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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

PRESENT

John Sprackling	President
Dugald Eadie	Acting Chairman
Carol Parkin	Secretary/Minutes Secretary
Dugald Eadie	Planning Officer
John Gunton	Magazine Editor
CLlr May Haines	Ward Councillor
CLlr Mohan Iyengar	Ward Councillor

Approximately 23 members and wardens

The Chairman welcomed those present to our first Monthly Meeting since February 12, 2020.

APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Roger Allen, Vicky Moss, Steve Hough, Pauline Blake, Steve Threlfall, Gerry Cowling. Graham Jones.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 2020

There has been no further action to the plans for Canford Cliffs Library.

There has been nothing further on the Neighbourhood Plan.

The developer for the proposed site on Balcombe road has is now bankrupt. The unsold houses were reduced to a more reasonable price and have now sold.

Mike Parkin proposed that these minutes be accepted and this was seconded by Bernadette Macdonald Ragget.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PINE TREES IN THE AVENUE

There was a problem of the heavy growth of ivy up the pine trees. **MI** reported that half of the cutting back has been done and the other half will be attended to by BCP.

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BCP PLANS FOR THE SEAFRONT

The consultation regarding the seafront plans is open until September 26, 2021

MI explained what is proposed in our area. Conservation work at Sandbanks and general smartening up; the promenade between there and Bournemouth will be smartened up and made to look much nicer. **CP** asked if it would be 'too smart' as she believed part of the charm of here was the general 'bucket and spade' atmosphere and its appeal to families. **MI** answered that he hoped it would be done sympathetically and in keeping. The pier at Bournemouth may need a make-over.

Ron Parker asked what the six storey building at Sandbanks will be. **MI** said that he was not sure exactly what yet.

Chris Stacey asked about the Beach Huts down Canford Cliffs Chine which were in a very bad, dilapidated looking state. **MI** said that he was working hard trying to get on with the state of the beach huts.

BEACH ROAD CAR PARK

There was a worry that BCP were going to make a compulsory purchase.

MI explained that nothing had progressed yet.

It is proposed that the top part of the car park become residential and the lower half be revamped for parking. Roy Pointer asked **MI** to explain the anomaly of improving the seafront to attract more visitors on the one hand and reducing parking spaces on the other, and he believed car parks in Poole were being sold off generally. **MI** denied that car parks were being sold, and went on to say that motorists would rogue park, regardless of car parking space. **MH** says that this problem will be re-evaluated.

Isobel Pearce pointed out that there is insufficient signage for Beach Road Car Park. This has been a problem for several years and both **MH** and **MI** were trying to make the car park for visible.

DE recognises that people want to use their cars. **MI** said that BCP are trying to think ahead of ways to reduce car usage.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DE explained the most significant changes as listed on the Planning List which is now on the website.

Jenny Freeman reported to the meeting that Wilderton House will be developed into Flats.

Howard Freeman said that there will be no pavement and asks will the developer be including that. This will be the responsibility of BCP.

Stuart Rhys-Williams gave a short presentation on the build of a unit on the site of 11a Bury Road which is to be redeveloped. He asked advice from the Associations officers concerning the possible permanence of this unit following the development of 11a Bury Road which would have significant planning implications in the future for the site and others in Branksome Park. Councillor May Haines kindly agreed to talk to the Planning Enforcement Team about concerns raised at the meeting of this unit becoming permanent.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

There is £41,254.74 in the bank

The sum of £1,150 has been received for advertising in the next magazine.

WINTER 2021 PINES AND CHINES MAGAZINE

JG reported that he would need any articles for the next magazine by the end of September, with a view to the magazine being ready for distribution by the end of October.

AOB

The AGM will be held on Saturday December 11 at Canford Cliffs Village Hall.

There is a problem with your Committee at the moment. We need a Chairman and Membership Secretary, without which we shall find it very difficult to continue. We would be extremely grateful if any members feel they could volunteer for either of these positions, or just to be a member of the Committee with no designated job. We very much want to continue as a viable BPC CRA.

Speedwatch.

RP reported that **CSW** had been in operation for several months after the lockdown and that there had been a county wide day of action on 7 September when over 30 teams had been operating. **BPCSW** had mounted three sessions on the day and almost 100 vehicles had been reported. Police enforcement camera had also attended for a time during the morning and several enforcement notices will be issued as a result.

A new monitoring site had now been authorised in The Avenue and teams will be operating there in coming weeks.

Vacancies were available in the team for new members to ensure that no one has to provide more than two hours per month in live monitoring.

Bernadette Macdonald Raggett asked the Councillors if anything could be done about the potholes in the roads.

There was a question as to whether anything can be done about the flooding at Links Road and Canford Cliffs Road. **Cllr. MH** said that she would speak to the person at BCP responsible for this.

Cllr MH has since said that she will speak with the Street Scene Team and asks if there are any photographs available of the flooded area which would be a great help. Any correspondence regarding flood risk can be sent to flooding@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Ray Wyld asked **JG** if the magazine could be distributed by PDF rather than a hard copy. We had to do this at the height of Covid, but consensus at the meeting was that a hard copy was preferred.

JG did however agree to check this out.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13, 2021

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.