

Bryanston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 8th November 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, 1 member of the public and Cllr J Stayt NDDC Cllr

Democratic Period: No questions were raised.

17/51. Apologies for absence, Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

There were none.

17/52. To agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 13th September 2017.

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

17/53. Matters arising from the meeting dated 13th September 2017 and new matters:

Up-date on dog/litter bins – The Clerk has now been contacted by Darren Johnson from Dorset Waste Partnership and it was proposed that the Parish Council should replace the small dog bin at the top of the village with a larger green multipurpose bin for the cost of £200.00 and make sure that Dorset Waste Partnership put a new green bin in replacement of one that used to be near the phone box. This was proposed by Cllr C Tompsett and seconded by Cllr Conlon, all in favor.

RESOLVED: to instruct Dorset Waste Partnership to replace the small dog bin at the top of the village for a larger multipurpose bin for the sum of £200.00 and to replace the missing bin from the area near the phone box. (17/53 – contingency).

Action - Clerk

Up-date on phone box – a copy of the proposed contract for leasing the phone box from RFE. After debate, it was agreed that there are a few adjustments that need to be applied to the contract before signing. This will be arranged and then it was agreed to circulate the new contract for agreement. **Action-Chairman**

Update on the Island, Forum View bungalows – It was reported that the Island is still being parked on and that the light has not been repaired. It was agreed for the Clerk to arrange a site visit with Sovereign Housing to discuss the matters raised. It was also noted that the drains at Forum View Bungalows need cleaning, the clerk will contact County Council to request they clear the drains to prevent flooding.

Action - Clerk

Update on speeding vehicles in the village – It was reported that there has been no sign of any police speed check in the village. The Clerk will chase the police. Cllr Church reported that she has seen other villages putting 30mph stickers on their wheelie bins and proposed that the Parish Council purchase sticker for Bryanston residents to put on their wheelie bins. The cost for 100 stickers is £80.00. This was proposed by Cllr Conlon and seconded by Cllr T Tompsett, all agreed.

RESOLVED: to purchase 100 30mph stickers at the cost of £80.00 (17/53a Sundry)

It was also noted that people are not being very considerate when parking their vehicles in the village. It was agreed to place a polite notice in the village magazine.

Action - Council

Consultation on funding Parish Council elections – details had been circulated and after debate it was agreed for Cllr Church to respond to DAPTC, stating that the Parish Council feel they do not have enough information to support this proposal.

Action – Cllr Church

17/54. Reports from representatives of NDDC & report from Police

There were no reports from the Police.

Cllr Stayt reported that he is still working with the Blandford+ team to try and progress the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Stayt is working with NDDC on affordable housing. The average cost of a two-bedroom house is £220000, which is not affordable for most young adults starting out.

The Secretary of State has indicated he supports the proposal for a Unitary Council from April 2019.

17/55. The Neighbourhood Plan report:

Following the Public Examiner's decision that the main policies should be deleted from the Neighbourhood Plan, namely Policy 1, developing land to the north and north east of Blandford and Policy 10 designating the Crown Meadows as a Local Green Space, the Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan is on hold and cannot proceed to referendum without the B+ NP approval.

A letter has been sent from the B+ NP Steering Group to the Secretary of State and the reply has confirmed that the Plan should not proceed to referendum and the Group's letter will be treated as a formal request for intervention.

The B+ Group is now in touch with the Development Plans Implementation Department at the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). DCLG are carrying out some investigations prior to processing the intervention. An officer has already been assigned to the case and will be discussing what options are available to the Group to progress the matter, prior to any formal intervention.

In the meantime, NDDC is progressing with its Local Plan Review. An 'Issues & Options' document is due to go out for consultation shortly.

17/56. Officers reports:

Cllr C Smurthwaite – IT Officer and Tree Officer had circulated the following report:

Tree Officer - Nothing to report on trees.

IT Officer - Anyone with useful content are welcome to send it to Cllr Smurthwaite, if they would like it published online. As a Parish Council, we are continuing to publish all meeting minutes and other relevant documents on the website.

Cllr C Tompsett - Bryanston RFE Ltd Liaison–

Bryanston Estate Report – Work has started on making the Cliff reservoir fence and building safe.

Cllr C Gale –The weeds on the Triangle of grass at the New Road junction have been cut back and items, that had been put there, have now been removed.

Cllr Nolan – Footpath Officer gave the following report on the paths, bridle way and benches:

Cllr Nolan has walked the public footpaths and there is nothing to report.

Cllr T Tompsett- Planning Officer and Environment Team had circulated the following report:

Planning

0344 Blandford Bridge Repairs started. Road closures covered by diversion. New pipework and new road surface over the next 4 months.

1252 Lower Bryanston Farm. No movement.

1218 Bryanston School, The Drive. No decision.

Environment: Thanks to John Baker for his services to grass cutting. He will be standing down for 2018.

Grass cutting contract for 2018 progressing. The fly tip reported at last meeting mysteriously disappeared into smoke. Bryanston RFE Ltd made every effort to remove this. However, another fly-tip appeared which the contractor planned to remove, whilst seeking the first. Most vehicular access points have now been blocked.

The Litter Pick on 5th November was well attended and less litter was collected than in previous years. Thanks to John Baker were expressed for organising this event and Darren Johnson from Dorset Waste Partnership for his support.

The Chairman reported that DCC Councillor Hilary Cox is supporting the Parish Council in establishing the village entitlement for grass cutting as shown in the DCC Grass-Cutting Schedule. Fewer cuts were received this year than scheduled, making costing and planning for grass-cutting by the village contractor impossible.

Cllr B Church – had circulated the following reports:

Winterborne Division Meeting 31/10/17 with Cllr Hilary Cox:

Mr Andrew Kirby, NDDC Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Wellbeing sees his role very much as ensuring that North Dorset residents stay healthier and in their own homes for longer by providing non-medical early intervention. The 2 biggest health issues in North Dorset are isolation/loneliness and obesity. He then outlined some of the ways that Parish Councils can help to alleviate these problems.

The feeling from the meetings with Hilary Cox is the realisation that most Parish Councils share exactly the same problems. Should the Parish Council consider convening the occasional meeting in between those Hilary organises to compare notes and consider 'strategies'.

DAPTC AGM 04/11/17:

After the usual business of the DAPTC AGM, 4 motions were put forward by member councils:

1 Beaminster Town Council proposed that DAPTC lobby NALC with a view to achieving a change to legislation governing the de-registration of bus routes.

2 Blandford Town Council proposed that DAPTC lobby for Central Government action to ensure that town or parish council opinions for a planning application are taken into consideration by the planning authority planning committee even if they differ.

3 Chideock Parish Council proposed that NALC strongly request that the DCLG revisits the consultation on Parish Polls which was carried out from 4 December 2014 to 30 January 2015 but never acted upon, and to amend the current legislation governing Parish Polls. The consultation sought the views of the public, local authorities and the parish sector on:

- The trigger (the number or proportion of electors required to demand a poll)
- The voting arrangements for parish poll
- The questions on which a poll can be held.

4 Hurn Parish Council asked that the DAPTC request NALC to ask for a change to the law to make Parish Councils statutory consultees on tree application in their parishes and that the information provided is of a high enough quality to facilitate the consideration of the proposal.

All the above proposals were passed.

The CCG gave a presentation about what was currently happening with the Clinical Review. It was emphasized that the public consultation is ongoing. All major changes should be achieved by 2021/22 and will be very widely publicised. Rebecca Knox, the Leader of DCC gave a presentation on local government reorganisation. All efforts are being made to ensure that DCC's preferred re-organization will be given the green light by the Secretary of State.

Cllr Conlon - had circulated the following reports:

Bryanston School Liaison:

New Notice Board – Cllr Conlon was unable to attend a meeting with the School but Cllrs C & T Tompsett discussed the parameters of the project with the teachers who will be guiding the project. This project has been agreed. The new larger noticeboard will be erected next to the phone box to replace the existing smaller board.

The Island - The Estates Bursar responded to the proposed letter of agreement from BPC for the maintenance of The Island by saying that he was considering making some variations to the wording. The amended agreement is still awaited.

The School was asked to attend to the vegetation overhanging the footpath opposite the Stour Inn. The Clerk will now contact the School, to try and progress these matters.

Action-Clerk

Highways Report:

There is no further news on the re-surfacing of The Cliff. Residents are urged to report potholes online through the *Dorsetforyou* website.

17/57. Finance.

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for September and October 2017

for the sum of £708.67. There were two additional payments, one for £1.00 for the peppercorn rent for the Phone Box and £17.00 for the Remembrance Day wreath to be laid on behalf of the village at the Remembrance Day Parade in Blandford on Sunday 12th November. Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Conlon and seconded by Cllr Church. All agreed.

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from the Village Club requesting that the Council pay £25.00 plus vat for each meeting held. This was proposed by Cllr Nolan and seconded by Cllr Conlon, seconded and all agreed by all members.

RESOLVED: to pay the Village Club £25.00 plus vat for each meeting held (17/57 – Hall Hire New)

The Clerk had tabled a proposed budget for 2018-19. After debate, it was proposed by Cllr Church and seconded by Cllr T Tompsett for the Council to increase the precept from £4500 to £5000, an increase of £500.00 for 2018-19. This was agreed by the majority of Councilors. Cllr Smurthwaite abstained.

RESOLVED: to set the precept for 2018-19 at £5000.00. (17/57 – Precept)

17/58. Chairman's report – the following had been circulated:

Many thanks to the following for representing BPC:

- Cllr Church - Winterborne Division meeting on 31st October and DAPTC AGM on 4th November
- Cllr Gale - Remembrance Sunday service in Blandford Forum on 12th November
- Cllr Gale - Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Service with Blandford Forum Town Council on 1st December

Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

17/59. Clerk's Report – Correspondence - Matters of interest

All correspondence had been circulated and tabled.

Cllr Gale thanked the Chairman and the Clerk for the work and time they put into supporting the Council.

The Chairman also thanked the Clerk and Councilors for their hard work this year.

17/60. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting.

Grants

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10th January 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

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.30pm.

Chairman..... Date

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