

Bryanston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 10th January 2018 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, Miss Alice Rawdon-Mogg RFE

Democratic Period: The following questions were given to Miss Rawdon-Mogg from Bryanston RFE Ltd for response.

- Planned tree works – it was confirmed that all tree works not in the conservation area have been dealt with. A meeting with NDDC tree officer will take place to discuss the proposed tree works in the Conservation Area.
- Progress with fixing the green gate – repairs to the gate have been done and painting will take place in the better weather.
- Progress of the planning application at Lower Bryanston Farm – planning application is with NDDC Planning Department and should be available to view by the public in February 2018. With regard to Habitat Mitigation, Miss Rawdon-Mogg confirmed that there will be a “round table” consultation to include the Vincent Wildlife Trust, the Bryanston Estate ecologist, Bryanston Parish Council and any other relevant body.
- Permission to plant small plants, bulbs around the phone box – a letter will be sent to the Parish Council confirming that permission is granted.
- Granting permission to erect a larger Parish noticeboard next to the phone box – a letter will be sent to the Parish Council confirming that permission is granted.
- The agreement for the tenure of the phone box has been signed.
- Update on repairing fencing around old buildings at the reservoir site – work completed.

17/61. Apologies for absence, Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

Cllr J Stayt - NDDC

17/62. To agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 8th November 2017.

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

17/63. Matters arising from the meeting dated 8th November 2017 and new matters:

Up-date on dog/litter bins – County Council have agreed to supply and fit, free of charge, three new multi-purpose litter bins. The bins will be allocated at Tappers Cut, near the telephone box and on the grassed corner opposite the village club. The Clerk will chase them up to get them fitted as soon as possible.

Action - Clerk

Up-date on Phone Box – The agreement has been signed and Cllr Nolan, along with a working party will start the repairs and painting in the better weather.

Update on the island, Forum View bungalows – Cllr Nolan reported that Sovereign Housing have acknowledged the trip hazard posed by the ‘island’ and has fenced it off, until permanent work can be completed.

Discuss the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Pre-Submission Draft Mineral Sites Plan & Waste Plan – Cllr C Tompsett read out a proposed BPC response to the above plan. It was agreed by all Council for the Clerk to submit the response.

Action - Clerk

Up-date on the Island “the Cliff” – Cllr Conlon reported that the Council have had the go-ahead to maintain the vegetation on the Island. The School have agreed to cut the woody vegetation and undertake tree work, before the Parish Council takes over the maintenance of the lower vegetation. A pre-application meeting with the NDDC Tree Officer has been arranged for the 12th January, prior to the submission of an application for tree works.

Up-date on the double yellow lines at Dorchester Hill and New Road Junction – The Clerk confirmed that DCC Cllr H Cox is chasing this matter on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to contact the police to regulate obstructive parking at the bottom of New Road, at the junction with Fairmile.

Action - Clerk

To consider matter to be discussed regarding Parking issues – Blandford Town Council have asked the Parish Council to send a representative to join a steering group to review the parking in and around Blandford. Cllr Gale has agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Gale expressed his concerns over the parking, people are required to purchase a ticket in Blandford Town, even if they just want to pop into the Bank for few minutes. Cllr Gale is concerned that people will stop using the high street banks and other local shops. Cllr Gale would **like to receive any concerns or suggestions** to improve the parking in the area to raise at the steering group meeting on 20th February. **Action - All**

To discuss concerns regarding refuse collections – Cllr Gale reported that the refuse collections at lower Bryanston are not very consistent or reliable. On many occasions, bins have been emptied on days that differ from those scheduled, as shown on the Dorset Waste Partnership website on *Dorset For You*. It was agreed the Clerk will contact DWP and report this issue. **Action - Clerk**

17/64. Reports from representatives of NDDC & report from Police

There were no reports.

17/65. The Neighbourhood Plan report:

At the December meeting of the B+ NP Steering Group, options for progressing the Neighbourhood Plan were discussed. Six options were put forward for consideration. The Steering Group decided that three were feasible, these were:

- Option 4 (the best option, but carried out in parallel with options 5 and 6) is (withdrawing the NP and) strengthening policies 1 and 8, whilst working closely with the Local Plan process to ensure conformity. The Plan would then restart at the pre-submission stage.
- Option 5 is responding to the Local Plan Review Issues and Option Consultation (done and attached)
- Option 6 is working with the potential developers of land allocated N/NE of the town (allocated in policy 1 of the NP).

It was proposed that:

- the current Neighbourhood Plan is withdrawn and not taken to referendum
- clarification is sought from NDDC about allocating sites in the Neighbourhood Plan
- dialogue is continued with DCLG (Secretary of State's Office)
- the Neighbourhood Plan is modified and taken back to the Pre-Submission stage in the NP process

Bryanston Parish Council electronically has agreed with these steps

There are financial implications for pursuing options 4,5 & 6. Option 4 could take a year to complete. A lot of the process and costs would be covered by NDDC, but BPC would need to pay their share of any consultancy costs. Option 6 would also require officer time from the Town Council (but provided by the TC) and possibly some consultancy costs.

Bryanston Parish Council electronically has agreed to allocate funds to cover the additional costs incurred from withdrawing the NP, modifying and resubmitting the plan and negotiating with the potential developers.

17/66. Officers reports:

Cllr C Conlon – Bryanston School and Highways had circulated the following report:

Bryanston School - The notice board progresses well and will hopefully be completed by the spring.

Highways - The large pothole has been repaired.

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

Tree Officer - There were a number of reports of a tree unsafely leaning over power cables near the workshop at The Cliff. The tree appeared to be in poor health and top heavy. Bryanston RFE were informed, and the tree was immediately felled by workers from SSE citing safety concerns. There has been one tree application by the school to fell a tree with substantial rot.

Following a brief meeting at "The Island", Councillor Tony Tompsett has offered to draw up a map of the trees on this area of land with a view to further discussion about which tree works will be appropriate as part of the Parish Council's proposal to rent and maintain this land. We are awaiting a meeting with Sandi Saunders of NDDC to discuss the issue before putting a proposal to Bryanston School. It has been suggested that the Parish Council could accept donations of new plants for this area.

IT Officer - IT Officer's Report

It has been reported that Wessex Internet have been working to further improve the fibre optic connectivity in the village. Now that the improved Internet service has been available in the village for 12 months, I would be interested to learn how good take up of the service has been, and whether there is anything further we can do as a council to assist customers in benefiting from this technology. I would suggest that I put these 2 questions directly to Wessex Internet. **Action – Cllr Smurthwaite**

Cllr C Tompsett - Bryanston RFE Ltd Liaison– this was discussed under public consultation period.

Cllr C Gale – Nothing to report.

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

Had already reported the matter with the Forum View Island.

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

Planning - 0344 Blandford Bridge Repairs completed and bridge back in operation. Road closure caused great disruption.

1252 Lower Bryanston Farm. Screening application has been adopted.

1218 Bryanston School, The Drive. Approved. Demolition started.

2017 The Brewery, Blandford St Mary - Change to original plan. Draft response in circulation

Environment: Grass cutting contract for 2018 progressing. Meeting took place with Langers on site on the 3rd January to finalise contract for approval. Final proposal awaited.

Cllr B Church – nothing to report.

17/67. Finance.

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for November and December 2017 for the sum of £412.32. Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Conlon and seconded by Cllr Tompsett. All agreed.

17/68. Chairman’s report – the following had been circulated:

A Happy and Healthy New Year to everyone.

BPC worked hard last year and achieved a great deal for the village. As we move into the new year, it is probably a good time to look at the Parish Council’s major targets for 2018.

In 2018, we intend to:

1. Monitor and prepare for any impacts on this small village from the Council Rearrangements in Dorset, including working with our County Councillor and the DAPTC
2. Monitor the inevitable financial pressures being placed on the Council’s budget and prepare for the future
3. Continue to support Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan
4. Continue to work with neighbouring Parish Councils, Bryanston RFE Ltd and Bryanston School, e.g. the noticeboard project with the School
5. Complete the mowing contract – one of the major budgetary items
6. Manage the ‘island’ on the Cliff to the satisfaction of the village
7. Repaint and repair the phone box, and turn it into the book exchange and information point voted for by the village
8. If allowed, plant around the phone box
9. Set dates for two litter picks
10. Remind road users of the speed limit by distributing 30mph stickers for all wheelie bins

We look forward to meeting these challenges and beyond.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Gale for attending the Blandford Carol Service on behalf of the Parish Council.

17/69. Clerk’s Report – Correspondence - Matters of interest

A letter from Mrs D Fleet, expressing her concerns over the flooding at the bottom of Dorchester Hill. This matter is being looked at with Cllr Hilary Cox and Dorset County Council Highways Department.

Speed limit stickers for wheelie bins have been ordered.

All other correspondence had been circulated and tabled.

17/70. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting.

Grants, others TBA.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14th March 2018** 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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