

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019**

<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	John Sprackling	President
	Bob Reid	Chairman
	Carol Parkin	Secretary/Minutes Secretary
	Dugald Eadie	Planning Officer
	Cllr. May Haines	Ward Councillor

Approximately 16 members and wardens

The Chairman welcomed those present.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mohan Iyengar, Mike Parkin, Roger Allen, Paul Fearnley, John Gunton, Julie Reid, Stan Alfert, Tony Beale.

**2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 12, 2018**

Typographical Error – the word 'siring' should read 'siting'

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

The Chairman has had a letter from George Perrins, Chairman of Canford Cliffs Land Society, thanking the association for the donation towards the Christmas lights in Canford Cliffs Village.

Mr. Perrins also said that the event had been extremely successful, with an attendance of 140. CP reported that in addition there is a notice on the notice board in Canford Cliffs Village thanking all for their donations; BPC CRA being at the top of the list.

**4. ROUGH SLEEPING IN Pine Drive**

It was reported that one of the vans has returned and is currently for sale.

**5. SPEEDING**

RP reported that the local Neighbourhood Watch had expressed interest in carrying out checks in the Ward. We hold 'kit' but are short of volunteers for roadside checks. The minimum team required is six, with four required for a roadside check. We need a Team Leader to take charge of team formation and Police liaison but key to success would be getting at least six team members. RP invited people to register with him. Training would be given by the Police. He stressed that Speedwatch was a separate

organisation from both the Residents' Association and Neighbourhood Watch, although both organisations would be kept in the loop on progress.

RP informed the meeting that Neighbourhood Watch was working with the Council to identify locations where, as a result of the new street lighting, lampposts had been replaced but Neighbourhood Watch yellow signs on lampposts had not been re-fitted. Watch members will be carrying out a survey over the next month or so followed by liaison with the Council to re-fit new signs.

A member asked could there not be a Council speeding sign on Western Road. Cllr. MH explained that the Council now use mobile 'speeding' signs which are moved around, and she will request that a site on Western Road be added.

Cllr MH went on to say that she had had meetings with the Sandbanks Association and she suggests that maybe the two groups could join for the Community Speed Watch.

## **6. BEACH ROAD CAR PARK**

JS reported that he had put a question at the Cabinet meeting the previous day, pointing out that residents were not informed of the Council's decision to withdraw its application seeking release from the restrictive Covenant on the Beach Road car park but learnt of this from the Upper Tribunal – Lands Chamber and asked how will this impact the funding of the 'Heart of Poole' project

Cllr John Challinor, the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Commercialism and Estates, Communications, Leisure replied "The Council still intends to use the net capital proceeds from disposal of part of the land at Beach Road Car Park as funding for the Heart of Poole Programme.

Estimated costs in relation to restrictive covenants at the site have also been included within the Council's Heart of Poole funding strategy.

In a supplementary question, JS asked for details of the costs incurred on the abortive work to date and Cllr Challinor promised to let him have a written answer to this.

Cllr. MH pointed out that Poole Council have not yet gone out to tender for 'The Heart of Poole' project.

Christine Harrington remarked that there is still no good signage for Beach Road Car Park.

## **7. PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS**

***APP/18/01407/F***

***31/10/2018***

2A Burton Road (The Lodge) - Convert and extend existing building to create a "chalet bungalow" to be used for holiday lets. This is rather strange, as a previous similar building was refused in 2014, before the present single storey building was accepted.

**Refused****21/12/2018**

The Case Officer reported that the proposal was unsuitable for the area, too prominent and too close to the road.

**APPLICATIONS*****APP/18/01525/F*****17/12/2018**

25A The Avenue – Demolish existing bungalow and replace with a detached house. The applicant already has permission to make alterations to the existing property, producing a very similar result.

Presumably it has been decided that a complete rebuild is a better solution. The proposal does not seem to be too contentious.

***APP/18/01595/F*****11/12/2018**

36 Tower Road – Demolish existing building and build block of 12 flats. The existing building is split into 7 flats, and the proposal uses more of the plot and includes basement parking. Neighbours have already expressed concern about the increased density and the possible damage due to the excavation.

***APP/18/01446/F*****7/11/2018**

2 Burton Road/22 Balcombe Road – This appears to be an amended version of a plan already approved, to build a separate house in the garden of the existing one. The applicant also owns the Lodge (see below).

***APP/18/01392/P*****26/10/2018**

3 Brudenell Road – The house on this site has already been demolished, and a reasonable development has been approved. However, this application is seeking to build a block of 6 flats and a terrace of 3 town-houses. The neighbours are very upset (at least 12 objections), also one from the Society for Poole and from BPCCR.

***APP/18/01273/P*****15/10/2018**

6 Burton Road – Outline application to demolish existing dwelling and erect a block of 8 no 2 bed and 4 no 3 bed flats with parking, cycle and bin storage. This proposal is completely out of order on the edge of the Conservation Area. **There have already been around 40 objections, including BPCCR.** The immediate neighbour, in a listed building, has arranged for an objection by a professional planning expert. Apart from the visual impact, there is a lot of concern about parking and traffic issues. Since the last meeting, there have been some amendments to the proposal, leading to another batch of objections.

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. **There are now over 12 objections, including a comprehensive report from neighbours at Valentine Court, and objections from Roy Pointer and from BPC CRA.** There is also some suggestion that the existing building could/should be restored, but that sounds unlikely for financial reasons!

**The application is going to the Planning Committee on 17 January 19. Once more, Peter Pawlowski has arranged this at the request of the applicant/agent, having identified that the Case Officer was planning to refuse it.**

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 the Oratory, but nevertheless this would have a serious impact on the area. Several objections, including Arboricultural Team.** As noted above, an earlier application for 3 houses has been dismissed an appeal.

APP/18/01616/P – 18, 18a, 20, 20a and 20b Balcombe Road (Demolition of existing houses and erection of flatted development of 30 flats with associated access and parking) - Colin Brade expressed his concern about a very new Application to demolish five houses and replace these with a block of 30 flats, adjacent to his own flat in Parkbury on Balcombe Road.

## **7. ACCOUNTS TO DATE**

There is currently a balance of £33, 671 in the account.

The next expenditure will be the AGM in May.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Felling of 38 protected trees at Parkstone Golf Club – Chris Stracey reported that 38 protected trees have been felled at Parkstone Golf Club in order to ‘return the land to its original state’. Cllr. MH will establish the position on this.

Planning Committee meetings – Cllr. MH reported that there has been a change of dates for the Planning Committee meetings. There will now be two in March, 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, and none in April.



**Branksome Park, Canford Cliffs Residents' Association**

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Bournemouth, Poole & Christchurch Council & amalgamation of Council buildings – In answer to a query, Cllr MH replied that the work towards the merging of the Councils is progressing on track. Presently there are no plans for the Council buildings and three locations will continue to be used. In time this will be rationalised.

Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch Budget and Business Breakfast meeting on 18 January – JS reported that he and Roger Allen plan to attend this meeting to which representatives of Residents' Associations are invited.

Local elections in May 2019 - JS suggested that the Association might invite prospective candidates for the local elections in May to its meeting with a view to giving a short presentation. Members thought this was a good idea and the Chairman will try to arrange it.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 7.30pm

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