

Bryanston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 12th September 2018 at Bryanston Club

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

In attendance: Nicola Phillips – Clerk, 3 member of the public, Steven and Linda, new managers of Bryanston Club and Mr Richard Ball, Head of Operations at Bryanston School.

Democratic Period: The matter of the proposed pole to be erected by Outreach/BT on The Cliff island was again raised. The Clerk confirmed that she has not received any confirmation from Outreach/BT to say that the pole will be put up. The Chairman welcomed Steven and Linda and asked if there is anything the Council can do to support increased use of Bryanston Estate Club by local residents. Linda stated that they will be introducing a Facebook page for the Club and would like to hear what residents of the village would like from the Club.

18/21. Apologies for absence, Declarations of Interests and Dispensations. Cllr J Stayt and Cllr T Tompsett apologised for their absence.

18/22. To agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 11th July 2018.

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

At this point the Chairman asked for agenda item 6 – officers report – Bryanston School to be brought forward.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Richard Ball, Head of Operations at Bryanston School, to the meeting. The Council thanked Nigel Davies and the students from Bryanston School who have produced a marvelous new notice board for the Parish Council and village. Cllr Conlon also thanked Mr Rob Froud and his team for their help in clearing vegetation in the village. The Chairman reported that a notice will be put in the Bryanston Newsletter to ask residents what trees they would like to see put up to replace the ones that were felled, and other planting ideas, on the Island, The Cliff. Mr Ball suggested that Cllr Conlon should contact Rob Froud and his team for their advice, once the Council have received the response from the village. It was noted that the main entrance to the School looks really nice. Cllr Gale asked Mr Ball to investigate the matter of the overgrown trees that hang over the public footpath, opposite the Stour Inn Public House. Mr Ball agreed that he will investigate this. The ivy on the grade listed wall along New Road needs to be looked at, and the wall also needs some attention. Mr Ball took note of this problem. The Chairman asked if the School could kindly give some notice to the Council of when they propose to arrange fire work displays, so that the Council can get a note to the villagers, giving them time to make sure that their pets are kept safe. Mr Ball took an up-to-date contact list for the Clerk and Councillors and agreed that notice will be given. Mr Ball thanked the Council for inviting him to the meeting and stated that the School wish to be good neighbours and if there is anything they can do to support or help the Council, to contact him direct. The Council thanked Mr Ball for attending the meeting.

18/23. Matters arising from the meeting dated 9th May 2018 and new matters:

- **Update on the island, Forum View bungalows** – Sovereign Housing have stated that the works to place a kerb around the streetlight and tarmac the remaining grassed area should be completed by the 19th September. If they are not, the Clerk will follow this up with the Manager of Sovereign Housing. It was also suggested that chevrons should be painted on the new tarmac area to prevent parking, which causes problems with access to the bungalows area. **Action - Clerk**
- **Up-date on the Island “the Cliff”** – this was discussed with Mr Ball.
- **Update on telephone box refurbishment** – The refurbishment of the telephone box is underway, and painting will start in the next week or so. **Action - All**
- **Up-date on outline planning application for Lower Bryanston Farm** – No update currently.

18/24. Reports from representatives of NDDC & report from Police

The Clerk reported on the proposed levelling of Council Tax around the County, once the new unitary authority comes into power next April. Currently our area has lower rates of council tax than other parts of the county. It has been reported that even though proposals were forwarded to level the Council Tax over a four to five-year period, the Shadow Executive has proposed that the levelling is completed in one year, which will mean that on a band D property, the Council Tax for just the District Council will raise by £40.00 a year. After debate, it was agreed for the Clerk to write to the Shadow Executive and copy in all local Council's expressing their disappointment and concerns over levelling the Council Tax in one year. **Action - Clerk**

18/25. The Neighbourhood Plan report

The result of the latest Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan (2) Public Consultation (revised Pre-Submission) was positive, although only 244 responses were received. More disappointing was the evidence that many people still do not
May 10th 2018 Cllr C Tompsett, Cllr C Gale, Cllr B Church, Cllr T Tompsett, Cllr C Smurthwaite, Cllr R Nolan & Cllr C Conlon

understand what a Neighbourhood Plan is about or its importance to the community.

Of the people who recorded any comments, it was clear many do not understand the reasoning behind Bryanston not having a Settlement Boundary. Carol Tompsett will be writing an explanation which will be included in the Bryanston Newsletter to enlighten the parish residents.

The majority of people agreed that the land north and north east of Blandford (Policy 1) would give the best development option for housing, employment land and a school, as well as some highway and infrastructure solutions. Most people were in general agreement with the other Neighbourhood Plan policies. So, Community Facilities, Green Infrastructure, Local Green Spaces only need a slight strengthening for them to be 'Pre-submission ready'.

The provision of medical facilities to meet the current and projected increase in population in the area was raised as a major concern. The B+ area is likely to increase by 660 new dwellings, which the current surgery arrangements are unlikely to cope with. Whitecliff and Eagle House Practices have agreed to merge and have suggested moving their surgeries to a combined site, possibly at Blandford Hospital. The B+ Steering Group is opposed to the hospital site mainly because of the inadequate parking space available. If the combined Practices are to secure the S106 funding, a detailed plan must be put forward to explain why the funding is needed. B+ have requested an urgent meeting between CCG, Healthcare Trust, and NDDC to discuss a way forward.

Everyone involved with B+ is working very hard to ensure that the B+ NP2 will be ready for a Pre-submission Consultation for 16th October – 30th November 2018.

18/26. Officers reports:

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

This was covered with Mr Ball earlier in the meeting. Cllr Conlon has met with the new Bursar.

Highways Report: Spraying of the weeds on the roads was carried out as planned last month and the pot holes continue to be reported and repaired.

The Council asked the Clerk contact Dorset Highways to request that roads are swept at the end of October.

Action - Clerk

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

Tree Officer - There has been one application for tree works. Bryanston school have applied to fell a "Weymouth Pine as the tree is dying and has very few living limbs on it. No objection from the council.

IT Officer – Uploading fliers onto the village website is difficult. Cllr Smurthwaite will investigate ways to improve this.

Action – Cllr C Smurthwaite

Cllr C Gale – Has not had a further meeting with the Blandford Parking group, so nothing to report. It was reported that people are stealing the tops of the finger post around Dorset. The finger posts which the Parish Council had refurbished have a security bolt for the roundals on the top of the posts, to try and stop them being removed easily. It was also noted that a Local resident has planted some flowers under the finger post, which makes the area look lovely. The Council will send a letter of thanks to the resident in question.

Action-Clerk

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

Environment: Discussion required with Langers to continue the current grass cutting contract if the council is happy for the service to continue. After debate, it was agreed that Langers have done a great job and Cllr T Tompsett will approach them to see if they would consider signing a three-year contract with the Council. **Action – Cllr T Tompsett**
Highways have failed again this year to fulfil the published grass cutting schedule for which we all pay in our council tax. This is to be raised again with them.

As I believe this to be a futile exercise I am seeking views on the option to add those areas to the current contract if point 1 above is agreed. This was agreed, and the Clerk will also find out why County have failed to fulfil the published grass cutting schedule to date.

Action – Clerk

Planning Report – Cllr T Tompsett has withdrawn from being the Parish Council's Planning Officer. Cllr Gale proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr T Tompsett for all his hard work in dealing with the planning applications received. This was agreed by all members. The Clerk suggested that the role of Planning Officer is a big responsibility and takes a lot of time for one person, so would recommend that the Council as a whole, look at the planning applications and send their views to the Clerk for her to collate and report back to NDDC planning department. This was agreed by all members.

Cllr B Church – DAPTC report: Nothing to report.

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

Pathways and Bridleways: The footpaths are being well used by walkers around the village and Cllr Nolan has asked the walker walkers to report anything they find back to himself. A member of the public has asked if anyone knows the owners of the strip of land opposite the Telephone Box, which is full of rubble and overgrown trees. The Parish Council does not know how owns this land and has recommended that the person enquiring should contact land registry. The Clerk will also investigate this to see if she can obtain any information.

Action – Clerk

Cllr C Tompsett - Bryanston RFE Ltd Liaison– Nothing to report.

18/27. Finance.

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for July and August 2018 for the sum of £888.22. This were agreed by all. The Chairman signed the accounts register.

The Clerk had circulated a request for an increase in hours from the contract 18 hours a month to 21 hours a month-

Cllr Conlon proposed that the Clerk's hours are increased, this was seconded by Cllr Smurthwaite, all members agreed.

RESOLVED: for the Clerk's contracted hours to be raised from 18 hours a month to 21 hours a month. (18/27 – Clerks wages)

18/28. Chairman's report – the following had been circulated:

I hope you all had a good summer and enjoyed the warm weather.

The Council are being urged to continue having our say on a range of topics that will directly affect us. **Dorset AONB (including land at Lower Bryanston Farm) has published a public consultation on their next five-year Management Plan 2019-24 which ends on October 8th.** The Plan and feedback form can be found at <https://www.dorsetaonb.org.uk/the-dorset-aonb/management-plan>. The AONB has a duty to protect its land from development that will detract from its beautiful scenery. Does the management plan go far enough to ensure this? The Local Government Association (LGA) has launched a nationwide consultation to kick-start a debate about how to pay for **adult social care** and to rescue the services currently caring for older and disabled people which are close to collapse. **This is a subject that affects us all at some time or other in our lives.** Currently most adult social care is funded and provided by local councils, who spend around 40% of their budgets on this one area alone. Due to underfunding and rising costs, there is a massive funding gap. The LGA has put forward possible solutions, both in improvements in the system and ways to meet the funding crisis and now need everyone to have their say. Information and consultation can be found here:

<https://www.futureofadultsocialcare.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/The-lives-we-want-to-lead-LGA-Green-Paper-July-2018.pdf>

To meet the increasing challenges faced by GP surgeries, such as staff /locum recruitment, **Whitecliff Group Practice and Eagle House have started discussions to merge** to offer a united GP service for patients in the Blandford area. If approved by NHS England, the merger could happen as soon as 01 October 2019. More information can be found on Whitecliff Surgery Facebook page <https://en-gb.facebook.com/whitecliffpractice/> Finally, the Council will continue the work to refurbish the phone box and to push for a satisfactory resolution to the trip hazard posed by the 'island' in Forum View Bungalows (with the streetlight).

18/29. Clerk's Report – Correspondence - Matters of interest

All correspondence had been circulated.

Grants, including to the Air Ambulance, will be considered in January 2019

The A350 group will be sending a report to the Parish Council, with details raised at their meeting.

18/30. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting.

Budget, other items to be agreed.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14th November 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 20.35pm.

Chairman..... Date

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