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BPCCRA Open Meeting Wednesday, 9 October, 7.30pm Committee Room, St Aldhelm's Church, Lindsay Road

Present:

Peter Schroeder – Chairman (PS)
John Gunton – Magazine Editor (JG)
Andrea Charman – Secretary (AC)
John Spracking – (JS) Hon President

Stanley Peters – Treasurer (SP)
Annabel Stamp – Editor (AS)
Roy Pointer - Planning Matters (RP)
John Harkness – Planning (JH)

Coffee & Tea was available on arrival

1) **Welcome & Apologies** (PS) called meeting to order at 7.30 meeting welcoming all attendees. Apologies were noted Vicky Moss, & Mike & Carol Parkin. It was again requested that ***the Secretary (AC) is copied into Apologies*** in the accepted manner to streamline procedures.

2) **General Chair Update** - It was noted that our Chair's (PS) continuing service is dependent on his health. He has recently had some challenges. The Association is in receipt of several Government documents that require study, thought and a response. (These will be posted on our website for information.) They include Reform of Planning Committees, Implementing Measures on Guaranteeing Transparency, and the NORA Newsletter – to be discussed at the next Executive Committee Meeting on June 18. This will be followed up by a small group; this will ensure the Association provides the responses required (eg: Nora is seeking a national response via its membership). General questions from the floor clarified various points except one from (RP) who asked how NORA is adjudicated? TBA. It was also noted that BPCCRA seeks funds for substantive projects – road safety, service and amenity improvements – rather than for 'beautification' which is often prioritized by other Associations (Poole Lakes, etc.) Chair (PS) also noted that John Gunton (JG) will deputize for him at the July Joint Chairs Meeting.

3) **Planning Report** (JH) John opened by noting the volume of recent consents. Some raise questions; two new stories added to a two-story house in Cliff Road, for example, to which we raised objections to no avail even though the property is unlikely to be built as per the proposal. 2A Burton Road was also cited having submitted 3 garage conversion applications for different buildings at considerable cost. Chair (PS) suggested that Association write a letter questioning these decisions; at the very least this would send a message that we are watching and have the funds to go to a judicial review. (JH) also mentioned that there have been a variety of application types that can be filtered on the BPC website.

4) **Beach Road Car Park Update** (RP) explained the process to date and the objections raised by BPCCRA together with our request for information on the details on the sale. BPC's decision not to disclose further information has been upheld by the Information Commissioner. He recommended that no further action be taken by

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challenging the IC decision at the Lands' Tribunal as significant cost could be incurred. Our councillors must keep us apprised.

5) **Ward Councillors' Agenda** WCs did not attend or send apologies so the Chair (PS) noted the key issues in hand, in particular the Town and Parish Council question which has prompted differing opinions across our collective Resident Associations. Dorset Lakes is in favour – partly prompted by the protection of both Poole's heritage and independence - but in our own membership there are varying viewpoints given the council tax increase implications and the lack of statutory requirements on town councils.

6) **Road Safety Updates & Chines Maintenance** Given the absence of Vicky Moss the Chair (PS) noted key points. The Chines clean-up is moving ahead and remains on the agenda. The Garden Group is looking for 'heavy lifting' help on Thursday mornings. A call for volunteers. Road Safety continues to be both a key focus and concern.

7) **Relations with other Associations & MP Communications** Our MP is proposing to talk/consult with our Associations to understand viewpoints. This would offer an update on the progress of the government's new planning regulations and clarify what the legislation is trying to achieve. Eg: Its conservation agenda. It was noted that DEFRA has suffered a budget reduction – clarity on the implications is of great interest in our area. A Friday is proposed for this conversation in view of Parliament schedules.

8) **Pines & Chines Update** (AS) A steady flow of articles for the next edition (Oct) was noted. The editor noted she has updated her email address. (JG) our former editor has successfully moved on to managing advertising.

9) **AOB** A question was raised about cliff slippage around Canford Cliffs by John Pearce. What is the situation? TBA It was suggested (JG) that we write to our councillors about the issues arising in the open meeting. Namely: BR CP, Parish Town Councils (imposition of decision v further consultation), cliff slippage and reasons preventing a clear up.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

The next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 13

Next Open Meeting: August 13 @ 7.30pm - followed by wine and nibbles

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