

# Bryanston Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Bryanston Club

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

**In attendance:** Nicola Phillips – Clerk, 2 member of the public, Claire McClellan – Bryanston Estate, NDDC Cllr Stayt

*At this point the Chairman welcomed Claire McClellan – Bryanston Estate, who has taken over from Alice Rawdon-Mogg. The Council would also like to thank Alice for her hard work and for keeping communications open between the Council and the Bryanston Estate*

**Democratic Period:** There were none.

**18/31. Apologies for absence, Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.** Cllr C Smurthwaite

**18/32. To agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 12 September 2018.**

There were two amendments, item 18/26 Footpaths, walker was removed and under Environment the last paragraph was deleted. It was then proposed by Cllr Tompsett and seconded by Cllr Church that the minutes were a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman. All agreed.

**18/33. Matters arising from the meeting dated 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and new matters:**

- **Update on the island, Forum View bungalows** – Sovereign Housing have still not started any work on the site and as it should have been completed by the 19<sup>th</sup> September, the members instructed the Clerk to write to the Manager of the department in question and copy the letter to their Chief Executive. **Action – Clerk**
- **Up-date on the Island “the Cliff”** – Cllr Church had circulated information received from Mr Alan Shrimpton giving information on which trees would be most suitable to plant at the Cliff. After debate it was agreed for the Chairman to arrange an onsite meeting after Christmas, to discuss this matter further. **Action - Chairman**
- **Update on telephone box refurbishment** – The refurbishment of the Telephone Box is complete, thank you to Cllr Conlon and Mrs Conlon for painting, Cllr T Tompsett and a big thank you to Cllr Nolan, for their hard work on the Telephone Box. It was agreed to now look at ways to put up book shelves inside the box. The Clerk was asked to obtain photos of the Telephone Box in Motcombe, which has shelving, and circulate to the Council. Cllr Nolan, Cllr Tompsett and Cllr Conlon agreed to continue to work on the Telephone Box.

**Action – Clerk, Cllr Nolan, Cllr Conlon, Cllr Tompsett**

**Up-date on outline planning application for Lower Bryanston Farm** – A revised application has been received, with a reduction of proposed housing from 80 to 75. The Parish Council still object to this application and have reiterated their previous concerns on the original application as well as some new points which have come to light. These will be sent to NDDC for their consideration. Blandford St Mary Parish Council have also objected to this application and would have noted that they will support Bryanston Parish Council in their decision. The Chairman asked the Clerk to thank Blandford St Mary Parish Council for their support.

**Action -**

**Clerk**

**18/34. Reports from representatives of NDDC & report from Police**

Cllr Stayt reported that there is still a lot of work going on towards the new Unitary Council transfer on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**18/35. The Neighbourhood Plan report**

The last chance to comment on the B+ Neighbourhood Plan (pre-submission 2) is currently underway until 19<sup>th</sup> December (Regulation 14). This Plan is likely to be the only statutory means to shape development in Bryanston until 2033. The Neighbourhood Plan will confirm that Bryanston has no settlement boundary, and subject to ‘countryside policy’, which means that no new dwellings should be built unless an exceptional need is identified (such as for essential farm-workers). Without the Neighbourhood Plan, the village is at real risk of infill and further new developments.

The Plan also sets out the design Policy for the main part of the village which is in the Conservation Area. This will be used by planning officers to decide how planning applications for extensions and alterations must be in keeping with the characteristic features of the current buildings.

*For this reason, every parish resident has been urged to comment. The village needs this support.* Flyers have been put through the door of every resident with information, and how to record their comments. This information can also be found in the Forum Focus and the Blandford + website <http://blandfordplus.org.uk>.

The comments will be used to produce the Submission Plan which should go to examination early in the New Year to become statutory.

It has been strongly suggested by the B+ consultants that Bryanston Parish Council should now ask North Dorset District Council to apply for an extension to the existing Conservation Area to include the remainder of the village, including The Kennels. This can take some time to complete. Also, BPC needs to request the Dorset AONB (which includes Bryanston) to develop a design policy which will cover the area of the village outside the Conservation Area.

May 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 Cllr C Tompsett, Cllr C Gale, Cllr B Church, Cllr T Tompsett, Cllr C Smurthwaite, Cllr R Nolan & Cllr C Conlon

The members agreed with both above points and the Chairman agreed to take this matter to NDDC and the AONB.

#### **Action - Chairman**

#### **18/36. Officers reports:**

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

Nothing to report from the School. Cllr T Tompsett reported that the new notice board lock has rusted and on the Parish Council side, cannot be opened, the door has also bowed. Cllr Nolan agreed to look at repairing the notice board.

**Action Cllr Nolan**

**Highways Report:** Nothing to report.

#### **Cllr C Smurthwaite – IT Officer and Tree Officer was not present, the Chairman reported the following:**

**Tree Officer** – An Ash tree had been felled and thank you to the School for helping to take the wood away.

**IT Officer** – Cllr Smurthwaite has now set up an events page on the Parish Council's website. The Chairman asked for the Council to consider setting up a Facebook Page. After debating this matter, it was agreed to look into how the Village can set up a Facebook Page, Cllr Smurthwaite will be asked to investigate this and report back.

**Action – Cllr C Smurthwaite**

#### **Cllr C Gale – gave the following report:**

Has been in contact with Byron Quayle who is chairing the Strategic Parking Revue. There have been no further meetings of the Steering group since the inaugural meeting in Feb. The process has stalled due to the lack of a strategic plan for infrastructure, planning and the change-over to a Unitary Council. Cllr Quayle would be happy to brief the Parish Council and will send updates on any process. Cllr Gale stated that he felt it would be advantageous to invite Cllr Quayle to brief the Parish Council at a regular BPC meeting. The members agreed to invite Mr Bryon Quayle to a Parish Council meeting, as and when new information has been received.

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

**Environment:** A quote for next year's grass cutting had been circulated to the members for their consideration. The quote is for £75 per cut. It was proposed by Cllr T Tompsett, seconded by Cllr Church, all in favour to accept the quote from Langers & Sons Ltd for the sum of £75.00 per cut for 2019.

**RESOLVED:** to accept the quote from Langers & Sons Ltd for the sum of £75.00 per cut for 2019. (18/36 – Grass Cutting)

**Planning Report** – At the DAPTC AGM, the Parish Council's motion 'Bryanston Parish Council would like to propose that Parish and Town Councils should be supported in being actively involved in all consultations between developers and planners and directly involved in the resulting decision making', was passed. This motion will now be sent to NALC for their consideration.

The Parish Council had sent a letter of complaint, to NDDC Planning Officers, expressing their disappointment that the Planning officers are not willing to meet with the Parish Council to discuss controversial applications that fall in the Parish area. Mr Oakhill, NDDC Major Applications Manager, responded to the Parish Council's letter, which states that they do not routinely offer to meet with individual Parish/Town Councils to avoid setting false expectations that they cannot deliver on. The Parish Council have responded to Mr Oakhill and will forward the letters on to DAPTC for their information.

**Action - Clerk**

#### **Cllr B Church – gave the following reports:**

**DAPTC:** Rebecca Knox (Leader of DCC and the Shadow DC) gave an update about the new Unitary Authority, which seems to be proceeding well. Delegates were concerned that Town and Parish Councils are not being consulted enough about changes that are going to happen, particularly as they are going to be expected to take on many more responsibilities. Rebecca seemed to take this on board.

Jill Haynes (Chairman of System Partnership Board and Cabinet Member of Health and Care) gave some statistics about Dorset Healthcare and the need for individuals and Councils to take a more active role in looking after health. Her assertion that Town and Parish Councils had a bigger role to play was challenged. Some of her examples of how this could be achieved were that there should be a register of who, in the Town/Parish, would be prepared to use their 4x4 to help when it snowed and who might need help in very bad weather. The Council would suggest that if anyone has any major problems in bad weather, they should contact members of the BPC for help.

The Chairman reported that at the Northern Area DAPTC Meeting, a report was received from Dorset Police, assuring the public that low level crime is not being ignored and if anyone see's any crime please ring 101 or 999 for assistance. The Parish Council have received an invitation to attend the Dorset Community Action group meeting to be held on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> December. If any member would like to attend, please let the Clerk know.

**Improving Community Health Service for Children and Young People:** Dorset Vision NHS had conducted a survey earlier in the year to collect young people's views on the physical community health services in Dorset. Their families and carers and stakeholders also had an input. 541 surveys were completed by young people aged 16-25 and parents/carers of children and young people aged 0-25, 42% were aged 16-25 years old and 58% were a parent/carer. Views were gathered on a range of issues e.g. physical healthcare at home, at school, college or university, at a GP/family doctors' surgery, in a community hospital and elsewhere. It makes really interesting reading

([www.dorsetsvision.nhs/beheard/](http://www.dorsetsvision.nhs/beheard/)), particularly as the comments were almost certainly the same as adults are making e.g. having to repeat constantly symptoms to each new medical person they see, having to visit numerous locations for treatment, the difficulty of transport, health professionals assuming you understand medical terms.

At the Blandford School on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October there was a meeting about seeking ways for some of these issues to be resolved. Young people, parents/carers, Practice Managers and other interested stakeholders attended. In my group

were a couple of very lively young ladies with very valid, insightful thoughts and ideas. It is not sure how many problems can be sorted out because of funding issues, but hopefully something positive will be happen.

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

**Pathways and Bridleways:** The Parish Council received an email, stating that the footpath in the hamlet of Lower Bryanston was blocked by an electric fence, therefore the persons using the footpath and were forced to abandon their plans and left the area. Cllr Nolan will investigate this matter and will report back, so that the Clerk can give an update to the walkers that reported this matter.

**Action - Cllr Nolan**

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

**18/37. Finance.**

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for September and October 2018, with one additional payment to Cllr Nolan for material used for the Telephone Box, the total sum of £826.56 was agreed by all. The Chairman signed the accounts register.

The Clerk had circulated the proposed budget for 2019-2020. After debate, Cllr Church proposed, Cllr Nolan seconded and all in favour of increasing the Parish Council's precept from £5000.00 to £5500.00 for 2019-2020. This increase is to ensure that Council is ready for the estimated increase of costs of services which County Council will no longer be providing and will be passed down to the Parish Council's to fulfil for the village.

**RESOLVED:** to increase the precept for 2019-2020 from £5000.00 to £5500.00, an increase of £500.00 for the year. (18/37 – budget).

**18/38. Chairman's report – the following had been circulated:**

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, I was honoured to represent the village and lay a wreath at the Blandford Forum Remembrance Parade and Church Service. Sadly, five residents of Bryanston died on active service in WW1 and three more in WW11. Their names are recorded on brass plaques in St Martin's Church, Bryanston.

At the recent AGM of the North Dorset Area of the DAPTC (Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils), I was reminded of the changes that await us next year. Apart from Brexit, Bryanston will become part of the new Dorset Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April. The first signs of change have already started to permeate. The Council will now have to pay for Councillor elections, which we have been fortunate enough to avoid with NDDC. These charges will be particularly important in 2019 as all of Bryanston Parish Council is due to resign and new Councillors elected. Additionally, we were reminded that council tax harmonisation will probably mean a substantial increase to bring North Dorset, currently enjoying lower rates, into line with higher paying areas.

Councils will probably also be asked to take on more responsibilities for their community. To do this, councils will need extra weight to carry this through. For example, one of the key issues that affects our council is being able to have a meaningful input into planning applications so that the concerns of our residents are properly discussed and acted upon. With this in mind Bryanston PC tabled a motion to the DAPTC AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> November. The motion was carried. We now have to wait to see if this has any impact, and councils have more involvement in discussions and decision-making for planning applications in their area.

The Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan will be essential to the village for determining any development, up to 2033. Every resident has been urged to comment on the plan, before 19<sup>th</sup> December. When it becomes statutory, this Plan will be used by planning officers in the new Dorset Council to decide the outcomes of planning applications. These officers are very likely to be based in Dorchester and may not be so familiar with our area (NDDC will have ceased to exist), making the Plan very important to us.

I would like to thank the Clerk and Councillors for their hard work over the year. Yet again a lot has been achieved, including a new parish & community noticeboard, a shiny red and water-tight phone box and cleared island. The council has also continued to forge links and work with its neighbours. This will be increasingly important as we move into the start of the many changes next year as we will need to be stronger together.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and healthy New Year and thank you to the Members of the Council and the Clerk for their support and hard work throughout the year.

**18/39. Clerk's Report – Correspondence - Matters of interest**

All correspondence had been circulated.

The Local Government Boundary Commission final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements can be viewed on [www.igbce.org.uk](http://www.igbce.org.uk).

**18/40. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting.**

**Telephone Box – Snow plan – Island on the Cliff - Island at Forum View – Litter Pick, other items to be agreed.**

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 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](mailto:bryanston@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)**

**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.00pm.**

Chairman..... Date

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