

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

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

Approximately 38 members and wardens

The Chairman welcomed those present including our Ward Councillors, May Haines and Mohan Iyengar

1. **APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from John Gunton, Mike Parkin, Paul Fearnley, Julie Reid, Darryl West, Terry Stewart, Bert Neo, Christine Harrington., Russell Chaplin.

2. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD February 13, 2019**

These were accepted as a correct record.

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

Any matters arising from the minutes will be covered in the Agenda.

4. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

The Chairman outlined how he would like the Executive Committee to be in the future. Roy Pointer helps the committee from time to time and we are looking to extend our team. Not necessarily appointed to a position on the Executive, but to help when possible. The Chairman went on to say that he intended to have a meeting, before our AGM, with the people who have already expressed a willingness to get involved. Jackie Heap has already volunteered to help our Treasurer, Paul Fearnley. If anyone is interested please speak to the Chairman, Roger Allen or any Committee member.

5. **ROUGH SLEEPING AND VEHICLES BEING LIVED IN, ON UNREGISTERED LAND**

The Chairman commented that Rough Sleeping has been an ongoing problem. Little is known about the ownership of the land in question. Cllr. MI showed the meeting a map of the area, designated by a red line, which is the ownership of the Council, but the ownership of Pine Drive is unknown. Council officers are sure that it isn't Council land. There was a suggestion that the land has now reverted to ownership of the Crown.

Karol Gorny asked a question about the gentleman who divides his time in his motor home between Pine Drive & the Canford Cliffs Library car park and Richard Phillips, Chairman of the Friends of

Canford Cliffs Library provided details of the unfortunate circumstances in which this gentleman finds himself and the work he does in maintaining the Library historic garden. It seems that there is no easy answer.

6. SPEEDING IN BRANKSOME PARK AND SURROUNDING AREA

Vicky Moss, a member, who lives in Branksome Park, addressed the meeting giving details from the many personal statements she had collected from residents about speeding in the area and how it has impacted them. Stories included residents' walls being demolished, street lights being demolished, speeding past All Saints Church Nursery with no regard to mothers and children, difficulty in getting out of a drive, difficulties in crossing the roads by the elderly, those with young and those walking dogs.

This was followed by a lengthy discussion with more personal stories from those present, and how this state of affairs could be mitigated.

Roy Pointer brought the meeting up-to-date with the activities of 'Speed Watch' which he is handling for the area. He appeals for those interested to join.

Cllr. MI suggested that a separate meeting be held to include interested parties. A member suggested a Transportation Officer from the Council should be invited to attend, together with a representative of the Police should attend.

Those interested were invited to give their names to Roy Pointer.

7. BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL AND MAYORAL FUNCTIONS

JS reported that the mayoral functions in Poole and Bournemouth will be delivered via Charter Trustees from 01 April 2019. Charter Trustees will be all the new Councillors elected at the Local Election on 02 May 2019

The new Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council has set aside £258,000 to cover the costs incurred in supporting the Bournemouth and Poole mayoral functions for 2019/20, based on the costs incurred in 2018/19.

For the year 2020/21, the Charter Trustees will charge a precept on all Council Tax payers in Poole & Bournemouth, similar to the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner and Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Authority precepts.

Cllr. MH explained that there will be a Mayor of Poole and a Mayor of Bournemouth. When the merger was first being organised, there was a strong body of opinion that Poole would lose some of its identity therefore it was decided to keep two Mayors. Cllr. MH went on to explain how the new BPC Council will be made up and said that it is hoped that the costs of Mayors will decrease in future as Poole and Bournemouth will be sharing services.

8. PLANNING REPORT

Planning Lists for Meeting 13 March 2019

DECISIONS

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

Refused

7/03/2019

The Planning Committee unanimously refused this. Meanwhile, the developer has submitted a new application to build three houses on the plot (2 semis, one detached). See below.

APPLICATIONS

APP/19/00214/F

20/02/2019

9 Martello Road South – This amended proposal had pre-application advice and is designed so that the single house is accessed from Oratory Gardens, and the semis from Martello Road South. The semis will be built so that they have the appearance of a single house.

APP/19/00009/P

11/01/2019

4 Western Road - Demolish existing bungalow and replace with a 4-storey block of 6 flats. This proposal is very complicated, as the existing bungalow has two “rights of way” along the edges of the site, to allow residents in the flats behind to walk to the bus stop, the village and the library. There is also a high density of trees, to the extent that most people passing the site would not even notice the bungalow.

The neighbours are finding it difficult to cope with the proposal, as there is quite a lot of legal history in relation to the original development of the flats. There was even a special road to avoid too much traffic having to enter Western Road. A BPC CRA objection has been lodged. There are also many individual and collective objections from the neighbours. It appears that the developer has already interfered with a garden area which belongs to Treetops, knocking down a wall and clearing plants.

APP/18/01616/P

08/01/2019

18, 18a, 20, 20a & 20b Balcombe Road – Demolish the 5 brand new houses and replace with a block of 30 flats. This is one of the most ridiculous applications that I have ever seen, and it has been strongly criticised by lots of neighbours (and by BPC CRA). There has also been press coverage in the Bournemouth Echo and the Sunday Times. Apparently, the developer has been unable to sell the five houses, which presumably means they are too expensive, given the density of the site and the awkward location.

APP/18/01671/P

08/01/2019

19 Wilderton Road – Demolish bungalow and build a block of 6 flats. Although a previous version of this was refused, the planning consultants are using the argument that the new Poole Local Plan has more relaxed rules. This is ignoring the fact that the site is still in the Conservation Area, and also the rules about development of flats are still quite firm. There have been several well-argued objections from neighbours, and one from BPC CRA.

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. A neighbour at the back of the property has already experienced damage from a falling tree due to earlier developments in Tower Road and is concerned about a very large lime tree.

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. It is interesting to note that no neighbours have objected, partly because of the much greater worries about the adjoining plot (18/20 Balcombe Road), but also because of the existing permission.

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 BPC CRA.

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 50 objections, including BPC CRA.** 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.

DE commented on the increased density in the last few months and the trend to build basement car parks. It would appear that there is also over investment in development.

Bob Steele asked about the time frame of events concerning the application re 18, 18a, 20, 20a & 20b Balcombe Road. Cllr. H answered that there will be no Planning Committee in April and the next meeting will possibly be in June. This will be after the merger of Poole/Bournemouth/Christchurch and she pointed out that all Poole planning applications will continue to be against the Poole Local Plan. JS commented that, hopefully, under the revised Constitution, if the officer's recommendation is to refuse, this application will not go the Planning Committee.

Vicky Moss informed the meeting that a group is being formed to establish a Neighbourhood Plan for Branksome Park & Canford Cliffs.

Tesco Express, 31- 37 Haven Road - A member raised a question of the plans for the four empty shops in Canford Cliffs Village. This is still 'live', and we are waiting news from Tesco who have all the relevant planning permissions to go ahead.

9. ACCOUNTS TO DATE

Our account increased by over £1000 last month due to this being the time of the year we receive the block booking fees from the blocks of flats.

We still maintain an account with Santander because some members did not change their Standing Orders from Santander to Barclays when we changed over.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Beach Road car park – Graham Jones reported that the Lands Tribunal would not pay the costs of Trethowans, Solicitors, as it was not his own personal cost. Roy Pointer said that he will write a piece to go into our next magazine. This will be on the Agenda at our AGM in May where he hopes to gauge the feelings of local people.

Next meeting's Agenda – The Chairman asked if the Agenda for next meeting should include a form of a 'hustings' for the prospective candidates at the local elections to present themselves. We do not know, as yet, how many candidates there will be, and this will not be known until 02 April 2019. After some discussion, it was decided that there was no desire for this.

It was agreed that we would have a normal second Wednesday evening meeting in April, and the main item on the Agenda would be speeding.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019