



## **BLANDFORD ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at The Brewery Hall in Hall & Woodhouse Visitor Centre, Bournemouth Road, Blandford St Mary.

**Present:** Cllr M Albery Chairman  
Cllr R Whitlock Vice-Chairman  
Cllr Rev Edwards  
Cllr P Hill

**In attendance:** Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk), 7 members of the public.

**Public Consultation.** Concerns were expressed over overgrown tree/hedge opposite Knights Close junction. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the Dorset Rangers to request that this area is cut back and for them to consider a maintenance programme for it. It was reported that the road signs along Dorchester Hill are now covered by overgrown hedges. This will also be reported to Dorset Rangers.

The ongoing issue of speeding traffic along Dorchester Hill and through to the School was raised. A suggestion was put forward for the residents to raise a petition for additional signage for the area and for new lit School Signs. A suggestion was also made for the residents to look into a speed watch programme for the village. The Parish Council agreed to support suggestions for projects to help relieve the speeding in the Village.

### **2017/36 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interest.**

Cllr D Addison – MBE and Cllr J Stayt

### **2017/37 Co-operation for new members.**

The Clerk asked if anyone present to come forward if they are interested in joining the Council. Mr John Dallison stated that he would like to re-join the Council, as before his work commitments abroad resulted in him leaving the Council, Mr Dallison's work commitments have now changed and he is able to give time to the Council. Cllr Albery proposed and Cllr Hill seconded, with all in favour that Mr John Dallison join the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** Mr John Dallison to join the Parish Council (2017/37 – no budgetary requirements).

### **Minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

The minutes were proposed, seconded and agreed that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

### **2017/38 Planning**

There were no items.

The Clerk had circulated an email from the Dorchester Hill developers, who have asked for suggestions for road names on the Development. The Parish Council will forward the following names: Parish Edge and Horse Shoe Close.

### **2017/39 Items agreed to be discussed from last meeting**

**Update on Parish Council Website**– the website is now up and running.

**Update on contract for new rubbish bins** – the contract with Dorset Waste Partnership for now six bins, which has been agreed, has now been signed and the bins will be installed in the following areas: Next to the Multi Ball Court, the Play Area, bottom of Dorchester, Sour Meadow –

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near the outdoor gym, outside the school and the top of Beckett Close.

**Update on play/recreation area repairs:**

The work has now commenced at the play/recreation area.

**Supporting work that needs to be carried out in the living burial ground next to the Church:** Cllr Rev Edwards is working on obtaining quotes.

**Primary School pupil road sign location:**

The Chairman has met with Dorset Highways team to discuss the Welcome To Blandford St Mary Signs. After debate it was agreed to have two signs made, to the sum of about £600.00 each (which includes installation and poles). It was also agreed that the signs need to be located on the bypass at the approach in the North of the Village.

**2017/40 Finance**

The Clerk tabled the financial statement to the Councillors with the Payment Schedule for July and August 2017, the total sum of £5648.31. This was agreed by all.

The Clerk reported that the external audit has been returned with no comments or concerns.

**2017/41 Chairman's report – the Chairman reported the following:**

It was been confirmed that the Blandford Bridge will be kept open for pedestrians at most times while work takes place in November. The Chairman gave an up-date of the Neighbourhood Plan progress. Three options to resolve the Policy 1 problems were explained, with option 2 – delete policy 1 from the referendum Neighbourhood Plan but encourage a planning application for policy 1 provisions, seeming to be the way forward. Policy3 was rejected. Full details can be obtained by the Clerk. The next step is to inform the meetings of RCOH with the B+ team and NDDC. After those meetings, RCOH will modify this note as necessary and add a final section that summarises the preferences of each party for how to proceed. NDDC have been told that until further notice no decisions about accepting the plan can be made by them. Due to the unforeseen circumstances, the Clerk asked the Council to allocate £345.00 towards the Neighbourhood Plan project. **This was agreed by all.** The Chairman confirmed that the Double Yellow lines project has now almost completed the consultation and legal process and hopefully will be put in place around October. A notice of transfer to BSM Council has now been issued for the land allocated for allotments. This process has a time frame.

**2017/42 Officers Report**

No reports given

**2017/43 Clerk Report- Correspondence and matters of interest**

The Clerk tabled a letter from a local resident. The letter expressed concerns over the lack of grass cutting on the verge outside the school, which as the Cars Park on the side of the road, the Children are getting out of the cars and walking across the grassed area, where dog mess is left and due to the length of the grass cannot be seen clearly. Concern was also raised that the 20mph speed limit is not being adhered to and with cars parking on both sides of Birch Avenue it is dangerous for children crossing. The Clerk confirmed that the Council have meet with the Head Teacher form the School and will continue to work with the School to improve these matters. The Clerk will also contact County Council Highways team.

**2017/35 Date of next meeting and agreed items for the next meeting.**

**Play Area - Burial Ground - Allotment – Rubbish bins.**

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7pm**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.10**

Signed.....

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