

BRANKSOME PARK AND CANFORD CLIFFS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2022

<u>PRESENT:</u>	John Sprackling	President
	Dugald Eadie	Acting Chairman
		Planning Officer
	Mike Parkin	Membership Secretary
	Carol Parkin	Minutes Secretary
	John Gunton	Magazine Editor

Cllr. May Haines. **Cllr Mohan Iyengar** had previously informed the Chairman that he had a previous engagement, but would join the meeting as soon as he was able.

The Chairman opened the meeting by introducing himself and welcoming those present.

Apologies were received from Jackie Heap, Hon. Treasurer of BPC CRA, Vicky Moss, special Projects BPC CRA, Bernadette Macdonald Raggett

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These were accepted as a correct record. Proposed Ray Wilde, seconded Chris Christie.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cllr MH reported that BCP are looking at various sites owned by BCP for development purposes of which Beach Road Car Park is one. Roy Pointer asked **Cllr MH** if anything could happen to Beach Road Car Park without the public being given a chance to object. **Cllr MH** said that she hoped not.

Rockwater is still fairly quiet. Luke Davies has been complaining that Planning Approval is taking too long. **Cllr MH** reported that the Branksome Chine project is stalled for the time being, while precedence is being given to the Sandbanks Planning Applications.

BCP COUNCIL UPDATE ON RECENT EVENTS

The Chairman asked **Cllr.MH** if there was any item that was discussed at last night's Council Meeting that might be of interest to the Assn. **Cllr MH** replied that the Agenda for the meeting was extremely long due to the last meeting having to be cancelled. Because of this the Agenda was not completed, and only the time critical items went through. The first item took one hour! A petition had been raised by members of the public asking that the Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader step down.

JS asked about the Agenda item asking about the make up of the political parties in the Council. **Cllr MH** replied that this had gone through and there was no debate as this had all been debated beforehand. There is a very fine balance between the political parties, and the Conservatives do not hold a majority.

PLANNING REPORT

The whole Planning Report is available on the website.

11 Lindsay Road. The application to demolish the existing bungalow and replace it with a block of 16 apartments has now been granted. The plans were changed before the permission was given to make them more acceptable. **DE** pointed out that most of that side of Lindsay Road had been given permission to build apartments. **JS** said that 7/9 had been given approval to build social housing. Both **JS** and **Cllr MH** said that the Planning Department of BCP 'had problems'. **JG** suggested that the Association write a letter to Nick Perrins, Head of Planning or Bobby Dove.

In response to two more Applications to split plots in the Conservation Area a member suggested that the Association should, as a matter of course, object to this activity as it fails to preserve and enhance the Conservation Area as recommended by the Management Plan and it sets precedents for similar activities elsewhere. It was agreed that the member should draft a submission for the Planning Officer to consider sending to BCP.

DE welcomed **Cllr MI** who had been delayed by a previous meeting. He outlined what **Cllr MH** had informed us about the Council meeting that had been held the night before. **Cllr MI** gave the meeting what he had gleaned. This did not differ from what we had already been told.

6 Burton Road. There have been various Applications which have been refused, the last one for one house in the garden was refused by BCP but has now gone to Appeal. A new Application has gone in for a similar house in the garden which is slightly smaller than the one before. There appears to be some hope that this Application will be granted in order to stop the Appeal for the previous application possibly being granted, thus embarrassing BCP. **Cllr MH** intervened at this point to say that No. 6 is now for sale, excluding the plot at the rear which may be developed.

8 Burton Road, Bagatelle. We can now expect an Application and plans for a new development.

15 Mornish Road. This house is next to a care home and has applied for permission to demolish the present house and build two houses on the site. This in itself presents a problem, but an objection has now been put on the BCP site, saying that there shouldn't be this overdevelopment. This is from No.13A which itself was built on a split site.

14 Dover Road. This is a private Road and no.14 is a large plot with two accesses; one to Dover Road and one to Withington Road. The Application is for the present house to be demolished and two houses to be built on the site, each with a different access.

31/37 Haven Road. This is a new application from Tesco, as their previous application to develop these empty shops into a local Tesco store has expired. **Cllr MH** has heard that the Estate Agent, Goadsby whose office is presently on the corner adjacent to the empty shops, will move into the premises across Haven Road which are being vacated by Central. This is not confirmed. There then followed some discussion.

TREASURERS' REPORT

The Treasurer has sent documentation to show that the balance in the account is now up to £44,000. Magazine costs are expected to be higher as there is not quite as much advertising revenue. Progress has been made regarding membership fees, and the Treasurer is due to have a meeting with the new Membership Secretary to discuss the hand-over.

In view of the relative financial position of the Association a member suggested that we might do something positive in the local area, maybe by way of a physical addition recognising residents' interests. For instance the Pinecliff garden and the improvements made by volunteers. Charitable donations were not thought to be appropriate. **DE** reminded the meeting that this would need the support of the Executive and could only proceed if a member was prepared to follow through with the necessary action. There was then some discussion on this issue.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Beach Huts. The Chairman had a copy of an e mail sent from Bob Lister, Chairman of Poole Beach Huts Assn. saying that BCP intend raising the rental of the Beach Huts substantially, and BCP's intended 'commercialisation' of the Beach Huts. **BL** pointed out that in 5 years rental for the beach huts would have increased by 42%. **BL** asks our Assn. if we could possibly help by pointing out the complexities of their plan to BCP.

Christmas Lights. **Cllr.MH** informed the meeting that the Haven Road, Canford Cliffs Christmas Lights will be switched on by the Mayor on November 25. This will start in **Canford Cliffs Village Hall** at 5.00 and the Mayor will switch on the lights at 5.30pm. The charge will be £5/person and will include a glass of wine and some nibbles and a raffle ticket. The choir will be singing Christmas Carols.

Party Houses. **JG** said that 21 Widdicome Road is advertised as a party house for 16 people. This will be a great nuisance to a quiet area. **Cllr.MH** said that she is sometimes troubled by visiting tenants to the house next door which is let out for holiday rentals, but a telephone call to the agents always rectifies any problem. She suggested that JG do this in the first instance.

The next meeting of the Association will be held on December 14, and will include mulled wine and mince pies for refreshments after the meeting.