

# **Bryanston Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Bryanston Club**

**Councillors:** Cllr C Tompsett – Chairman, Cllr Gale – Vice Chairman, Cllr B Church, Cllr T Tompsett, Cllr R Nolan, Cllr C Conlon and Cllr C Smurthwaite

**In attendance:** Nicola Phillips – Clerk; 3 members of the public

**Democratic Period:** Votes of thanks to the Parish Council and Cllr Gale were received for the repair of the finger posts. Mr J Baker reported branches overhanging the telephone line along the Cliff pose a health and safety issue as they are liable to fall on people or parked cars. It was agreed the Clerk will report the concerns to BT and Bryanston RFE Ltd. **Action - Clerk**

At the last Parish Council meeting, Miss Rawdon-Mogg from Bryanston RFE was asked about clearing and repairing the fence around the reservoir, which she reported would be completed by the end of the winter. This has not been cleared to date and now the birds are nesting. It was agreed the Chairman will contact Miss Rawdon-Mogg regarding this matter. **Action - Chairman**

Metal and tin has been removed from behind a property along Forum View. The Council thanked the residents for doing this.

### **17/11. Apologies for absence, Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.**

Cllr J Stayt sent his apologies.

### **17/12. To agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

It was proposed by Cllr Gale and seconded by Cllr Conlon that the minutes were a true and accurate record and to be duly signed by the Chairman. All agreed.

### **17/13. Matters arising from the meeting dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and new matters:**

- **To discuss issues relating to the installation of double yellow lines, New Road junction.**  
Blandford St Mary Parish Council has agreed to fund this project, but have asked for a small donation from Bryanston Parish Council of £300.00, towards the project. After debate it was proposed by Cllr Smurthwaite and seconded by Cllr Nolan, all agreed to support BSM for the double yellow line project to the sum of £300.00, under the health and safety issues and working together with local councils.  
**RESOLVED:** to support BSM for the double yellow line project to the sum of £300.00, under the health and safety issues and working together with local councils. (17/13 – current account).
- **To discuss issues relating to the green triangle, Lower Bryanston.**  
Local residents are still complaining that they cannot park on the triangle of land at Lower Bryanston due to mud. The Clerk confirmed that Blandford St Mary PC will not be doing any further work on the land, as they do not own it. Cllr C Tompsett reported that the Gas Network had agreed to put stone chippings down on the surface following their recent work on the land. This has not yet been done and it is being followed up. The Council instructed the Clerk to ask Blandford St Mary Parish Council to replace the bollards that have been knocked down. **Action - Clerk**
- **To consider notice board offered from Blandford St Mary Parish Council.**  
The Council agreed to remove the notice board donated to Bryanston Parish Council by Blandford St Mary Parish Council. Discussions are ongoing about where to site the new board in the village. Cllr T Tompsett reported that the notice board outside Bryanston Estate Club is in poor condition. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotes to replace it. **Action - Clerk**
- **To update on the Forum View Island.**  
The clerk confirmed that Sovereign Housing is looking at the area in question.
- **To update on concerns about the devolution of services from Dorset CC Highways to Parish Councils.**  
This matter had been discussed under the double yellow lines debate.

### **17/14. Reports from representatives of NDDC & report from Police**

There were no reports received from the Police.  
There were no reports from NDDC Cllr Stayt.

### **17/15. The Neighbourhood Plan report:**

March 8<sup>th</sup> 2017: Cllr C Tompsett, Cllr C Gale, Cllr B Church, Cllr T Tompsett, Cllr C Smurthwaite, Cllr R Nolan & Cllr C Conlon

A new examiner, Mrs Deborah McCann, has been appointed for the Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan. The Steering Group is waiting to hear if a public hearing will be required. The schedule for completion of the B+ Plan has now slipped due to the loss of one examiner and the time needed to appoint another. The MOU (the agreement between the 3 Councils for working together on the B+ Plan) is due for renewal by 17th March. **Resolved:** All members agreed to renew the Memorandum of Understanding.

#### **17/16. Officers reports:**

##### **Cllr C Smurthwaite – IT Officer had circulated the following report:**

The Bryanston village website is up and running. If anyone would like to add information to it, please contact Cllr C Smurthwaite.

It was agreed to send a thank you letter to RFE for their contribution towards the Wessex Internet project.

**Action: Chairman**

##### **Cllr C Tompsett – Tree officer and RFE had circulated the following report:**

2/2017/0202/CATREE - 4 Bryanston Village Bryanston Dorset DT11 0PR

2/2017/0203/CATREE - Bryanston Woods Bryanston DT11 0PR

2/2017/0035/CATREE - 3 Bryanston Village Bryanston DT11 0PR

The majority **Council view** was **no objection** to any of these applications and NDDC was notified of the decision on 21 02 17 by the Clerk.

##### **Cllr C Gale – Fingerposts**

All the arms are now complete on the three fingerposts and the roundels will be replaced once they have been recast.

##### **Cllr Nolan – gave the following report on the paths, bridle way and benches:**

Following an inspection walk of the footpaths, it was noted that some badges need replacing. This will be done on the next walk. The sign in the farmers field on the Durweston drive has been knocked over. It has now been stood upright but will need fixing properly. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Dorset Rangers to request that the sign is repaired.

**Action - Clerk**

##### **Cllr T Tompsett- Environment Team had circulated the following report:**

The position to manage the overgrowth around John Tory Anniversary trees has been clarified with Bryanston RFE.

The grass-cutting arrangements for 2017 require discussion, including any extra areas for maintenance, the quote and tender for 2017. It was agreed for the grass cutting contract to be continued for an additional 2 years, with detailed quotes for works to be agreed.

The half of the island that has been managed by BPC is looking great with a magnificent display of snowdrops, a great splash of yellow from the daffodils, cyclamen coming up and bluebells imminent.

##### **Cllr T Tompsett – had circulated the following planning report:**

1171 -56 New Road -Demolition and new build - NDDC refused, now taken to appeal.

1682- 7 Bryanston village - Enlarge porch and rear enclosure – Bryanston Parish Council recommended amendments. Revised plan approved

1882- 56 New Road - Another plan. Bryanston Parish Council objected. NDDC refused the application.

0103 - 52 New Road - Removal of Covenant. Bryanston Parish Council objected

##### **Cllr B Church - DT11 and transport officer had circulated the following report:**

Sadly, DT11 will be officially closing at the end of the month. A few matters are likely to be outstanding, so the complete wrap up will be at the end of April, when the office premises will be vacated.

Remaining DT11 funds are likely to be in the region of £7600. This amount does not have to be returned to County, because it has been earned by the sub-letting of the offices. The Management committee have the final say about the distribution of these funds, but they would welcome suggestions of worthy causes.

There are a few pieces of furniture that haven't found a new home yet, so, if anyone can make use of them contact Julie Wigg at DT11.

On a happier note, Tesco Bags of Help have just awarded £8000 to Durweston School's Forest School Project. Julie, the Resource Worker, has become a 'dab hand' at applying for grants, so I am sure her assistance was invaluable.

One of the final DT11 duties will be the TAG Open Meeting on the 22nd March. Dorset County Council will give an update on the Public & School Transport Review and Dorset's proposed transport network. Unless a volunteer can be found to run this, it will be the last meeting.

**Cllr Conlon- Bryanston School Liaison had circulated the following:**

The School has agreed to trim the trees over the pavement opposite the Stour Inn. A request to cut back more vegetation in Tapper’s Cut where dog muck has been thrown has not yet been actioned. There does not appear to be any fresh bags thrown.

The Council is still awaiting the School’s response on the proposed sale of the island on The Cliff to the village. It is hoped BPC will receive an answer by the end of this term. It was suggested that the Council does not take on the maintenance of the other half of the Island until a decision is reached about its’ future.

**17/17. Finance.**

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for January and February 2017 for the sum of £429.92. This was agreed by all members.

The Clerk tabled grant applications from Blandford Town Council – Toilets project. The local CAB.

After debate the following was agreed:

- Blandford Town Council - £50.00
- CAB - £50.00

**17/18. Chairman’s report – the following had been circulated:**

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, the Chairman and Cllr Church attended the Winterborne Division meeting with Cllr Hilary Cox. The impact of the proposed reorganisation of the nine Dorset Councils into two, on town and Parish Councils, was discussed. The recent public consultation on reshaping Dorset’s Councils approved the reorganisation, but three of the councils are currently opposing the changes. Options, such as the setting up of Area Boards with representatives from each Council were discussed to ensure Town and Parish Councils have equal voices and to address local issues of common interest. Area Boards could possibly have some funding available but would primarily be advisory. These are only proposals at present.

Our Community Highways Officer, Paul Starkey was also at this meeting. The Chairman and Cllr Church reported that heavy goods vehicles are using the Cliff to access Bryanston School. The road surface on the hill to the Cliff is not in a good state of repair. Also, large vehicles need to turn in the Estate Club car park to negotiate the sharp corner by the Club. Cllr Cox and Mr Starkey suggested a notice at the entrance to the village advising the road through the village is unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles. Mr Starkey is looking into the matter.

For some time, Bryanston Parish Council has been concerned about the passing on of responsibilities for services from DCC, such as grass cutting from Highways, as a result of budget cuts. At the Winterborne Division meeting, BPC was reminded that no responsibilities for services will be passed on, rather Parish and Town Councils will choose to deliver these services should they be reduced or removed. For example, if Highways can only afford to provide three cuts of their grass verges, compared to the current six, Bryanston Parish Council can choose to provide and pay for the shortfall to maintain the grass cutting programme. For his reason, BPC has increased its precept for the first time in several years as the extent of DCC cuts and their impact is currently difficult to gauge.

The Whitecliff Surgery Patient Participation Group has asked for Parish and Town Council support in communicating important health information. I have already shown the Chairman of that group the ‘News from the surgery’ page on the village website.

Thanks again to everyone for their continued hard work.

**17/19. Clerk’s Report – Correspondence - Matters of interest**

All correspondence had been circulated.

**17/20. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting. AGM/Annual Parish Meeting.**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Bryanston Club, commencing at 7pm.**

Should you wish to contact the Clerk please use the email address below:

[bryanston@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:bryanston@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.25pm.

Chairman..... Date

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