

Bryanston Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 14th September 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; 4 members of the public; Miss Rawdon-Mogg - Associate Director Bryanston (RFE) Ltd.

Democratic Period: The Chairman introduced Miss Rawdon-Mogg.

The following questions were raised for Miss Rawdon-Mogg:

What is happening regarding the proposed development site at lower Bryanston Farm land?

Bryanston (RFE) Ltd confirmed that it is early days and this proposal is being looked at. Once plans and more information are available, there will be at least one public meeting to discuss and listen to concerns of local residents.

Cllr Gale raised the matter of the Persimmon Home development at the bottom of Dorchester Hill being approved by North Dorset District Council, even though there had been 179 objections to the application and the major issue of bat protection in the area. Cllr Gale confirmed that he will be obtaining advice on how to forward a “letter of complaint” to the EU Environment Commission in an attempt to change the current SSSI status of the Bat colony to an SAC. He stated that the current legislation and the Public Inspector’s requirement had been ignored by NDDC.

A question was raised about the state of the overgrowth of brambles around the water reservoir.

Bryanston (RFE) Ltd confirmed that this area will be cut back around November time, once the growth slows down. Undergrowth around the so-called recreation field may also be trimmed.

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16/21. Apologies for absence, Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

Cllr Stayt sent his apologies.

16/22. To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 7th July 2016.

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

16/23. Matters arising from the meeting dated 7th July 2016 and new matters.

To report the leaning tree – Bryanston (RFE) Ltd confirmed that there have now been two reports done on the leaning tree. As it stands at the moment, the tree is not moving and is stable. The tree will be monitored on a six-monthly basis.

To consider The Cliff ‘island’ land maintenance - this matter will be deferred to the meeting in November because Bryanston School have only just returned from School holidays and will be discussing this matter later in the month.

To consider The Forum View bungalows ‘small island’ land maintenance – this item will be deferred to the meeting in November.

To update on dog bins in the village - the Clerk reported that Dorset County Council will complete a full survey of the village for dog/litter bins and report back. The Clerk will chase this matter up, as to date; the Parish Council have not received the report. **Action - Clerk**

To receive phone box update - the Clerk confirmed that BT has this on their repair schedule. This matter has been chased up. **Action - Clerk**

To update on maintenance of the triangle at the bottom of Dorchester Hill - the Chairman reported that she has received confirmation that the knotweed has been given two treatments by the DCC Highways Team. This can now be cut back, but must not be removed from the site. Cllr Gale offered to organise a working party to cut back the overgrown hedge but the large amount of vegetation present will require either the hire of a small skip or bumpy bags, which the Parish Council have already agreed to finance. The knotweed will either need to be left to rot or, preferably, burnt on site. **Action – Cllr Gale**

To consider Parish Council precept increase and maintenance agreement for the village: the Chairman reported that Dorset County Council Highways Department have produced a leaflet explaining the possibilities of moving services provided by them, to Parish and Town Councils. It is clear that in the future it is possible the Parish Council will be required to fund verge cutting, footpath clearing and sign cleaning. It was agreed the Environmental Team will look at what services are provided by Dorset County Council at the moment and to look at the potential cost to take the work over. The Clerk will produce a proposed budget for 2017/18 at the meeting in November, where these services will be taken into consideration.

Clerk

Action – Environment Team and

16/24. Reports from representatives of NDDC & report from Police

There were no reports received from either NDDC or the Police.

The Chairman reported that there is at the moment a consultation about the proposed unitary Council.

This consultation can be found on the [DorsetForYou](#) website.

16/25. The Neighbourhood Plan report:

Cllr C Tompsett had circulated the following report:

The Neighbourhood Plan is currently out for public consultation by NDDC until 30th September, as part of their process to take the Plan to public examination. **Everyone is urged to have their say – for or against.** Forms for comment are available at: <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/article/423350/Blandford-Neighbourhood-Plan-2015-2031>. The independent Examiner will possibly be assessing the Plan as early as October or November. The final public referendum could be held early next year, depending on when the Local Planning Authority meets to decide on the Plan.

16/26. Officers reports:

Cllr C Smurthwaite – IT Officer had circulated the following report:

- **Broadband** - Wessex Internet have now installed the fibre-optic cable to Bryanston Club and other parts of the village. The Club will have a high speed Internet connection from Wednesday 14th September, and will also be the first site for a wireless antenna, meaning that nearby properties will be able to order connections almost immediately. Negotiations are in progress for sites for additional antennae. Anyone wanting further information can be obtained from Wessex Internet or wessexinternet.com
- **Website** - The domain name bryanstonvillage.com has now been purchased and the new website is now live at this web address. Some initial content that was sent to Cllr Smurthwaite has been published as an example. A number of new features have been added to the site including publishing documents (such as BPC minutes) and visual styling of content. He is now working on security features which will allow contributors to publish their own content directly. He thanked Bryanston (RFE) Ltd, especially Miss Rawdon-Mogg, for their support in helping to provide the superfast broadband service in the village. Representatives from Wessex Broadband will be available to answer questions at the Village Hog Roast event on Thursday 15th September 2016.

Cllr C Tompsett – Tree officer and RFE had circulated the following report:

- The health of the leaning tree by the grit bin on the Cliff has been checked by arboricultural consultants on behalf of the Bryanston Estate (August 2016). In their opinion the tree does not pose any immediate threat to third parties. However, the tree is in a declining situation and the consultants have recommended the tree is monitored every 6 months. A new planting should be established approx. 5 metres to the west of the existing tree (away from the roadside) to mitigate for the eventual loss of the leaning tree.
- 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. No action by the School as yet.
- Bryanston (RFE) Ltd confirmed that there are plans for tree works to remove fallen trees on their land in Bryanston and to fell a dead tree. She also confirmed that the ongoing 4 year thinning licence in the woods is still being worked on.

Cllr C Gale – Finger post and benches officer had circulated the following report:

- **Fingerposts:** All the new boards are ready except for the one at Broadley Wood. The next stage is to all brackets will be removed, sandblasted and painted, then the poles will be restored in situ and the roundels will be cast. It was proposed that the arm says Winterbourne Stickland only.

This was agreed by all members. It was also agreed by all members that the boards should be round edged, rather than pointed.

- **Benches:** When a decision has been made as to whether to replace or restore, there is a possibility that the carving on the top wood can be redone by a friend. It was agreed for Cllr R Nolan to look into the cost of replacing the benches like for like and for the Clerk to then see if there are any grants that can be applied for to help with the cost. It was also agreed for the Council to contact the School and Bryanston RFE Ltd to see if they could financially support this project.

Action – Clerk & Cllr Nolan

Cllr T Tompsett - Environment Team had circulated the following report:

- Another contract cut has kept the verges in control. Together with cutting by Highways and the Bryanston Estate, the village looks tidy.
- The cover to an unrecorded well behind The Cliff failed revealing a large hole. This has now been safely filled.
- As agreed, following the cut of half the "Island", a further cut by BPC has been completed. Discussions with Bryanston School, who own the land, are ongoing as to further management into the future. Whilst these discussions proceed BPC need to protect the current position. BPC agreed a further cut, as per the previous contract, to manage the area until next Spring.
- In preparation for discussions with Bryanston School we need to consider the residents views on this area. It was agreed that once a report has been obtained by Bryanston School the local residents will be asked their views.
- There is a small patch of Japanese Knotweed at the back of the triangle car park between Old Dorchester Road and Fairmile road. This was reported to Highways who confirmed this to be Knotweed and have treated it. Working party to be organised as per item 16/23.

Cllr B Church - DT11 and transport officer had circulated the following report:

- **DT11 TAG** - Nothing to report, except that an Open Meeting will be arranged for the Autumn to discuss the recent DCC consultation and what impact Community Transport is having.
- **DT11 Community Partnership** - Disappointingly, DCC have decided that, due to current financial cuts, DT11 will probably not be funded from April 2017. Ways are being explored to see if there are any other options, but it seems unlikely. The Steering Group are beginning the process of sorting files, contacting accountants and utilities. On a positive note, two of the three applications for the Tesco Bags of Help funding have been successful and will each receive at least £8000. It was also reported that Blandford Town Council have been approached requesting that they consider financially supporting the DT11 Community Partnership. It was confirmed that due to a very large project, involving the cemetery wall in Blandford, Blandford Town Council are not in a financial position to support this project.

Cllr R Nolan – Foot Path officer had circulated the following report:

- He has walked the Bryanston public pathway. During this walk direction markers were checked and all are still fine.
- "The Hanging" is no worse than it was and it was suggested that it is left and looked at after the autumn / winter then look at a working group to cut it back in the spring.
- Cllr Nolan reported that additional signposting was needed in Broadley Wood. This was supported by Miss Rawdon-Mogg, particularly with a view to safety in a Shoot Area.

Cllr Conlon- Bryanston School Liaison

Nothing to report.

Cllr T Tompsett – Planning officer had circulated the following report:

- 2/2016/0504/FUL – 56 New road – Demolition and complete rebuild has been approved by NDDC.
- 2/2016/1171/FUL – 56 New Road – new application – the Parish Council objected to this application.
- 2/2015/0813/FUL – Land at Dorchester Hill – 65 new houses- this application has been approved by NDDC.
- 2/2016/0555/HOUSEmay – 44 Forum View – this application has been approved.

16/27. Finance.

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for July and August 2016 for the sum of £1637.82. This was agreed by all members.

16/28. Chairman's report – the following had been circulated.

Over recent years, Bryanston Parish Council has been able to freeze its precept. However, it is clear that Dorset County Council are planning to cut services to meet its budget, which will impact on Councils like ours and will inevitably lead to an increase in the precept. Ways must be sought to reduce the level of increase, such as grass cutting and gully clearing, by organising more volunteer groups, employing contractors, or working more closely with neighbouring councils to share costs of services. Working with Blandford St Mary and Blandford Town Councils for the Neighbourhood Plan has already led to better links, understanding of shared needs and ideas. Sharing services with other Councils may well be an excellent way forward for all.

Sadly the Local Planning Authority continues to ignore the need for increased infrastructure in this area. This was illustrated clearly at the Planning Meeting to decide the application for development at Dorchester Hill, where in response to points raised about the shortage of primary school places, it was stated that it was 'not a consideration for this meeting'. It is understood that primary schools in the town are now full, irrespective of any further new housing. Where additional school places will come from is a mystery. This is only one example. The Local Plan Review process, now underway, does not appear to set out any clear planning for infrastructure, or to consider Neighbourhood Plans. Our own Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan is very much concerned about providing the necessary infrastructure, both to address the historical shortfall and for the future planned increases in development. We watch this space!

The NHS Service has a shortfall in funding. There is a review taking place; details can be found on <http://www.dorsetsvision.nhs.uk/update-following-governing-body-meeting/>.

It was reported that October is '**Manage your medicines month**'. Everyone is being asked to check their repeat prescriptions and to make sure only medicines still needed are being ordered. Unwanted and unused medicines are costing our local NHS over £3m a year - money that could be better spent on other healthcare provision. Everyone is urged to check their cupboards and to take any unwanted medicines to Boots Chemist for safe disposal.

Thank you to Bryanston (RFE) Ltd for attending tonight's meeting and her continued support.

Thank you to all members of the Council for their continued hard work.

16/29. Clerk's Report – Correspondence - Matters of interest

All correspondence had been circulated.

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

To consider the maintenance of Forum View bungalows grassed area, and the Island.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th November 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 20.57 pm.

Chairman..... Date

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