

# DORSET GREEN BELT PROTECTION CONSORTIUM

**Minutes of Meeting June 15, 2009.**

Present : Dorset CPRE : Terry Stewart(Chair/Sec)  
Bournemouth Council : Cllr. Nick King.  
Purbeck Council : Cllr. Paul Johns.  
Keep Corfe Mullen Green : Brian Lane, Dave Trevett, Jim Newman,  
Ray Joyce, Barry Wilson, Helen Condy, Phil Barnes.  
Keep Wimborne Green : Sheila Bourton.  
Keep West Parley Green : Dick Heaslip, Paul Timberlake.  
TMSTH Area Forum(N. Bournemouth) : Wendy Sharp.  
Lytchett Minster Action Group : Michael Tomlinson.

## A. Apologies

Richard Hiles (Upton), Cllr. Fred Drane(Purbeck), John Cullen.

## ACTION

### B. S.W. Regional Plan Delay

Terry read letter from GOSW stating that Sec. of State's Edict on Plan would be delayed because of the E. of England successful legal Challenge. If Edict not issued in Parliamentary Recess, likely to be late October.

### C. Dorset Councils' Status

Nick confirmed timing, also that John Denham wanted to review Plan. Bournemouth Council had approved a fund to launch a Legal Challenge to the Edict with a recorded vote – all Councillors in favour. County and E. Dorset Councils had also voted to challenge. Poole Council leaders have verbally promised support. Lytchett and N. Bournemouth houses more likely to be dropped. E.Dorset houses more vulnerable. Wilts. Council supporting case. Councils will wait to see wording of E. England judgement and terms of the Edict, before QC gives his conclusions. Paul Johns reported that Purbeck members and officers fully supported the Challenge.

### D. Reports from Action Groups

#### **Corfe Mullen :**

Have had planning application for Green Belt, gone to Appeal. Heard that Appeal not listed until Christmas. Agreed that all Groups would object to the Appeal, Brian to circulate details. John Denham used to be Transport Officer for Friends of the Earth, so likely to be more sympathetic. Group had erected signs in village, featured in Saturday's Carnival. Plan to leaflet all houses, but postponed until timing clearer. Group had set up Fighting Fund.

Brian

#### **N. Bournemouth :**

Forum meeting on Thursday to agree action. Developing a standard letter for all residents to send. Had received funding from Council, spending on Campaign.

Wendy

#### **Lytchett Minster :**

Meeting had been unsure whether worth writing to John Denham. Agreed to wait until Consortium developed Campaign.

Michael

### **Wimborne & Colehill :**

Group had printed a leaflet, with tear off section, for all houses. Wendy  
Can be dropped off at designated shops.  
Meeting with Bob Walter MP, asked for written statement and Campaign  
to be added to his website. Asked him to ask a Question in Commons.  
He will attend a Protest Meeting.

### **West Parley :**

Arranged a meeting July 4 with Chris Chope MP. Dick  
All East Dorset Councillors are fully supportive.  
Richard Henshaw, Planning Officer, now supportive.  
Heard that housing in Crowthorne Green Belt had been rejected in  
an Appeal fought by RSPB. Dick to clarify details so can be quoted  
to John Denham. Dick

### **E. Agreed Action**

1. Will not ask for heavy letter writing campaign until position and timing are clarified. ALL
2. Terry to write to John Denham on behalf of the Consortium, all signed. Copy to all Dorset MPs and Shadow Minister Caroline Spelman. Terry
3. Letter to quote populations involved :  
N. Bournemouth : 16,500.  
Wimborne : 14,000.  
Corfe Mullen : 10,200  
Lytchett/Upton : 10,000  
West Parley : 10,000  
TOTAL : 60,700
4. Nick to circulate pro-forma letter Bournemouth uses. Nick
5. If any Group receives planning application for Green Belt location, Group to circulate details to all Groups, with reasons for rejection. ALL
6. All Dorset MPs to be asked :
  - For written statement of support.
  - To attend Protest Meeting if necessary.
  - To write tough question to the Secretary of State.
  - To support a Commons Question or debate.
7. Nick to provide e-mail address for Connor Burns. Nick
8. To work closely with Save Our Green Spaces Group in Bristol. ALL

### **F. Any Other Business**

Agreed concern at what the Conservative Housing Policy may be.  
Agreed that even if Lytchett and N. Bournemouth houses are rejected, all Groups to help E. Dorset.

### **G. Next Meeting**

Agreed to hold next meeting when Edict status and timing were known. Terry.