

BRANKSOME PARK & CANFORD CLIFFS

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING – November 2021

PRESENT

John Sprackling, President
Roger Allen, Vice Chairman
Carol Parkin, Secretary
Dugald Eadie, Planning Officer
Vicky Moss, Special projects.

Cllr May Haines. Approximately 22 members

WELCOME

The Chairman, Roger Allen, began by thanking those attending the meeting.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Cllr **MH** has stepped down from the Cabinet at BCP, which will give her more time to devote to Ward Councillor duties. He thanked May for her work whilst in Cabinet.

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mohan Iyengar, John Gunton, Jackie Heap, Mike Parkin.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

These were taken as read and accepted.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

PLANS FOR MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE EVENT AT PINECLIFF GARDENS

VM said that as we had to cancel the AGM, she thought it would be nice to have a gathering in Pinecliff Gardens, provisionally on December 11, serving mulled wine and mince pies. Non-members could also attend. Adverts will be posted around where possible and in the Newsletter. This would be an opportunity for the community to get together. The date will be decided according to the availability of those involved.

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PLANNING REPORT – Dugald Eadie

The whole report is published on the website. Dugald Eadie gave a summary of the salient points.

4 Canford Crescent: The appeal has been dismissed. The application has now been refused twice, first by the Council and then by the Inspectorate.

6 Burton Road: The application has already been refused once, and now a second application for a revised scheme has also been rejected.

17 Lindsay Road: The application has been refused yet again as being too imposing for the site.

4 burton Road: This is yet another application to develop the garden of a property. The prominent bone of contention is that this is in the Conservation Area. **DE** said the Council should uphold and defend the Conservation Area.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jackie Heap, the Treasurer, could not be present. Members agreed that the bank balance stood at around £41K

RA Said there had been a donation to the garden (Pinecliff) of £1000, which was very welcome and would contribute to purchasing some trees and shrubs.

RA suggested that BPC CRA consider making donations to a couple of charities this Christmas and asked if there were any ideas or thoughts in this regard. **VM** suggested donating to a charity each year, such as a mental health charity. Roy Pointer reminded everyone that this Association is for the benefit of residents. **RA** suggested a charity devoted to helping the homeless. There was much discussion on this without agreement on making any charitable donations.

A member asked about speeding and traffic problems on Western Road and whether the Association could do something. **VM** assured the member that she had been attempting to get the Council and the Police to deploy strategies and make changes to reduce speeding to create a safe environment for pedestrians and cyclists all along Western Road and the roads that feed into it. Unfortunately, so far, her pleas to the various parties have been ignored.

The Association campaign led by Vicky has been running for four years and will continue.

CLIMATE CHANGE – SHOULD BPC CRA HAVE A ROLE?

There was much discussion with plenty of ideas but no actual suggestions as to what the Association could do about it. Members said that fortnightly bin collections don't help. **VM** asked why we did not have a food waste collection. **CIlr MH** replied that this is currently in the pipeline.

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IDEAS FOR QUESTIONS TO ASK OUR MP.

RA read out questions suggested by **Cllr MI** :

Question 1 What is the progress of the Police, Crime, Courts and Sentencing Bill? (Currently going through the Lords) If this becomes law, how might it affect residents? Anti-social behaviour, local crime, travellers.

Question 2 The Climate Conference in Glasgow will come up with something. So what does our MP and other local MPs feel strongest about so that Poole and Dorset play a part?

Question 3 Levelling Up is a hot topic. What are the critical opportunities for Poole and Dorset

Question 4 The proposed relaxation of planning rules under Robert Jenrick was shelved. So what is now intended for the planning regime across the UK, and what are the opportunities and threats?

Regarding Q1, Bernadette Macdonald-Raggett said that the local PCC should ask the first question; Cllr MH agreed. **BMR** was at a Neighbourhood Watch General meeting in which Pat Halliday (pathalliday@TalkTalk.net) asked for volunteers for Neighbourhood Watch. She stressed the need to take care when opening the front door, letting people into one's home, and leaving desirable items on view in cars when they are unattended.

Regarding Question 2 and the Climate Change Conference, **RA** suggests that the Navitas Wind Farm may resurface. Some opinion expressed in the meeting was that it shouldn't. **RA** Said that given the shift in emphasis to combat climate change, he thought it highly likely that fresh application would be forthcoming.

Question 3. As levelling up is more of a political question and BPC CRA's

There was a general discussion on the issue of housing.

Steven Hough said that he moved here from Birmingham, and by comparison, Poole and Bournemouth were much better places to live.

DE suggested setting up a subcommittee to come up with questions for our MP to be put at our next AGM.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Steven Hough said there are various areas with trees, which the Council does not look after, and this should be addressed to maintain the area's beauty. He said he has an Ordnance Survey Map online, which shows how the landscape has changed by development since the 1880's. He will send this to **RA**. The question of trees in the area should be put to the BCP

Treecall and Upton Tree Services were recommended as excellent tree surgeons.

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Cllr MH assured the meeting that BCP had started some work on the paths in Branksome Chines.

A member brought up the difficulty he had obtaining a timetable for the buses. It was pointed out that the bus companies were operated privately and did not come under BCP. **Cllr MH** replied that the bus timetables are online. Chris Stracy said that information about the buses from any particular stop could be accessed using the code number displayed at the bus stop.

Members discussed the difficulties encountered in obtaining a reaction from the police when reporting issues to them.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021