

## POUNDBURY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (PRA) GENERAL MEETING 14 JUNE 2017

### Welcome & Apologies

William Gibbons (WG), Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new Committee individually, with the exception of Kate Atkinson who was on holiday. 88 people were present and 7 sent apologies.

### Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 December 2016

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Michael Williams, seconded by Peter Whear and approved by the meeting.

### Councillors' News

Susie Hosford (SH), WDDC reported the following:

the referendum on the proposed Unitary Authority (UA) had been on hold due to the recent General Election; WDDC was preoccupied with comments on the Local Plan - a significant number of houses cannot be fitted into the town, they have to be adjacent to the town.

Janet Hewitt (JH) Town Council (TC) reported the following:

roadworks in the town have resulted in new pavements, complemented by more seats; items not covered by UA will be discussed by TC; No 6 bus service will continue; Damory, who are taking over the school contract may have extra service capacity for use by TC; the Museum and Shire Hall Projects are both going ahead; The Maltings have to raise their own funds before they can tap into s106 funds. In reply to a question from the floor, JH reported the aforementioned road works would be completed before the increase in summer traffic.

### Great Field Consultation Process

Ben Murphy (BM) introduced himself as the new Estate Director for the Duchy of Cornwall in Poundbury, and presented an illustrated plan for the Great Field for full consultation. The plan showed what had already been achieved, together with what had been proposed. An outside firm of Consultants will be appointed to run the consultation process which will start in September. The TC and the PRA will be fully involved, and every resident will have the opportunity to contribute.

**UPDATE:** BM's illustrated presentation has been uploaded as a pdf to [www.poundburyresidentsassociation.uk](http://www.poundburyresidentsassociation.uk)

Answers to questions from the floor included an assurance that houses would not be built on the Great Field, and an assurance that connectivity with Dorchester was important to the Duchy.

### Poundbury: looking back, looking forward

Simon Conibear LVO (SC), Development Consultant and immediate past Estate Director, gave an illustrated talk about his work within Poundbury from 1995 until earlier this year when he handed over to BM. He referred to the ten PRA Chairmen with whom he had worked, making particular reference to Peter Byant who proposed the formation of a PRA. SC described the philosophy behind Poundbury, and finished his presentation by alluding to the Royal visit last Autumn, which he termed the high point of his career. A visit from HM The Queen, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, HRH The Prince of Wales and HRH The Duchess of Cornwall all together on the same occasion is very rare.

**UPDATE:** SC's illustrated presentation has been uploaded as a pdf to [www.poundburyresidentsassociation.uk](http://www.poundburyresidentsassociation.uk)

### Presentation to Simon Conibear LVO

SC was presented with a plaque by Tom Lane in recognition of his work for Manco 1.

### Finances

Tim Topper (TT) Treasurer reported the current financial balance supported by a summary of the principle income and expenditure to date. He explained expenditure had exceeded income by circa £1,420 which is broadly expected at this point in the year. Costs included the publication of revisions to the Constitution; administration costs following Committee change and repositioning of the PRA (without the benefit of income from the magazine); and a donation to Boo's Toyshop for their Community Easter Egg Hunt.

**Subscriptions** - TT advised a call for subscriptions is planned for inclusion in the Autumn issue of Poundbury Magazine, and an outline of new payment options was given: PayPal and credit card payments have been added as an option via the website.

The possibility of income from recent cruise ship coaches was raised from the floor and briefly discussed. The question will be reviewed further by the PRA Committee (PRAC).

### **Chairman's Update**

**New Residents 'Get Together'** - 20 new residents attended an informal event held at the Duchess of Cornwall Inn (DoCI), who had generously hosted the evening. Many of those present at the 'Get Together' were attendees at the General Meeting.

**Communications** - WG thanked MC Associates and Poundbury Systems Ltd for their contribution to the new ways of communication between PRAC and the residents. He then gave the floor to Mike Coleman (MC) of MC Associates PRAC Webmaster, who showed slides from the new PRA website including examples of live feeds and statistics which showed visitors from USA and S Africa as well as across UK. MC assured the floor that due diligence had been paid to data protection. An email database was being constructed. In reply to a question from the floor about the inclusion of a Poundbury map, MC said a suitable map was being sourced.

**UPDATE:** the Duchy has subsequently supplied a map which has been uploaded to [www.poundburyresidentsassociation.uk](http://www.poundburyresidentsassociation.uk)

**Great Field Car Parking, St John Way** – the increasing problem of deterring cars being parked all day in St John Way for purposes other than use of the Great Field or doctors' appointments had been addressed. Decisions reached during a recent meeting with the Duchy and the Doctors' Surgeries were: a '2 hrs only' sign would be erected; cobble stones delineating parking spaces would be cleaned; windscreen leaflets would be placed on offenders' cars. **UPDATE:** the '2 hrs only' restriction sign was in place on 19.06.17, and applies to Monday to Friday, 0800 to 1800 only.

**Liberty Crown Point, NE Quadrant** – WG explained the current proposed plan for Liberty Retirement Living and gave the floor to Abigail Baggley (AB), PRAC Architect, who had accompanied WG to the recent display for public comment by the developers in The Quiet Space on 26 May this year.

AB made the following points: the scheme offered a range of accommodation types including a varied size of apartments and bungalows; the dwellings appeared to be generally larger than national housing space standards; most of the dwellings benefited from private/semi-private amenity space either in form of small gardens or balconies; a 'heart' to the scheme was created with a cafe open to residents and the community; consideration of impact on the Hillfort has been considered with lower scale buildings than had been initially proposed; buildings are in Arts and Crafts style with attractive and interesting elevations.

WG then gave the floor to Kelvin Henwood (KH) PRAC Planning Advisor, who also accompanied WG as above.

KH made the following points: proposals were for about 77 private retirement homes with 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms at Crown Gate near the Bradford Peverell Road; a planning application is soon to be submitted to WDDC; the proposed development appeared to be well designed at a relatively low density, with generous accommodation in various size units, some with garden space; there were amenity areas and community facilities for residents.

**Larger hall** - a larger hall [Thomas Hardye School] has been booked for the PRA AGM in March 2018.

### **Any Other Business**

The following items were raised from the floor and will be reviewed by PRAC:

- seats were proposed for the Hamslade Green area
- suggestions for the Great Field (see above)
- a litter bin for Dunnabridge Square was requested by PRAC eighteen months ago without success
- the fountain in Chaseborough Square required cleaning
- appreciation was given to the DoCI for their positive attitude to litter
- liaison between DoCI and the PRAC for community based initiatives has been established.

### **Next Meeting**

The next General Meeting will be on 20 September when our new PCSO will be answering residents' pre-submitted questions.