

Bryanston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

7th July 2016

Bryanston Club

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

In attendance: Nicola Phillips – Clerk; there were 3 members of the public present.

Democratic Period: The following concerns were raised:

The leaning tree, seems to be leaning more towards the road. Cllr C Tompsett will chase this matter up with Bryanston RFE Ltd.

16/11. Apologies for absence, Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

Cllr Stayt sent his apologies.

16/12. To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 11th May 2016.

It was proposed by Cllr C Conlon and seconded by Cllr R Nolan that the minutes were a true and accurate record and to be duly signed by the Chairman. All agreed.

16/13. Matter arising from the meeting dated 11th May 2016 and new matters.

To consider Village Website - Cllr Smurthwaite reported the following: The demonstration website is currently online at <http://bryanston.vdtapp.com/> and under continual improvement.

Some example content has been provided by Cllr C Tompsett on behalf of the Village History Group, which has started to be added as an example of the types of pages that can be created. ~~Anyone else~~ **with material ready to publish** should send this to Cllr Smurthwaite.

Councillor Smurthwaite also reported the website will have:

Secure editing by multiple contributors – When completed, interested parties from the village will be given their own passwords allowing them to modify their own specific parts of the site.

Better looking content pages – When adding the history group content, it became clear that some additional work is needed to allow creators of new pages to add more formatting to them.

Attachment of photos to news articles – Currently news articles only contain text, the ability to add an image to a news article will make them much more appealing to readers.

A number of domain name options have been discussed. Once decided the website will be “live”, meaning the website address can be distributed to others in the village, both to receive feedback, and receive interest from potential contributors.

Cllr Smurthwaite proposed that the website domain name should be bryanstonvillage.com. This was seconded and all agreed.

RESOLVED: to have bryanstonvillage.com as the village domain name for the website. (16/13 – subscriptions)

The annual cost for the website will be around £60.00 per year.

To consider The Cliff ‘island’ land maintenance

Cllr C Tompsett reported that the Parish Council has received an email from Bryanston School regarding the Island maintenance. It was confirmed that the School is responsible for the maintenance of the Island. The School has suggested, for discussion only:

1. A system of the School clearing the low level growth twice a year with the Parish Council carrying out any additional maintenance on the land as required.

2. Bryanston School might sell the land to the Parish Council for a nominal sum, leaving the Council with total control over how the land is used and maintained in the future. As part of a sale agreement, the School could provide labour to help form the area into, for example, a seating area/village green and, subject to agreement from NDDC, the trees could be thinned and a grassed area formed for the benefit of the villagers. It was agreed by the Council to explore option 2 and consider it further once a firm proposal has been received. The Chairman will reply to the School on behalf of the Council.

ACTION-CHAIRMAN

To consider The Forum View bungalows 'small island' land maintenance – this item will be deferred until the meeting in September.

To discuss the upkeep of the two benches on New Road. After debate it was agreed, in the short term, to repair the benches. Longer term, they will need replacement. It was also agreed to obtain quotes for new benches and for renovating the existing benches. **ACTION – CLERK & CHAIRMAN**

To update on B+ Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to North Dorset District Council. Further details of the progress of the application will be given once received.

To update on dog bins in the village. The Clerk reported that Dorset County Council will be completing a full survey of the village for dog/litter bins and report back.

To discuss children playing signs. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to Dorset County Council to find out why the new signs have not yet been put up. **ACTION-CLERK**

To receive phone box update. The Clerk confirmed that BT has this on their repair schedule.

To update on the parking situation at the bottom of Dorchester Hill and discuss maintenance of the triangle.

Cllr Gale reported the following for Dorchester Hill parking triangle:

Blandford St Mary Parish Council is unlikely to spend any more money on this but Cllr Malcolm Albery is contacting DDC to see if they will take responsibility. On inspection there is only a small patch of knotweed and we should be able to clear a considerable area without risk. It was reported that DCC Community Liaison officer has confirmed that Highways will deal with the knotweed.

To consider a noticeboard for Lower Bryanston, bottom New Road. After debate it was agreed for the Clerk to contact Dorset County Council asking for permission to place a noticeboard on their land. **ACTION-CLERK**

16/14. Reports from representatives of NDDC & report from Police

NDDC Cllr Stayt had sent a report stating that he is busy with his civic duties on behalf of the town and most of his time has spent on a series of consultative meetings relating to the Tri-Council partnership and progressing outstanding planning applications. He understands that the applications for Lower Bryanston Hill, Lidl and Hall & Woodhouse will come before the Development Committee this month.

16/15. The Neighbourhood Plan report:

Cllr G Tompsett tabled the following report:

- Following the Public Consultations with Bryanston residents, Policy 7 about the development of 10 dwellings in the village, by Bryanston RFE Ltd, was removed from the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan.

- The Submission Plan was approved by all three Councils on 6th June and has now been submitted to NDDC to take forward to examination.

- A leaflet was delivered to all households in Bryanston Parish to confirm the B+ Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to North Dorset District Council and to explain the next steps.

Cllr C Tompsett reported that NDDC have produced a consultation regarding Community Infrastructure Levy schedule. Cllr C Tompsett read out the questionnaire form, which will be completed and sent to NDDC. It was agreed for the Clerk to send the agreed responses to NDDC. **ACTION-CLERK**

16/16. Officers reports:

Cllr T Tompsett - Planning Officer:

- No decision on Dorchester Hill Development or on the Solar Farm at Down House.

- Bryanston School application for planning permission to replace part of the existing sports hall with an extension to improve their facilities. (0239) has been approved also by NDDC and work has started.

- A second application for the demolition and rebuild of 56 New Road has been received (0504). BPC has further objection to this plan – the fabric and roof – and this has been submitted. The new plan in response to the BPC suggestions has been approved by both the BPC and NDDC. Demolition will start soon.

- An application for a single storey extension to 44 The Cliff has unanimously approval of councillors and approval has been sent to NDDC. We await their decision.

- Investigation to extensive building work at Birdswood Cottage Lower Bryanston. Dev Control aware of the extensive building work. There is no control over the repositioning of ground floor windows. Only style and finish and opaque first floor. A dispute over fencing is a private matter.

Cllr B Church - DT11 and transport officer reported: DT11 Form Community Partnership

- The Well and Connected event, organised with BTC, on the 1st and 2nd July was a success. Most

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exhibitors are keen for it to continue as an annual event.

Transport Action Group (TAG)

- Another million pounds have to be saved from the DCC transport budget.
- There is now a Community Transport Toolkit in place to assist in the use and setting up of community transport

Cllr C Tompsett – Tree officer and RFE report.

- Planning application (ref:2/2016/0657/CATREE) at Home Farm, Walnut Avenue to crown raise three yew trees, including the reduction of branches around power lines. No objection from BPC. Planning permission granted.
- Dead tree on the roadside of the Cliff, between the corner of the hill to the Club and Little Monington - reported to the Bursar on 14th June as it poses a safety risk. Bursar will investigate.
- No update from Bryanston Estates about any further tree works planned for their land.

Cllr T Tompsett - Environment Team:

- All BPC contracted areas have had at least one cut. First invoice submitted.
- Complaint received concerning the overhanging trees at 36 The Cliff. Letter required from Clerk. All agreed. **ACTION-CLERK**
- Overgrown hedge 1 Ashwood Row cut back as requested.
- The weeds along the road/verges in the village need spraying. It was agreed to contact Graham Stanley at DCC to request that Highway do the work. **ACTION-CLERK**
- The road sweeper has been around the Village, it was reported that this service no longer a regular service. The Parish Council will contact Darren Johnson at Dorset Waste Partnership to request road-sweeping when required.
- Cllr C Tompsett will be organising a working party to clean the road signs in the village.
- It was reported that people are still FLY TIPPING - PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS IS AGAINST THE LAW AND YOU WILL BE PROSECUTED.
- The Chairman asked for the Council to consider maintaining the edge of the Island. It was agreed to obtain a quote from Mr J Baker to add to his grass-cutting schedule. **ACTION-CLERK**

Cllr Conlon- Bryanston School Liaison

- Recent contact with the School has been about the maintenance of the Island and cutting back the vegetation by the wall at the bottom of Dorchester Hill. The former was done to a degree by the School and Highways, and the latter was also done by the School.
- Correspondence received from the Bursar reminded everyone of the rights of way through the School, *“the public footpaths and rights of access through Bryanston land. There is one vehicular route from Bryanston village via the school to Durweston and there is a public footpath to the North and West of the site again from the village via the perimeter to Durweston. All other routes are over private land, which is signed as such. We maintain those routes we own and will continue to do so. All other paths and roads that run through the school are private, including the route you refer to as tappers cut, the paths by the river and the main drive to Blandford.”*

Cllr Smurthwaite - Information Technology

- An email was sent to both Wessex Internet and Bryanston RFE expressing Bryanston Parish Council's interest in their project and requesting a meeting with the hope of agreeing a plan that can benefit all parties. James Gibson Fleming from Wessex Internet replied, indicating that he was leading this project from their side. He stated that the project was progressing, that he would be carrying out a survey (with respect to working out how best connectivity could be brought into the village), and offered to meet the Parish Council us at this stage. He stated that he had discussed the matter with Bryanston RFE, however Bryanston RFE has not yet commented. Further meetings with James from Wessex Internet, we will be able to continue to make progress with this.
- The Chairman will write to Bryanston Estates, now, asking for a meeting between all three parties. **ACTION-CHAIRMAN**

Cllr B Church & Cllr C Conlon – Welcome Pack

- The details of the Welcome Pack had been circulated and a few additional organisations added. All members agreed with the proposed Welcome Pack.

16/17. Finance.

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The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for May and June 2016 for the sum of £744.24. This was agreed by all members.

16/18. Chairman's report.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Bryanston Village Residents Association for their very successful Tea on the Lawn event in June, which this year marked the 90th Birthday of the Queen. The event was very well attended and it was good to see so many villagers chatting together whilst enjoying the delicious tea and cakes.

It has been very refreshing to have direct contact with DCC Highways via the Highways Community Liaison Officer, Paul Starkey. To be able to speak to someone who not only listens, but puts things into action is making a huge difference to the maintenance of the roads and verges in our Parish. I have completed the DCC Highways Satisfaction Survey online to reflect the improved service.

In May, I attended the DAPTC Chairmanship training given by Tony Gibb. One point that kept recurring is to resolve to accept electronic communication, including in the Standing Orders. As the Council does not meet monthly, some decisions need to be made between meetings, e.g. to comment on Planning Applications.

Thanks again to everyone for all your input since the last meeting.

16/19. Clerk's Report – Correspondence - Matters of interest

All correspondence had been circulated.

The Clerk had circulated the updated Standing Orders for the Parish Council to include the following:

• **Due to the Parish Council only meeting every other month**, *formal emails can be sent to all Councillors, as long as all Councillors reply to the Clerk. The Clerk responds as the 'proper officer' to all members, with majority vote accepted. Any decisions can then be added to the next Agenda as an update for the public. This was proposed, seconded and all agreed to add this policy to the standing orders.*

RESOLVED: to add the above policy to the Parish Councils standing orders. (2016/19 – no budgetary requirements)

- The Bring Bank at Langton Car Park will be removed, leaving all recycling to kerbside collections or the Household Recycling Centre in our area.
- A letter has been send to all residents at the Mews giving them information of who to contact regarding their concerns over the street lights.
- Dorset County Council Waste Partnership has given the Council a full contact list. If any residents have any questions that cannot be answered by using the **Dorsetforyou** website, please contact the Parish Council and they will forward your concerns on to the relevant persons.

16.20. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting.

To consider The Forum View bungalows 'small island' land maintenance

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 14th September 2016 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 20.15 pm.

Chairman..... Date