BRANKSOME PARK AND CANFORD CLIFFS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING

HELD MAY 9, 2023

PRESENT: Dugald Eadie Acting Chairman

John Harkness Planning Officer

Mike Parkin Membership Secretary

Carol Parkin Minutes Secretary

John Gunton Magazine Editor

18 Members and guests

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming those present to this, which will be a short meeting as it comes closely after our AGM. DE welcomed our new Planning Officer, John Harkness.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. May Haines, Cllr. John Challinor, Andrew Barnett, Vicky Moss, Jackie Heap.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 8, 2023

There was mention in these minutes that our Hon.Secretary, Carol Parkin was intending to resign. This turns out not to be the case, and apologies to Carol, who was on holiday at the time.

The minutes were then approved by John Sprackling and seconded by John Gunton.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

Roy Pointer reported that nothing was happening at the moment with the Beach Road Car Park, but this will be kept under review now that BCP has changed its make-up.

PLANNING REPORT

As the new Planning Officer is recently new to the job, DE prepared the Planning Report for this month and last month.

Decisions

On March 29 an Appeal by 4, Burton Road was dismissed, and the Inspector also refused the costs to be refunded.

14 Links Road. The owner has been trying for five years to get permission to build a house in his rear garden. He has also created a drive up the side of his plot. This has now been granted on Appeal after it was refused by BCP.

5 Oratory Gardens. A previous application to replace the existing house with three new ones was refused by BCP. A new application to upgrade the existing house and add one new one has now been granted as it is consistent with the pre application advice.

Applications

50 Haven Road. This is one of a line of houses which are in the Conservation Area of Canford Cliffs. There is an outline application to demolish the house and replace it with a block of 12 flats with underground parking. The application is by the developer Fortitudo. There are now a number of objections to the application including those by BPCCRA and the Canford Cliffs Land Society. There are also a number of supporting comments by individual people, who do not seem to be immediate neighbours, but may be within the "one mile" limit.

23 Forest Road. This is an application to demolish the care home and replace it with a larger care home. In principle this is an admirable idea but the building would be somewhat larger than the existing building – too large for the site. The proposed parking is inadequate. There are now 20 objections to this application, including one from BPCCRA.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There is nothing to report on this situation except to say that there is approximately £42,000 in the bank account, and that the Membership Secretary, the Technical Support Officer and Treasurer are making progress on rationalising the membership list.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There is a Neighbourhood Watch event in Canford Cliffs Village Hall this coming Saturday, May 13, at which BPCCRA will have a table with information about the Association, Magazines etc.

Members of our committee have had scam e-mails purporting to come from Dugald Eadie or John Sprackling.

There are presently rumours about the Park Manor Care Home. Residents have been asked to move by a certain date, leading to the rumour that a developer is planning to demolish the building and build a block of flats.

John Gunton would like to pass on BPCCRA's congratulations to May Haines and John Challinor on being elected to BCP as our Ward Councillors, and went on to say it would be interesting to find out what possible effect the new BCP Council will have on Canford Cliffs and Branksome Park in particular.

John Sprackling informed the meeting that there will be a full Council Meeting on May 23.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10.

DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING OF BPCCRA WILL BE WEDNESDAY JULY 12, 2023

WINE, SOFT DRINKS AND NIBBLES WILL BE SERVED IN THE GARDEN BEHIND THE HALL AFTER THIS MEETING AND IT IS HOPED THAT AS MANY AS POSSIBLE WILL ATTEND.

Monthly meeting will be held every two months during the summer period