

Bryanston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

13th March 2019 at Bryanston Club, Bryanston. Blandford, Dorset

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

In attendance: Nicola Phillips – Clerk, Cllr Sherry Jespersen and 2 members of the public

Democratic Period: There were none.

At this point the Chairman moved to agenda item 6 Bryanston RFE

The Chairman asked Claire McClellan, Associate Director, Bryanston RFE Ltd the following questions:

1. Was the Bryanston Estate aware of the skip and building materials on Bryanston Estate land outside 7 Bryanston? Ms McClellan confirmed that the Bryanston Estate is aware of the work taking place and is monitoring progress. It was noted that contractor's lorries have blocked the road whilst delivering materials. This will be investigated together with any other complaints raised by the Council. These will be forwarded to Ms McClellan for action.

2. Is there any update on the Durweston bridge closure following discussions with Bryanston School? The Council is concerned about the possible increase in traffic, through Bryanston village and the School grounds, as a result of the bridge closure 21st June to 22nd July. Ms McClellan confirmed she has a scheduled meeting with the School Bursar where this matter will be discussed. She also confirmed that Highways have an action plan in place, including weight restriction signs, speed signs and surface maintenance. The preparatory work is scheduled to start on Monday 18th March.

3. What are the next steps regarding the Lower Bryanston Farm Development? It was confirmed that outline planning permission has been granted by NDDC planning committee. Next, habitat mitigation will need to be actioned, and further discussions will take place for taking this project forward. There are no immediate plans for development.

18/51. Apologies for absence, Declarations of Interests and Dispensations. Cllr J Stayt.

18/52. To agree minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 9th January 2019.

The minutes had been circulated. These were proposed by Cllr Gale and seconded by Cllr Conlon. All members agreed that the contents were a true and accurate record, and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

18/53. Matters arising from the meeting dated 9th January 2019 and new matters.

Receive information for the forthcoming local elections from the Clerk.

The Clerk tabled the following details on the process for local elections 2019:

Local elections will take place on the 2nd May 2019. This election is for Councillors to stand for five years rather than 4, to bring it in line with National, County and Unitary elections. Existing members of the Parish Council will stand down after the April meeting and all seats become vacant. Existing councillors who want to continue must stand for re-election. If there are more nominations than seats, a poll is held on 2nd May. If there are only enough councillors for the number of seats or fewer councillors than seats, they are elected unopposed. Existing members need to complete their nomination forms with their own details and of the person nominating them and to make sure that they are signed. The nomination forms need to be given to the Clerk no later than 1st April 2019. The nomination forms are available on the **DorsetforYou** website. The Clerk is also able to send forms, if required.

If you wish to stand as a Councillor, you must satisfy these requirements:

- You need to be over 18 years of age
- A British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union
- Plus at least one of the following qualifications: you are registered as a local government elector for the parish or town council area in which they wish to stand; or you have, during the whole of the previous 12 month period, occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises in the parish or town council area; or your main or only place of work during the whole of the previous 12 month period has been in the parish or town council area; or you have, during the whole of the previous 12 month period, lived in the parish or town council area (or within 4.8 km of it).

A person cannot be a candidate if at the time of their nomination or their election:

- they are employed by the parish or town council or hold a paid office under that council; or
- they are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order in England or Wales; or
- they have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence) without the option of a fine, during the five years before election day (i.e. since 1 May 2014); or

• a person may also be disqualified from election if they have been convicted or reported guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice by an election court, or if they have been disqualified from standing for election to a local authority.

Update on the island, Forum View bungalows: The Chairman confirmed that the work at Forum View Bungalows island has now been completed.

Up-date on the Island “The Cliff”: The Council are still awaiting permission to plant a tree or shrubs from Bryanston School. If permission is granted, the Council will consider which trees or shrubs to plant at a later date.

Update on telephone box refurbishment: A plastic shelving system has been made for the telephone box for books to share.

Up-date on outline planning application for Lower Bryanston Farm: Some members of the Parish Council attended the Planning Committee meeting at NDDC. The Planning Committee approved the outline planning application for Lower Bryanston Farm. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the progress of any proposed development on the site.

Up-date on the damaged bench in New Road: The damaged bench in New Road is being repaired.

18/54. Reports from representatives of NDDC & report from Police – nothing to report.

18/55. Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan report.

The Chairman has circulated details for a proposal for Blandford+ to appoint Mr Terry Kemmann-Lane as examiner for the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Conlon proposed that Bryanston Parish Council consents to the appointment of Mr Terry Kemmann-Lane as examiner for the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan, this was seconded by Cllr Church and all members were in favour.

RESOLVED: Bryanston Parish Council consent to the appointment of Mr Terry Kemmann-Lane as examiner for the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan (18/55- Neighbourhood Plan). **Action – Clerk**

18/56. To receive Officers reports:

Bryanston School – nothing further to report.

Highways – Cllr Conlon stated that he will continue to report potholes to Highways. It was noted that Highways are repairing the pot holes quite quickly after being reported. It was also noted that details of the Durweston Bridge closure are available on the Bryanston Village Website and the Bryanston Village Community Facebook page.

Village Website/IT – Cllr Smurthwaite reported that a village Facebook page has been created, called Bryanston Village Community.

Trees – Cllr Smurthwaite reported that a tree in the village has been felled without permission from NDDC. This has been reported to NDDC for their attention.

New Road parking area & benches, and Blandford Parking Consultation – nothing further to report.

Environment Team – Cllr T Tompsett thanked Mr John Baker for organising the Village Litter pick - Saturday the 16th March 10am, meet at the phone box.

Planning – Cllr C Tompsett had circulated a full report; the following are bullet points from that report. Some members of the Parish Council attended a planning training session with DAPTC. It was highlighted that it is important for Town and Parish Council's to try and meet with the planning officers and developers at the pre-application stage. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to NDDC Planning department requesting that if they receive any significant planning application, that the Parish Council are invited to meet with them and the developers at the pre-application stage. **Action – Clerk**

The Chairman has been in contact with the Conservation Officer and has asked to discuss the possibility of extending the Conservation Area to cover the whole of Bryanston Parish. The Chairman is awaiting a response. It was confirmed that Richard Brown (Dorset AONB) has agreed to make adjustments to the final draft of the revised Landscape Character Assessment for the Dorset AONB, with reference to Bryanston.

DAPTC – Cllr Church had circulated a full report; the following are bullet points from that report:

Winterborne Division Meeting with Cllr Hillary Cox: Matt Prosser, Leader of the new Dorset Council, which comes into official existence on the 1st April 2019, gave a Powerpoint presentation. He explained how the new Council will be organised, how money will be raised, saved and spent. This information can be found on **DorsetforYou** website. It was noted that the new Local Plan will be developed over the next four years. The existing Local Plan will stand until then. This was the last meeting with Cllr Hillary Cox, due to the re-organisation of the wards.

Round Table Meeting with Simon Hoare MP:

Various topics were covered, including Dorset Waste Partnership's decision to insist on the removal of the 30mph stickers on their bins. Fortunately, Simon Hoare agreed with everyone's outcry to the ludicrousness of this, so will contact DWP to try to get it revoked. Cllr Church forwarded the frustration of the Parish Council not having been consulted from the beginning of any major planning applications. Simon Hoare MP will propose to the Unitary Council that Parish and Town Councils are consulted at various trigger points. Mr John Sellgren, the new Executive Director of Place was also at this meeting, his responsibilities will include planning. It was confirmed that the decision made by DCC to only consult Town and Parish Councils, if their views differed from

the Planning Committee, will evolve as the Unitary Council evolves. He seemed very much of the opinion that one size does not fit all, so will be consulting with T and P Councils closely as the new Local Plan takes shape.

Footpaths: Cllr Nolan had circulated a full report; the following are bullet points from that report:

Cllr Nolan has been following up on several queries from a Bryanston resident regarding public footpaths in the parish. After walking the area concerned, photographic evidence was taken of the areas of concern. This has also been reported on the appropriate **DorsetForYou** map, giving detailed information to the Dorset Rangers for action. The original queries were for two out of the three reported areas, plus a concern about Walnut Avenue as a public right of way. It has been confirmed that Walnut Avenue is a private road and the resident, who had enquired about the right of way, should report this to the website which informed him he could walk this area. There have also been several directional markers taken down, moved or discarded. These will need replacing as soon as possible. It was agreed for the Clerk to officially write to the Dorset Rangers, sending the relevant information for their action.

Action - Clerk

Bryanston RFE: discussed earlier in the meeting.

18/57 Finance

To consider grant applications – the Clerk reported that no applications have been received. After debate, it was agreed to move the allocated funds for grants from 2018/19 to 2019/20 and to move the grants dates to the middle of the year. The grants allocations need to be advertised better, including the Bryanston Village Community Facebook page and the Bryanston Village website.

Action - Chairman

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for January and February 2019 for the sum of £1245.66. This was proposed by Cllr C Tompsett and seconded by Cllr Gale. All agreed and the Chairman duly signed the payment schedule.

18/58 Chairman's Report – the Chairman has circulated the following report:

As the new Dorset Council comes into effect on the 1st April, it is still unclear how much influence parish and town councils will have on important decisions affecting their communities, in the future.

This issue was made very clear with the recent disappointing decision to grant outline planning permission for 75 houses at Lower Bryanston Farm. Bryanston Parish Council (BPC) had lodged many objections to the application and consulted with representatives of the landowners, developers, planning team, Conservation Area, Dorset AONB, DCC Highways, Blandford & District Civic Society, county and district councillors, our MP and an archaeology Group to name a few. Local residents had also worked hard to ensure the greater horseshoe bats at Bryanston's SSSI receive sufficient mitigation for loss of their feeding grounds, and to protect Lower Bryanston Farm itself, which will be affected by new development.

BPC had also suggested an alternative access for consideration which could have seen Fairmile being made safer for all road users and avoided compromising the safety of New Road, and its important rural setting.

Despite representation at the Planning Committee hearing, Bryanston Parish Council's objections were summarily dismissed, largely due to the current national (flawed) planning process.

If any parish or town council is to have a real say in planning applications that affect the communities they represent, central government must make sure they are involved in the early stages of the planning process, when it is apparent all the major decisions are made, and/or become statutory consultees so that their comments are both heard and considered.

18/59 Clerks Report – Correspondence – Matters of interest.

On the 24th March 2019, a cycle race has been organised, from 10am to 1pm. The cyclists will be using a circuit around New Road, Broadley Woods and Fairmile. The Council has contacted the organisers to obtain confirmation that the safety of road users and the community have been considered and the relevant authorities informed, and the necessary insurances are in place. The Council has received a response, which confirmed that all the above actions have been dealt with and in the correct manner.

Cllr Nolan expressed concerns over the safety of the increased number of children playing near the roads in the village. After discussions, it was agreed to put a question to the residents of the village, if they would like to start a Speed Watch team via the village newsletter, website and Facebook page. If the response is positive the Parish Council will obtain the relevant information from Dorset Police. In the meantime, the Clerk will chase up Dorset Police to put a speed indicator in the village.

Action - Clerk & Chairman

18/60 Items for the next agenda and date of next meeting: AGM

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at Bryanston Club, commencing at 7pm.

Should you wish to contact the Clerk please use the email address below:

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.40pm.