

Bryanston Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council 11th November 2020 Via Zoom.

Councillors: Cllr C Gale – Vice Chairman, Cllr B Church, Cllr F Stocks, Cllr M Edwards, Cllr R Nolan and Cllr C Moxham.

In attendance: Nicola Phillips – Clerk and 1 member of the public – Dorset Councillor S Jespersen

20/36 - Democratic Period:

Mr Carl Conlon thanked Dorset Council for their prompt service in repairing the potholes that Mr Conlon had reported in the village. Mr Conlon asked if the Parish Council has an update on when the road resurfacing will be taking place. The Clerk confirmed that Dorset Council have not given the Parish Council a start date but would anticipate that it will not be until the spring 2021.

20/37. To receive and accept apologies of absence, declarations of interest and dispensations.

Cllr C Tompsett -Chairman sent her apologies.

Cllr C Moxham declared a personal interest under agenda item 6 – planning.

20/38. To agree the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings dated the 9th September 2020

Cllr Stocks proposed that the minutes were true and accurate. This was seconded by Cllr Edwards, all members agreed. The minutes were duly signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Chairman.

RESOLVED: To agree the minutes date the 9th September 2020 (20/38 no budgetary requirements)

20/39. Matters arising from the meeting dated the 9th September 2020 and new matters

To consider budget for 2021-2022. The Clerk had circulated a proposed budget for the precept 2021-2022. After debate it was proposed by Cllr Stocks to increase the budget/precept by 1% from £8268.00 to £8349.00 which will be an increase of £82.67= approximately .52p a year per household, this was seconded by Cllr Edwards, all members in favour.

RESOLVED: to increase the budget/precept by 1% to £8349.00 for 2021-2022 (20/39 – budget)

Update on website and emails. The website is now up and running, the link is <http://www.bryanston-pc.gov.uk>.

The Councillors have all been given new email addresses for Parish Council business.

To update on 106 contributions for Bryanston Club – Mr Hugh De longh confirmed he is still in discussions with the developer about the Sect 106 funding, which is not yet fully resolved.

Update for multi waste bins for the village: The Clerk will request that the bin at the entrance to the village is moved more toward the footpath. The Clerk will request a third bin to be place at Walnut Avenue. **Action - Clerk**

20/40. Report from representatives of Dorset Council.

Cllr S Jespersen had circulated the following report.

Lockdown II - The number of Covid cases in the SW remains low, though rising. National reports made clear that though our numbers are low, the NHS in the SW was among the most vulnerable to being overwhelmed. Now that there is more widespread testing there are cases of COVID in many of the villages within the ward so we must all take the greatest care of each other. Dorset Council and Public Health Dorset were not taken by surprise by second wave and have spent the summer learning from the first lockdown and getting prepared. Most council services will remain available during this lockdown, albeit in a slightly different form.

Support for vulnerable residents - Residents who are clinically extremely vulnerable (formerly referred to as shielding) will be contacted by Dorset Council over the next few days. An email has already gone to 7800 residents and a further 7400 letters will be posted. This will give updated advice and guidance for Lockdown II and comprehensive contact details for every type of help and support.

Residents who have been told they must self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace are to receive welfare checks from Dorset Council and partners in the community. Calls will be made soon after residents have been told they need to self-isolate, to make sure people have support in place so they can self-isolate safely.

Residents' individual support needs will be assessed and if a resident is vulnerable or does not have someone who can help to access food and/or prescriptions, they can be assigned a volunteer to help them. Rereferrals can also be made to access priority supermarket delivery slots and, for people on low income, advice will be given about accessing the new Test and Trace support payment. Details on:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/emergencies-severe-weather/emergencies/coronavirus/test-and-trace-support-payment/nhs-test-and-trace-support-payment.aspx>

If you are aware of a resident already isolating at home because of Covid-19 who needs assistance there are several ways of contacting Dorset Council, details below.

Digitally, using online form – link <https://preview-dorset.cloud.contensis.com/emergencies-severe-weather/emergencies/coronavirus/community-response/i-need-help-or-i-know-someone-who-needs-help-coronavirus-information.aspx>. Call the helpline on 01305 22100 between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday Find support in the local area through the Help and Kindness website <https://www.helpandkindness.co.uk/>

Libraries and TIC - In line with Government regulations, Dorset Council's libraries and Tourist Information Centres (TICs) across the county have now closed until Wednesday 2 December.

However, many services will still be provided during the lockdown period, including the Order & Collect book service which allow all library members to order up to 10 items per library card.

Customers can continue to access online resources and virtual activities and events

- All 23 libraries will continue with the Order & Collect Service (non-contact collection service for pre-selected books). People can order online or by calling 01305 228400
- We will continue with the Home Library Service (non-contact doorstep drops) to people who are housebound – this will be provided by volunteers and Council employees
- There is no public access to library buildings for browsing or public computer use
- Items can be returned to the libraries via the letterboxes outside each building.

Household Recycling Centres - All 10 of Dorset Council's Household Recycling Centres (HRCs, or "the tip") will remain open from 10am to 4pm, daily during the latest lockdown period, but restrictions will apply on site.

Government guidance puts strong restrictions on travel for non-essential journeys. Therefore, householders should only take waste to a HRC if it cannot be stored safely at home and no alternative disposal options are available.

Visitors should expect queues due to social distancing measures limiting the number of people on site at any one time and the reduction in available parking bays.

Re-use areas will be closed to reduce contact with items and encourage visitors to leave quickly after waste has been dropped off. All usual waste types will continue to be accepted, including garden waste. Site staff will be unable to assist with carrying items. While face-coverings are not mandatory, visitors should always comply with social distancing guidance on-site, washing their hands both before and after they visit.

To help reduce the need to travel to HRCs, householders should continue to maximise the use of their kerbside waste and recycling collection services. You can always put out additional recycling, glass and food waste at the kerbside provided it is separated properly and placed in sturdy containers that can be easily and comfortably lifted by one person.

Housing- The revised Dorset Council wide Housing Allocations Policy has been agreed by Cabinet. This is the scheme which regulates allocation of social housing across Dorset – previously managed by the District Councils. The revised policy has been subject to extensive consultation and national benchmarking. It will not, of course, solve the shortage of social housing, but it will ensure that allocation is managed fairly and according to need.

Cabinet also agreed the Private Sector Housing Assistance policy which sets out how the council can help improve private sector rental homes in a variety of ways, including grants and loans.

And the Housing Standards Enforcement Policy which gives guidance for enforcement standards for private rental to ensure minimum standards are met.

Children, Young People and Families Plan - A new plan has been launched to make Dorset the best place to grow-up.

The new Children, Young People and Families Plan 2020-23 has been drawn-up by the Dorset Strategic Alliance for Children and Young People.

The alliance, which includes schools, the NHS, local councils, the police, and voluntary organisations, listened to the views of children and young people before creating it. The plan, which was launched at the Full Council meeting (15/10) will improve opportunities and services for children, young people, and their families.

The plan has six priorities, which are:

- Best Start in Life – We want Dorset children to have the best start in life
- Young and Thriving – We want Dorset children to become happy, successful adults
- Good Care Provision – We want Dorset children to be safe and properly cared for
- Best Education for All – We want Dorset children to have a great education and enjoy school
- Best Place to Live – We want to make Dorset the best place to live and grow-up (this priority was created in response to feedback from children and young people)
- Delivering Locally – We want to serve Dorset children, young people, and families as best we can

The plan is available online here <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/childrens-plan/childrens-plan.aspx> alongside an Easy Read version and DC are also sending a children's version to young people who contributed ideas.

Boosting broadband in rural areas - Dorset Council is appealing to parish councils to help spread the word that help is available to boost broadband in rural areas. Dorset Council has topped up the government's gigabit rural voucher scheme to enable even more communities to receive faster broadband. If a household or business receives broadband speeds of less than 100 Mbs (megabits per second) and they are in a rural postcode (as defined by the Office for National Statistics) they are eligible for a voucher. With the Dorset Council top-up, vouchers could be worth

up to £2,500 per residential household and £6,000 for businesses. For a scheme to be established, it requires sufficient households and businesses in a parish to apply for vouchers.

Throughout the remainder of this year Dorset Council will be making direct contact with parishes identified as being most in need and suited to a community fibre scheme to encourage them to apply.

Dorset Council would like to hear from communities who might benefit from a scheme and from individuals who have an interest in digital, technology and telecommunications to act as voucher ambassadors in their communities.

Please email Rachel.baker@dorsetcc.gov.uk.

Digital Champions – Staying Connected - Still on a digital theme, a team of volunteers is on hand to help Dorset residents stay connected during lockdown. Dorset Council's Digital Champions, who used to hold regular surgeries in libraries, have continued offering their expertise throughout the Coronavirus crisis via the Digital Hotline. Now, with another lockdown underway and winter just around the corner, the Digital Champions are again urging people to contact them if they need help getting online. Anyone can call the Dorset Digital Hotline with a digital question on 01305 221048 weekdays from 10am to 12noon. When calling outside those times people can leave a message and a Digital Champion will get back to them.

Dorset Council car parking is going to be reviewed throughout Dorset.

A large planning application has been submitted for Pimperne area, which the Parish Council may like to look at.

Keeping in Touch - As always, there is a mass of useful information on the Dorset Council website. Council meetings, now all virtual, are live streamed and recorded for the public to view and agendas and the Cabinet Forward Plan are published in accordance with the regulations. And I am always available to offer any further help and advice, on cldrsherry.jespersen@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

Cllr Jespersen also drew attention to her acute disappointment at the proposal for the new Dorset parking charges which she is pursuing with Dorset CC.

20/41. Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan report.

Cllr Church reported that Wyatt Homes. One hundred and forty people responded to their Consultation, with the majority citing their main areas of interest/concern were the school, health facility and affordable housing.

57% thought the design was appropriate for Blandford

58% broadly supported the proposal, 28% did not and 14% were unsure.

Wyatt were very encouraged by the level of support. All details of their Planning Application are on Dorset Council's website.

The Blandford+ team are sending a letter to Dave Walsh, planning at Dorset Council, asking what the delay is regarding the proposed Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan.

20/42. Officers reports: All reports were either circulated or reported at the meeting.

Bryanston School – nothing to report.

Highways – Cllr Gale reported that the path and road from the gates of Bryanston School to New Road needs to be cleared of fallen leaves. The Clerk will report this to Dorset Council. The Clerk will also ask Dorset Council for the road cleaner to come to the village.

Action – Clerk

Village Website/IT – reported under matters arising.

Trees – nothing to report.

New Road parking area & benches, and Blandford Parking Consultation – The replacement bench along New Road has now been put in place. Cllr Stocks will keep an eye on the area and make sure the grass does not grow over the bench.

Environment Team – Cllr Gale highlighted a programme aired called the Bat Cave by BBC, which was filmed in Bryanston. This can be seen on BBC catch up.

Cllr Nolan reported that Phone box continues to be well used and will require a spring clean in the spring, it has become very damp and spider occupied.

Planning – Cllr Stocks had circulated an up to date report on previous planning applications. The following application was discussed:

2/2020/1295/HOUSE – 60 New Road – No objections, subject to the LPA imposing a planning condition on any planning permission requiring that: The garage and store / workshop shall only be used for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling/house, and for no other purpose without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority. Reason: To safeguard the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

DAPTC – Cllr Church will be attending the DAPTC AGM on the 14th November 2020.

Footpaths – • Cllr Nolan has replaced directional badges on the footpath posts. Cllr Nolan does not have any stour valley walk badges, the Clerk will ask the Rangers for these. Some parts are very muddy mainly in the fields in the fields where the horses are. After further discussions, it was agreed for the Clerk to contact the Rangers to come and do a survey of the footpaths as there are two maps showing two different ways through Bryanston School land.

Action - Clerk

Bryanston Estate – nothing to report.

A350 group – nothing to report.

Bryanston Club – Cllr Moxham reported the following:

It was a busy couple of months for our community hub during September and October, with the village residents getting more involved with tasks and events like Club gardening & village bulb planting, Macmillan coffee event, quiz and the children's recent Halloween party. The members list is still growing. The recent meeting with Hugh regarding Sect 106 funding proved positive and has prompted more research.

Had recently collaborated with the church, to involve Bryanston by hosting after service refreshments. Lockdown has put a stop to the first meeting for Remembrance Sunday.

The Club has been approached to hold a book signing event for Lord Portman.

The Club is still waiting for permission from Bryanston Estate to flatten the beer garden and put it to grass to make a better beer garden.

20/43. Finance

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for September and October 2020, is for the sum of £2668.62. This was proposed by Cllr Gale and seconded by Cllr Church all agreed, and the Clerk signed the payment schedule on behalf of the Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED: to pay the invoices listed on the payment schedule (20/43– finance)

Community First	PC insurance 3 year	£	176.66
N Phillips	Clerk wages Sep	£	352.30
DAPTC	annual Sub	£	129.90
N Phillips	Clerk exp Sep and Oct	£	45.00
N Phillips	Wages Oct	£	352.30
Normtec	Damaged bench repaired	£	748.46
Vision ICT	Website	£	390.00
Vision ICT	Operation Londin Bridge	£	42.00
Langers & Sons	grass cutting Aug	£	144.00
Langers & Sons	Grass cutting Sep	£	144.00
Langers & Sons	Grass cutting Oct	£	144.00
Total		£	2,668.62

20/44. Chairman's Report

The Vice Chairman stated how much the Parish Council appreciate everything that the Chairman does and to send their condolences to her and her family.

The Vice Chairman reported that the Chairman did go and lay the memorial wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

20/45. Clerk report – all correspondence has been circulated and actioned as required.

An email was received from St Nicholas Church – Durweston, stating the following:

Due to the pressure on burial spaces within the St Nicholas churchyard, they give notice that from the 1st January 2021 it is intended to start to re-use part of the older section of the churchyard for burials. This space is on the North side of the Church. If anyone wishes to comment on this, please contact the church wardens, Mrs Lesley Bryning 01258 450102 or Mr Michael Joseph 01258 488545.

20/46. Items for the next agenda and date of next meeting:

Sign about trees in Conservation Area

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19.32pm.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday the 13th January 2020 at 6.30pm.**

This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

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

bryanston@dorset-aptc.gov.uk