

BRANKSOME PARK AND CANFORD CLIFFS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING

HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

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| <u>PRESENT:</u> | Dugald Eadie | Acting Chairman |
| | John Harkness | Planning Officer |
| | Mike Parkin | Membership Secretary |
| | Carol Parkin | Minutes Secretary |
| | Vicky Moss | Special Projects |
| | Andrew Barnett | Technical Support |
| | John Gunton | Magazine editor and Advertising Manager |

Cllr May Haines

Approximately 27 members and guests

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming those present. DE explained that he was still chairing the meeting as Peter Schroeder, our new Chairman, had a long standing previous engagement. DE expects to move to his new location, Stratford upon Avon, on November 16.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Peter Schroeder, Jackie Heap, John Challinor.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 12, 2023

The minutes were then approved by John Sprackling and seconded by Roy Pointer

MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

Beach Road Car Park. Cllr MH updated the meeting. Some time ago BRCP was going to be designated for re-development. This is now being handled by Julian Mcglaughlin, Head of Transportation. He has promised that no plan will be decided

without consultation with our Ward Councillors, and our Assn. This is currently off the Council Agenda.

VM brought up the problem of extra car parking space being needed now that the Rockwater Development at Branksome Chine is finished. She also pointed out that the BH13 area has a 13% share of second homes in Poole. The accommodation being proposed will be suitable only for second homes, and no use in helping resolve the housing crisis. There was the issue that BCP feels that this is useful to 'help' the housing crisis.

Rockwater. Three people present had attended the opening of Rockwater's development of the Branksome Chine restaurant. JG reported that this was well done. It was pleasant evening, General Manager talked to us and is aware of the perceived problems. JG thinks that it is good that we now have a contact there. When he left he wasn't aware of a noise problem. Cllr.MH also said that she drove past at around 8.30pm and wasn't aware of a noise issue. We shall have to wait and see how it develops.

PLANNING REPORT

John Harkness then addressed the meeting with reference to the Planning Report.

The most significant application made in the last few months is that by the Sandbanks, Haven and Harbour Heights Hotels. JH is shortly to have a meeting with the Sandbanks Neighbourhood Forum with regard to their objections concerning the two hotels in their area, and to join forces with them in producing a strategy to be used by both residents associations.

Granted Applications: 14 Bingham Avenue, 4 Meridian Close, the re-submission by Tesco, Canford Cliffs as their previous granted application had expired, A block of flats at 34, Buccleuch Road – this was a re-submission as the previous application had been approved but had now expired.

Refused applications: 20 Chester Road and 6 Burton Road were site-splitting applications. 6 Burton Road submitted an appeal which has also been refused.

An application for advertisements on Lindsay Road was refused which was good to see.

There have been a number of new applications which have not been especially significant. Two of these are yet again site splitting – 29 Western Road and 4 Burton Road. They are both for extremely modern buildings which JH himself does not agree with himself in terms of context of the area etc. The only other application of which we should be aware is an unused parcel of land on Lakeside Road, beside the Branksome Park conservation area, backing on to the chine. The original application to build three new houses was granted some time ago, has now expired and there is a new application, this time for six houses.

The full Planning Report is available on the website.

The Chairman thanked John for his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Association has approximately £45,000 in the bank account. JH has done an excellent job collecting fees from blocks of flats, and advertisers in the magazine. DE wished to thank JH for the hard work she puts into being the Treasurer.

PINECLIFF GARDEN

VM reported that the volunteers at Pinecliff garden are doing a wonderful job. One thing that is really needed is a water supply nearer to the garden, rather than having to cross the clifftop path with a hosepipe. There are also other things that require attention. In August they had a meeting with BCP, including the landscaper, to get some new ideas for planting etc. The main item that needs attention is irrigation. There then followed a discussion. Cllr MH suggested asking for money from CIL. JG suggested the Assn. could fund what was needed in the garden. There was a suggestion that Wessex Water would help.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The track behind The Branksome Park Bowling Club has been a problem for years, with campervans parking and staying there, and it did not seem to be possible to resolve it. Cllr MH explained that she had done a Ward Walk with a Council Officer, which included the path, and asked that something must be done about it. A few weeks later BCP took action and installed a height restriction barrier and large boulders, preventing any access by campervans. This is good news.

The question of road safety in the Western Road area was again brought up by VM. Cllr MH said that she had put in a CIL application two years ago, and road safety in this area was allocated £35,000. Maybe at an Executive Committee meeting it could be discussed where this money could be spent.

JG reported that there had been a number of burglaries from garages recently and said that people should be aware of this.

The winter magazine is due out soon. JG asks for contributions to be sent to him in the next two weeks.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed.

THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 2023