

Minutes

BPCCRA Open Meeting Wednesday, 13 August 2025, 7.30pm Committee Rooms. Aldhelm's Church, Lindsay Road

Present:

Peter Schroeder – Chair (PS)	Gavin Wright – Ward Cllr (GW)
Andrea Charman – Secretary & VC (AC)	Annabel Stemp – Magazine Editor (AS)
John Harkness – Planning (JH)	John Gunton-Advertising (JG)
Vicky Moss – Special Projects (VM)	Roy Pointer - Planning Matters (RP)
John Challoner – Ward Cllr (JC)	John Sprackling – Chair Emeritus

1) Welcome & Apologies Secretary (AC) called meeting to order at 7.30 welcoming all attendees and informing them the Chair would arrive a little behind schedule. The 2nd and 3rd Agenda items would thus be reversed. Apologies were noted from the Treasurer and Membership Secretary, The Secretary (AC) again formally requested apologies for absence be sent to her rather than the Chair for efficiency reasons.

2) Secretary's Items Secretary (AC) noted that the Association's IT services have been under review by some members of the Committee to ensure updated professionalism and a report will be forthcoming post the September Committee meeting. John Gunton was then invited to provide a summary of the recent S Poole Liaison Group Meeting as he attended on behalf of BPCCRA's Chair. The Minutes of this meeting are available online. The Liaison Group's conversation about BPC's Central Government annual house building quota, prompted a conversation from the floor around green and brownfield sites. Our 2 Ward Cllrs were asked to keep the Association informed about thinking/decisions around this subject.

3) Chairman's Items Chair (PS) noted BPC's parking charge proposal 'seems dead in water!' Councillors had no further information on this. On the question of the increased parking fine trial, it was noted BPC would need Government permission to extend the fee rise for a second month. No official feedback on the trial is currently available. The Chair (PS) noted that there is no consensus of views on the plans around Local Government Reorganisation either within BPCCRA or across local associations. On the question of changes in Planning which involve a considerable number of pros and cons, it was noted it is very challenging at present to understand the full implications of the proposals. Associations cannot coherently challenge until a formal proposal is forthcoming (early next year), post consultation. (JH) has responded to NORA on this issue. However, the Chair (PS) reiterated the difficulties BPCCRA has had for some time with communication with NORA and noted his intent to cease our membership which dates to the Chairmanship of our Chair Emeritus (JS).

4) Planning Update Our Planning Specialist (JH) provided a comprehensive update for July-August which is available online. He opened his comments by noting BPC made no planning decisions in July with 7 applications made, 5 warranting objections. BPC are becoming notably strict with procedure but pending applications go back to 2022. There is a lot outstanding; there are still no decisions on the Sandbanks and Harbour Heights Hotels. (JH) responded to a question from the floor concerning the availability of official data on all applications by saying that the council portal provides data via application number and ward. There are usually withdrawal notices when a application is withdrawn. The questioner noted that his application for a standard conservatory is now in its 18th month which he considered somewhat absurd.

The meeting also noted the zigzag path from Pinecliff Gardens is now open but in poor order.

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5) Executive Summary of CIL Secretary (AC) asked John Challoner (JC) & Gavin Wright (GW) to address the meeting on matters surrounding the Community Infrastructure Levy, CIL. An outline of CIL and recent allocations is available online. (GW) explained there are both strategic and neighbourhood 'pots' with 15% put aside for specific areas, strategic to a neighbourhood. CC had a pot of £253k (reflective of all the work projects in process) in the last round as opposed to Kinson with £5k. This year there were 7 project applications with 6 gaining approvals. We learnt there is a Decision Panel but the criteria used for decisions remains unclear.

Approvals were: replacement of P Garden Shelter, lampposts on the seafront, CC Village Playpark, slipways on the shore, bike rack by the ferry, information boards on Shore Road. Speed cushions on Western Road was rejected as too costly. Secretary invited project lead (VM) to comment – this was very disappointing. We learnt from councillors that there was some officer conflict in the decision process with John (JC) suggesting the speed cushion bid needed to have been 'itemized' rather than presented as a large project. The Chair (PS) suggested CIL is not where we should look for road safety solutions. Where should we look – question to our councillors? How should we apply pressure? Discussion from floor followed with resident members of the speed watch volunteer group noting BPC wastes money to no effect. (JC) suggested we may want to consider a petition addressed to Council which would trigger a formal process to reach Cabinet. 2000 signatures are required for this. Plus...we need to lobby the Transportation Team. Chair (PS) expressed willingness to support this approach. (ACTION for next Exec Meeting).

Chair (PS) offered vote of thanks to Councillors for their openness.

6) Road Safety Updates (VM) Vicky noted she is stepping down from Speed Watch after November. She noted the success of the project since 2015. Ragid was thanked for his work on the Library Gardens, and it was again noted more volunteers are required for Pinecliff. The garden sign will be changed to include a code linked to our website. Coffee Mornings are still a hoped-for initiative.

7) AOB Carol Parkin noted the Garden Shelter is now at last going to see action. However, the BPC Council does not spend enough on beach issues, and it is the beach/sea that brings people here. Barbecues and beach sleeping are issues that need attention. (JC) noted that beach hut issues, noise issues ...barbecues, overnighting, etc., ...are mostly linked to differences in leases. Poole and Bournemouth had differing policies historically.

John Gunton raised the question of the closed Home Base and (JC) confirmed M & S are taking it over.

Councillors were asked how many illegal e-scooters have been confiscated.? No response...zero was suggested!

Formal Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Andrea Charman – Secretary

Approved *Peter Schroeder* Aug 18

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8.30-9-15 Summer Drinks Conversation