

APP/18/00847/P 28/06/2018

2 Mornish Road - This new application is proposing an “Arts and Crafts” style of building, hoping that this will overcome the constraint of local listing for the existing house.

Approved 30/08/2018

The Planning Officer has decided that the new application is acceptable, partly because the original 1929 property had already been changed significantly. The new proposal retains some of the historic features of the original.

APPLICATIONS

APP/18/01103/F 22/08/2018

56 The Avenue - The existing large bungalow on this site is clearly waiting to be replaced. Unfortunately, the proposal is to build a block of 9 flats with basement parking. So far 2 neighbours have objected, mainly because of loss of privacy and the effect on traffic.

APP/18/01072/F 20/08/2018

2 Wilderton Road - Demolish existing period property and replace with block of 25 apartments with basement parking.

The existing building has deteriorated to the point where it probably cannot be restored (it is split into 6 flats, but with no proper arrangements for maintenance). As usual, the proposal is ambitious in terms of the density, and would have a serious impact on local traffic.

APP/18/00739/F 28/06/2018

43 Western Road - Following the refusal of the previous plan, this new application is similar, but has a smaller overall building. There is still a serious issue with building 10 flats in this part of the Conservation Area.

APP/18/00382/P 26/04/2018

9 Martello Road South - Approval was already granted for two houses on this site. However, this is a new application for a block of 8 flats. There would be no access from Oratory Gardens, but nevertheless this would have a serious impact on the area. Several objections, including Arboricultural Team.

APP/18/00540/F 17/04/2018

46-48 Tower Road - Increase existing approval from 28 to 32 retirement flats by adding extra floor. Neighbours are upset, following previous consultations and assurances from McCarthy & Stone. About 30 objections, including BPC CRA.

9. COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

Wearing his other hat, DE then gave a short summary of the CWG meeting he attended as the Association's representative.

There were three main points he would like to mention:

The Chief Planning Officer, Richard Genge, told the meeting that the merger between Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch had been delayed so long by Christchurch that by April 2019 there will not have been the time to sort out the three Planning Departments into one.

Most of the meeting was taken up by discussing the development of Poole centre.

DE was surprised to find that some members were incredibly rude to the Councillors, blaming the Planning Department for everything while remaining ignorant of the fact that a lot of things are out of the Council's hands as they were determined by the Government, or the particular Planning Officer at the Council has made the right decision and it is overturned by the Planning Inspectorate at Bristol. It is in our interests to remain civil to the Planning Department who, in the main, are trying their best to help us.

10. ACCOUNTS - The Treasurer reported that there was £34,343.43 in the account.

11. MAGAZINE

The new magazine is due to come out shortly. This has made a small profit due to the hard work of Roger Allen who handles the advertising in the magazine. The magazine editor, John Gunton, keeps a watch to ensure that there is a balance between the text and the advertising.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday October 10th at 7.30pm.