

Bryanston Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting 10th July 2019 at Bryanston Club, Bryanston. Blandford, Dorset

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

In attendance: Nicola Phillips – Clerk, 4 members of the public, Dorset Councillor Cllr S Jespersen and Claire McClellan – RFE

Democratic Period: It was reported that a member of the public has witnessed adults climbing over the school wall, near the damaged bench and may be using it as a short cut houses in Forum View. Cllr Conlon confirmed that the wall is in need of repair and has been reported to Bryanston School. The Chairman thanked the member of the public that reported the wall damage.

There has been a water leak at the bottom of New Road, which has been reported to Wessex Water. The repairs should be complete by the 16th July.

Concerns were raised over the increase in vehicles going through the village, since the Durweston Bridge closure. The main concern is the speed at which the vehicles are traveling. The Clerk will request Dorset Police to carry out speed checks or supply a speed indicator device. **Action - Clerk**

19/18. To receive and accept apologies of absence, declarations of interest and dispensations.

There were no apologies for absence.

Cllr Edwards declared a personal interest under agenda item 8 – planning application 2/2019/0756/MODPO.

19/19. To agree the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings dated the 8th May 2019

Cllr Conlon proposed that the minutes were true and accurate. This was seconded by Cllr Nolan, all members agreed. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED: To agree the minutes date the 8th May 2019 (19/19- no budgetary requirements)

19/20. Co-option for new member

The Clerk asked if anyone present was interested in becoming a Councillor for the Parish Council.

Two people came forward:

- Mr John Baker expressed his interest in joining the Council and gave brief details of himself, including that he has already been a Parish Councillor for Bryanston, and why he would like to return.
- Mr Frank Stocks expressed his interest in joining the Council and also gave brief details of himself and his past history in the planning sector, and why he wanted to join the Council.

As there were two candidates for one vacancy, the candidates and members of the public were asked to leave, to enable the Council to consider their options.

After debate, the candidates and public were invited back in. The members of the Parish Council agreed to invite Mr Frank Stocks to join the Parish Council. Mr Frank Stocks agreed and joined the meeting.

RESOLVED: Mr Frank Stocks is co-opted as a new member for Bryanston Parish Council (19/20 – New Member – no budgetary requirements required)

The Parish Council thanked Mr John Baker for all of his hard work and ongoing support for the Council and hoped that this relationship will continue. Mr Baker assured the Parish Council that it will.

19/21. Matter arising from the meeting dated the 8th May 2019 and new matters

- **Up-date on the Island “The Cliff”** – The Parish Council is still awaiting a response from Bryanston School, regarding the proposal for the Parish Council to plant on the Island. Cllr Church suggested that the project is put on hold until next year, to see what has self-seeded and grown on the Island before making a decision to plant or not. This was agreed by all members and a Bryanston School representative will be invited to the Parish Council meeting in March 2020 to discuss this matter further.

- **Up-date on the damaged bench in New Road** – the Chairman expressed her deepest sadness when she was informed that the newly renovated bench along New Road has been damaged by a grass-cutting contractor for Dorset Council. The Clerk confirmed that the contractor in question has agreed liability and his insurance company will be in contact with the Council on the 11th July 2019. The Chairman thanked the members of the public who reported this incident so quickly.
- **Up-date on telephone box** – The Chairman confirmed that signs have now been put up in the phone box, advertising the book exchange.

19/22. Report from representative of Dorset Council

Dorset Council Cllr Sherry Jespersen reported the following:

- Dorset Council Councillors have been undertaking training and inductions for their new roles.
- If anyone has any concerns or issues relating to services provided by Dorset Council, the first call for contact would be the *DorsetForYou* website, where these matters can be reported and acknowledged. Dorset Council has issued Dorset Council News magazine for local residents, there will be a further two editions, then a survey will be completed to see if the magazine is necessary (this is funded by advertising, not tax payers money)
- Durweston Bridge works are progressing as scheduled.
- Dorset Council has been given funds from Central Government for roads, which will be used to supply premium surface dressing for roads that are in a very poor state. Members of the Council asked Cllr Jespersen to request that the road through Bryanston is resurfaced as it is in a poor condition and is continually needing pot holes filled.
- Announced that she is the Chairman for Planning in the Dorset Area. There are three planning areas, Northern, South & West and Eastern. The Planning Committee meetings for this area take place at Sturminster Newton. The Local Plan and Neighbourhood plans are still in place with the new Dorset Council until a new Local Plan is completed in the next four years.
- A six week public consultation on a new Statement of Community Involvement began on the 21st June to 2nd August, the draft document can be viewed online at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-policy-news>
- Dorset Council have announced a climate change emergency, which means they are looking at ways to improve planning regulations on new homes, re-cycling and open spaces.
- Central Government has given Dorset Council permission to review their assets and if assets are sold, they can be used towards the cost of redundancies that occurred from the merger of the District Councils to the Unitary Council. This will hopefully not include local hubs, like the one in Blandford.

At this point the Chairman moved to agenda item 8 – Bryanston RFE report

Claire McClellan gave the following report:

- The skip has been removed from no 7 Bryanston and an instruction to remove the rubbish bag outside this property has actioned.
- There is no further update on the proposed development at Lower Bryanston Farm. Cllr Gale requested assurances that they are following the requirement for mitigation purposes and have contacted the relevant authorities regarding the bats. Ms McClellan confirmed that they are following whatever procedures and requirements that are necessary.
- An outline planning application is being looked at for Normandy Farm.
- Concerns were raised over Farmers not keeping footpaths clear when planting their crops. Ms McClellan confirmed that she would raise this with the Farmers.
- A question was raised about whether the farm lane leading on from Walnut Avenue could be used by residents of the village for walks, as it is not a public footpath. A previous tenant farmer allowed local people to use it. Ms McClellan confirmed that the present tenant does not allow people to walk along the path, but when the new tenant is in place a request can be put forward.

19/23. Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan is now at the examination stage.

19/24. To agree new officer's roles.

This agenda item will be referred to September's meeting, to allow the new Councillor to settle in.

19/25. Officers reports: All reports were either circulated or reported at the meeting.

- **Bryanston School** – nothing further to report.
- **Highways** – The Chairman expressed concerns that when Dorset Council cut their verges along The Cliff, the heavy-duty machine (Grillo) being used is damaging the ground and the large roll cage is hitting the branches of the hawthorn trees. The Council believe this machinery is not suitable for these small urban areas.
- **Village Website/IT** – the Chairman has been given more access to the website to insert more information. It was reported that there has been an issue with Wessex Internet's coverage in the village. It was noted that Wessex Internet has been working outside the Club, which hopefully resolve the problem. If anyone in the village continues to have issues with Wessex Internet supply, please contact the Parish Council so it can be monitored.
- **Trees** – nothing to report.
- **New Road Parking area and Benches** – Nothing to report.
- **Environment Team** – The Chairman reported that the Hawthorns need to be trimmed. The Chairman volunteered to do this. The Chairman confirmed that Langers, the Council's contractors, will be cutting the verges, poorly managed by Dorset Council, for the remainder of the year.
- **Planning** – the following applications were discussed:
 - 2/2019/0757/FUL and 2/2019/0756/MODPO – Annexe, 52 New Road, Lower Bryanston** – erect 1 dwelling and discharge on planning obligations. The Parish Council object to these applications on the following grounds: Congestion to junction at Fairmile/New Road. No off-road parking and restricted parking on the road in the adjacent are. The access area to the annex runs behind the garden of No. 51 with steps leading to a grass bank approximately 1 meter above road level, making emergency services access and deliveries difficult. The proposal to put in 5/6 steps directly onto Fairmile Road would be perilous as there is no designated pathway/pavement. There would be no readily available access for waste disposal bins. The proposed access route to the 'Granny Annex' could be quite precarious with adjacent Birdwood Cottage to one side and a 183cm fence to the other. It is difficult to see how two access routes/gates can be formed with the width of the current access along the back of No. 51.
Creating access would mean the part demolition of an historic flint wall.
 - 2/2019/0874/FUL** – Bryanston School – Beechwood House – two-storey extension. The Parish Council have no objections.
 - 2/2019/0816** – Bryanston School – Erect dug out– The Parish Council have no objections.
- **DAPTC** – it was agreed the Parish Council will put forward a proposal to the DAPTC AGM that all Town and Parish Councillors are with a **gov.uk** email address. **Action - Chairman**
- **Footpaths** – Cllr Conlon confirmed that the electric fence reported across a stile has been reported to Bryanston School. Cllr Nolan raised the matter of the waste ground behind some of the bungalows in Forum View. The area has become very overgrown. The Parish Council has looked into this matter before but has not resolved the question who owns the land. Further investigation will have to be done. A sign saying Dorset Walk has been painted over. It was agreed for the Clerk to find out if this is a public footpath or what *Dorset Walk* relates to. **Action - Clerk**
- **Bryanston RFE** – nothing further to report.
- **A350 group** – Cllr Edwards reported the following: A350 group held a meeting on the 27th June. The main item which needs to be looked at is for each village to monitor and report on the progress of each major development and look at how the infrastructure can be improved and liaise with the A350 CG Ops committee to see how best to improve the situation through contact with local County Councillors and Council officers/director.

19/26. Finance

The Chairman asked if the Council would agree for the annual peppercorn rent for the Phone Box to be paid by direct debit. This was agreed by all members. **Action – Clerk**

The Clerk had circulated the amended Financial Regulations to all members. After discussions it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Church that the amended Financial Regulations be agreed, this was agreed by all members.

RESOLVED: to agree the amended Financial Regulations (19/26 – no budgetary requirements needed)

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for May and June for the sum of £754.05. This was proposed by Cllr Church and seconded by Cllr Gale, all agreed, and the Chairman duly signed the payment schedule.

01/06/2019	Cllr Tompsett phone box	£22.99
s/o	N Phillips S/O wages June	£ 294.50
01/07/2019	N Phillips expenses	£75.60
01/07/2019	Langers & Son grass cut	£95.00
01/07/2019	Savills phone box rent	£1.00
01/07/2019	Community First insurance	£185.96
01/07/2019	Dorset Council dog sign	£4.00
01/07/2019	Langers & Son grass cut	£75.00

RESOVLED: to pay the invoices listed on the payment schedule (19/26a – finance)

The Chairman confirmed that there have not been any grant applications received for 2018-10. There will be a new structure for awarding grants a-for 2019-20, which will hopefully encourage local organisations to come forward.

19/27. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave the following report:

It was very sad to see the recent serious damage to the newly refurbished bench in New Road, after all the hard work that had been put in to restore it - following similar damage last autumn. However, the council is very grateful for the quick thinking and reporting of the damage by villagers which meant the Dorset Council contractor, who was responsible, was able to be quickly traced.

Likewise, other residents have been reporting the damage to the grade 2-listed wall in New Road (near the damaged bench) which appears to be being used as a short cut to a property/properties in Forum View.

This is being followed up.

The phone box book exchange is doing well with a good turnover of books. It would be nice to see more children's books too.

Pleasingly, the Bryanston Village Community Facebook page is slowly building up its membership base and is being used to exchange useful information. Please continue to encourage friends and neighbours to join in.

Finally, congratulations to the Bryanston Newsletter team who put on yet another brilliant 'Tea on the Lawn' event on 16th June. This event has now become an important date in the calendar for the village and surrounding area, with more and more new faces each year, drawn in by the delicious homemade cakes and beautiful traditional setting. Apart from being an important community event, the money raised funds the publication of the popular village newsletter, for the year.

19/28. Clerk report – all correspondence has been circulated and actioned as required.

19/29. Items for the next agenda and date of next meeting.
Bench at new Road

At this point the Clerk and Member of the Public were asked to leave to enable the Council to discuss the Clerks salary scales.

The Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to increase her wage scale from the new scale 23 to the new scale 27. This has been reviewed due to the Clerk passing her CiCLA Course and becoming a Qualified Clerk.

RESOLVED: to award the Clerk a pay scale increase from 23 to 27 as listed on the NALC guidance for Clerks awards, which will be back dated to April 2019. (2019 pay scale – wages)

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th September 2019 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 20.45pm.