

BRANKSOME PARK AND CANFORD CLIFFS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING

HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2023

<u>PRESENT:</u>	John Sprackling	President
	Dugald Eadie	Acting Chairman
		Planning Officer
	Mike Parkin	Membership Secretary
	Carol Parkin	Minutes Secretary
	Vicky Moss	Special projects

Cllr. May Haines.

25 Members and guests

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

APOLOGIES Jackie Heap, Hon. Treasurer of BPCRA, John Gunton, Magazine Editor, Bob and Julie Reid, Roger Allen, Stephen and Christine Threlfall

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These were accepted as a correct record. Proposed by John Sprackling and seconded by Russell Chaplin

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The proposal by Rockwater for the decking area on the beach at Branksome Chine will go to the Planning Committee on Thursday February 16, 23. The reason it is going to the Committee is that some 50 residents have put in an objection. This proposal has already been recommended for approval.

Beach Huts. Cllr.MH has asked for a maintenance schedule but has so far not been given one. The three beach hut Assns – Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch - have each been asked to submit their recommendations for the Beach Hut improvements in their areas. Cllr. MH went on to say that the one for Poole has already been submitted.

PLANNING REPORT

The whole Planning Report is available on the website.

6, Canford Crescent - The Application for this was to replace one house with two three storey houses. The problem with this is that these two houses will overlook the bungalow behind them. Cllr.MH said that he had spoken to the owner of the bungalow and the Planning Officer dealing with this case, and pointed out to the Planning Officer that a similar Application had been made by No.4 and this was turned down on appeal. The Planning Officer was not aware of this and will now take it into consideration it when she makes a decision.

18 Nairn Road - The proposal was to demolish the house and replace it with two detached houses, it is now changed to building a block of six flats. This is not consistent with Nairn Road. This would mean a great increase in the amount of traffic on that particular corner. An objection has been submitted on behalf of BPCRA.

Burton Road - Nos 4, 6 and 8 all belong to developers. No.6 has made two applications in the same week. One application is to demolish the existing house and replace it with a large house taking up half the plot, but still showing the lower garden as a separate plot.. The second application is to demolish the existing house and replace it with two link detached houses, taking up the whole plot.

Appeals – 7a Spencer Road. The application was to demolish the existing house and build a block of 7 flats. This should not be allowed in a conservation area where the road is made up of detached houses. A decision has not yet been reached by the Planning Office and so it has gone to Appeal.

Oratory Gardens – This application is for No. 5 to be demolished and replaced with three houses. This was refused by BPC and may yet go to Appeal.

Overlinks Drive - The application to demolish a house and replace it with a much larger one has been granted, but the problem of land slippages, as the house would be built on a steep slope, must be thoroughly examined.

A member asked if there was any further development with the application for 6 Lindsay Road. This application was registered on August 3, 2022. So far there has been no further action.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Hon Treasurer is away at the moment and so there is no information on this.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The next Pines and Chines magazine is due to be published in April and the Editor, John Gunton, has asked that any copy for this issue is submitted by the end of February.

DE asked Roy Pointer if he wished to do an article on Community Speed Watch.

BCP have proposed to cut the budget for Planning by £224,000. They intend to stop sending letters to neighbours of Planning Applications. They are also no longer putting notice of a Planning Application on the outside of a property so that residents can view this.

VM asks if the problem of new flats being built and left empty for months is still happening. BCP have no idea how many are second homes or buy to let or just unoccupied. There was then discussion on this problem. Roy Pointer suggested sending a Freedom of Information to BCP. There were also discussions on parking, immigrants and the amount that BCP are allowed to increase Council Tax. Cllr.MH said that this was 4.99%. DE asked Cllr.MH if there was anything she could tell the meeting about BCP's budget, which has been an issue. Cllr.MH outlined how some of the planned increases would be utilised, and proposals for the cuts and savings. There was also discussion on whether it was correct for a Council to run a commercial business.

A member suggested that the PCC (Police Crime Commissioner) talk at our AGM as she felt that he would be willing to do so. There was also a suggestion that we approach the CC (Chief Constable) covering Dorset. Cllr.MH has met the new CC and feels she would be ideal. This will be discussed amongst the Committee.

CP asked Roy Pointer about Neighbourhood Watch. He said that this had ceased during covid, but he believed that this was being resurrected.

THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE ON MARCH 8, 2023.

THE AGM WILL BE HELD APRIL 22, 2023

The meeting closed at 8.30