

Bryanston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 14th March 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, 1 member of the public, Miss Alice Rawdon-Mogg RFE

Democratic Period:

Miss Alice-Rawdon-Mogg (Savills for the Bryanston Estate) – reported that the planning application for the development of up to 80 houses at Lower Bryanston is still waiting for a few responses. Once the responses have been received, a meeting will be arranged with the Parish Council to discuss the development in more detail.

The Council passed on their thanks to Miss Rawdon-Mogg for having trees cut down, near 38 The Cliff, which had been causing concern. Concern remains over a leaning tree behind 'The Cliff' sign. Savill's tree officer had not reported this tree for attention, but it will be looked at again after the summer.

Mandy reported that a notice has been put up on the 'Island', which states that BT will be applying to NDDC to erect Telecommunication equipment in the area. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain further information regarding this matter and report back urgently.

Action - Clerk

17/71. Apologies for absence, Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

Cllr J Stayt - NDDC

17/72. To agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 10th January 2018.

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.

17/73. Matters arising from the meeting dated 10th January 2018 and new matters:

Up-date on dog/litter bins – The bins will probably not be fitted until after March 2018. The Clerk will continue to monitor its progress.

Action - Clerk

Up-date on Phone Box – A working party will start the repairs and painting in the spring.

Action – Cllr Nolan

Update on the island, Forum View bungalows – The Chairman reported that the light has now been repaired and has chased up Sovereign Housing regarding the permanent work that is required to the small Island. This will be monitored.

Action - Chairman

Up-date on the Island "the Cliff" – Cllr Conlon reported that the meeting with NDDC Tree Officer went well and it has been agreed to complete the tree works applied for. Cllr Conlon will chase the School up regarding the tree works and also will request that if the tree works are not undertaken before the nesting season, that they come and cut back the shrubs before the grass cutting begins.

Action – Cllr Conlon

To consider issues related to the Blandford Parking Review – Cllr Gale is a member of the Parking Review group and reported the following:

- Cllr Gales expressed his concerns over the Parking issues in Blandford Town. Cllr Gale has been asked to submit a report on the importance of the Parking facilities for the viability of the Town for the future.
- Cllr Gales feels that the vision for the future of Blandford Town has been very blinkered and needs to be looked at more seriously. Putting provisions in for today is ok, but to encourage growth for the Town in the future, forward thinking is necessary.

Up-date on outline planning application for Lower Bryanston Farm – On behalf of Bryanston Parish Council and reflecting the views of village residents, Cllr T Tompsett had circulated very detailed objections to this application to the members of the Parish Council, who are all in agreement with the objections given. These have been forwarded to NDDC Planning Department for their consideration. *(It was noted in public consultations for the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan that villagers object to any more development in the village).*

Up-date on the double yellow lines at Dorchester Hill and New Road Junction – The Clerk confirmed that this has now gone out for Public Consultation and is waiting a report of the outcome.

Action - Clerk

17/74. Reports from representatives of NDDC & report from Police

The Clerk gave an update on the Local Government Reorganization of Dorset Councils: On Monday 26th February the Local Government Minister, Sajid Javid, finally gave the go ahead for local government reorganization in Dorset. From April 2019 the County Council and all the existing District and Borough Councils will be replaced by two new unitary councils, one covering Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch and the other, to be known as Dorset Council, covering the rest of the county area. Each new authority will deliver all local government services in their respective areas. The legal paperwork will be put before Central Government around June time. Once this has been signed, the reorganisation can officially begin. Boundaries will be reviewed by the Boundary Commission as, currently, the local area is covered by seven District Councillors. The new area may only have two County Councillors.

The Chairman would like to remind people to not leave items visible in their cars, as there have been a few cars broken into in the area. **Please be vigilant.**

17/75. The Neighbourhood Plan report:

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At the last meeting of the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on Friday 9th March, it was confirmed that an email was received from NDDC in January stating that NDDC would be unlikely to object to a revised Neighbourhood Plan (NP), provided that any proposed allocations of land for development were supported by the necessary evidence and a thorough appraisal of alternative sites had been undertaken – points raised by the NP Examiner.

The Neighbourhood Plan continues to be supported by DCLG (Local Government department), Locality Group (supporting Neighbourhood Plans, both technically and financially). As part of this support, an independent group of consultants (AECOM) has been appointed to look at the balance between the environmental effects of any proposed land allocations, and the social and economic effects (positive and negative). Another experienced consultant, Dave Chetwyn has also been allocated to our Steering Group by the Locality Group (as part of their technical support) to front discussions on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Group with NDDC.

A meeting has been set up with NDDC on 5th April and a specification of work is being drawn up which will form the basis for discussion. The aim is for B+ NP to take over the planning of new housing in the B+ area from NDDC, but the point at which that happens in the specification of work, if at all, needs to be agreed. Dave Chetwyn will be fronting this meeting on behalf of B+ NP.

Points to be resolved with NDDC include:

- the revised number of houses that need to be built in the Blandford area which is still unclear, as the Local Plan (LP) is under review. The problem is one of timing, if the NP allocates a number of houses, it may not conform to the numbers in the new Local Plan (LP2) when it is eventually completed (3 years approx.). The team hope to have the NP ready for examination early next year Feb 2019). To overcome this, a figure of 500 houses has been suggested which should be more than enough to conform to the new LP.
- The shortfall of around 2 hectares of employment land has been identified required to improve local employment without the need for travel to Poole & Bournemouth, with associated impact on already busy roads.
- The location for a 2-form entry primary school.

Grant funding is being sought to continue work on the NP. A case has been put forward to the Locality Group to request they treat the withdrawn Neighbourhood Plan as a new plan and to restart the grant funding process.

The Parish Council agreed with the B+ Memorandum of Understanding. Clerk to notify Sally Gardner. **Action - Clerk**

17/76. Officers reports:

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

Bryanston School - The notice board will hopefully be ready for around Easter time.

Highways - Potholes will continue to be reported.

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

Tree officer's report - Bryanston Parish Council's application to for a wide variety of works on the trees on the island was approved. This includes the felling of 7 trees, including one large tree with significant rot, and the Holly tree causing road safety issues. Bryanston School have agreed to carry out this work but have not yet confirmed a timescale to do so.

The Bryanston Estate were also granted permission to remove several trees throughout the village as detailed in the Tree Officer's January report. It has yet to be confirmed that any or all of these works have been carried out.

IT Officer's – It is now possible to receive automatic notifications from the NDDC website about all new or updated planning applications in the parish - instructions will be circulated to councillors. **Action – Cllr Smurthwaite**

Cllr C Gale – Nothing further to report.

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

Environment Team report – The Hawthorn trees inspected and trimmed. All is well.

Awaiting the first cut from new contractor when the weather is drier. The island will only receive a trim as the Snowdrops and Daffodils are flowering and the School has yet to clear the other half.

Planning Report - 1706 The Brewery development. The change of development from adaption of current old building to demolition and rebuild has been decided by the accidental fire. BPC submission restating the adverse effect on transport and infrastructure of even more dwellings has been noted.

1919 Lower Bryanston Farm - Outline application for Access for 80 dwellings on AONB land. Three objection letters sent from BPC. Awaiting outcome.

0192 Fairmile road - New wooden electricity poles. No comment made by BPC. Approved

Cllr B Church – DAPTC report: "How can we make a difference to our communities in times of change"

The following people gave a talk at the DAPTC Annual Conference. Rt Hon Sir Oliver Letwin, Member of Parliament for West Dorset - believes that Town and Parish Councils will become the focus of Community effort, taking responsibility for such things as providing a bus service, changing a pub into a community hub or overseeing the refurbishment of a village hall. All Town and Parish Councils will have to 'step up to the mark', no longer relying on higher government bodies taking responsibility. To raise money, Councillors will have to organise social enterprises.

Rebecca Knox, Leader of DCC - outlined the time plan for restructuring of the Unitary Authority before the 1st April 2019. She also suggested that Town and Parish Councils should be exploring Health and Wellbeing initiatives, Social Care within the local community, Safeguarding, Schools/Local education, Finance/funding opportunities.

Dr Jonathan Owen, Chief Executive of NALC - believes that local councils should have more powers to tackle local issues, have more of a say over planning, housing, licensing, and highways. The sector (i.e. local councils) should embrace new opportunities, engage with residents, especially on finance. More training and to encourage more people to stand for election and get involved, be more diverse.

Martyn Underhill, Police and Crime Commissioner - Interesting information about how policing has changed beyond recognition in the last 10 years. Details of how the alliance with Devon and Cornwall has assisted with the management of reduced funding.

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Dr Forbes Watson, NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group Chairman - An outline was given of the changes in the way NHS services will be delivered in Dorset in the very near future.

Alan Clevett, Dorset Community Action - There are many volunteers with a wide range of expertise to advise on issues such as bid applications and training.

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

Pathways and Bridleways: a stile along a footpath is broken, this will be reported to Dorset Rangers.

Other items reported: Fly tipping at the end of New Road, has been reported, via the Dorset for you website. An agreed date will be arranged in the better weather to start the refurb of the Phone Box.

Plastic netting was placed around Forum View Island however this has been knocked down and is still being driven across, possibly more hazardous now for people walking across, this has been reported to Sovereign Housing. The Salt bins need topping up, the Clerk will contact County Council to arrange this. **Action - Clerk**

The Clerk reported that road salt is toxic and harmful to animals. **Please make sure that your wash your animal paws after walking on road salt.**

Cllr C Tompsett - Bryanston RFE Ltd Liaison– Following concerns from Bryanston Club about large vehicles making deliveries to Bryanston School turning in the Club's car park to navigate the sharp bend and damaging the car park surface, Bryanston RFE Ltd have contacted the School. The School will contact any companies who turn in the car park. Please pass on any information to the Parish Clerk who will direct the information to Bryanston RFE and the School for action.

Having been granted the necessary planning permission, Bryanston RFE have cut down trees overhanging the phone line below 38 The Cliff and removed some leaning trees that were causing concern. Further planning permission is awaited to complete the job, although this will not be done until after the nesting season.

Permission to plan small plants, bulbs around the phone box – a letter has been received by the Parish Council confirming that permission is granted.

Granting permission to erect a larger Parish noticeboard next to the phone box – a letter has been received by the Parish Council confirming that permission is granted.

17/77. Finance.

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for January and February 2018 for the sum of £598.79. Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Conlon and seconded by Cllr Church. All agreed.

The Clerk tabled a grant request from Blandford Town Council, towards the up keep of the public conveniences in the Town. After debate, it was proposed by Cllr Gale to grant Blandford Town Council £50.00 towards the up keep of the public conveniences. This was seconded by Cllr Church and majority in favour, with one abstention and one objection.

RESOLVED: to award Blandford Town Council £50.00 towards the upkeep of the public conveniences in the Town (17/77 – grants).

17/78. Chairman's report – the following had been circulated:

On 2nd February, the Chairman and Cllr T Tompsett (BPC Planning Officer) participated in the Parish Councils Roundtable with our MP, Simon Hoare. It was a great opportunity to share concerns with the MP, and to know that most of our concerns are also shared by other parishes, including unwanted development, congested roads, and slow broadband speeds. On behalf of BPC, the Chairman raised the real concerns we have about the current lack of infrastructure, especially medical provision where capital expenditure is needed to address the shortfall, and the added pressure from the building of yet more houses. Our MP understood our concerns.

On 8th March, the Chairman and Cllr Gale attended the Dorset AONB Annual Forum to review the 5-year Dorset AONB Management Plan, where local issues were aired. The Dorset AONB does not believe it has any statutory powers (but only as a consultee in planning applications) to prevent new development in the AONB, this falling to Natural England as the statutory body. This was strongly raised as a local issue where urban creep into the AONB's land is becoming a real threat, especially with the government's drive for new homes.

17/79. Clerk's Report – Correspondence - Matters of interest

All correspondence had been circulated.

17/80. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting.

AGM – End of year accounts - others TBA.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9th May 2018 at Bryanston Club**, commencing at **7pm.**

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

Chairman..... Date

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