



BLANDFORD ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on 6th December 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 J Dallison
Cllr D Addison MBE
Cllr J Stayt

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

Public Consultation. It was reported that the area where the old dog bin used to be, along Dorchester Hill, has a lot of old dog waste thrown into the hedges, which is causing a very bad smell. This matter will be reported to NDDC environmental team and DCC Highways Team.

2017/63 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interest.

Cllr P Hill sent his apologies.

2017/64 Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st November 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.

2017/65 Planning

2/2017/1609/FUL - 50 and 50A Pigeon Close Blandford St Mary – Parish Council recommend approval for this application.

2/2017/1706/VARIA - The Brewery, Bournemouth Road – Parish Council recommend approval, with consideration to the following notes: that a change of material from the cedar wood cladding to Clay brick (or a similar looking material to clay-brick if weight is a factor) is used to retain the style, design and aesthetics of the development. If this design (2-2017-1706-VARIA-DESIGN AND ACCESS) is drawn it would enhance the style and design of this phase of the development. A further suggestion regarding affordable housing was raised, it was noted that as there are no allocations for affordable housing on the Hall & Woodhouse application, perhaps Hall & Woodhouse would consider purchasing two of the properties, to rent out at a reasonable rate to local residents.

2017/66 Items agreed to be discussed from last meeting

Up-date on recreation area repairs. Cllr Whitlock is working on any maintenance required for the Play Area and the picnic bench has been put in place.

Up-date on rubbish bins. All of the six bins should be in place before Christmas, if not they will be done before the New Year.

Up-date on Allotments for the village. The Parish Council have received confirmation that the allotment transfer as per the 106 schedule paragraph 4a has now been satisfied and a meeting will be arranged with the Parish Council and the land owners to continue with the transfer of land.

To consider quote for repairs to the Church yard wall. Cllr Rev Edwards tabled a quote for repairs to the wall around the Church Yard. The quote to repair the wall is for £13375.00, the Church has obtained a grant for £10,000.00 towards the cost and has asked the Parish Council to pay the remaining monies. It was agreed to obtain further quotes to ensure that best practice is adhered to.

To consider quote for the School Hedge Trimming. Cllr Addison had circulated a quote to for work to be carried out on hedges/trees behind the School. The cost is £180.00. The Clerk had received a verbal quote of £290.00. As this is felt to be a Health and Safety issue, the Council do not need to obtain any further quotes, as the cost is under £250.00. The Clerk will contact the School to ensure they are still happy for the Parish Council to do the necessary work.

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Polite Notice – could all residents of the Village, ensure that any hedges/trees obstructing public pathways are kept clear. This matter will be monitored and the relevant authorities will be contacted if no actions are taken.

The Clerk tabled a quote to supply 100 x20 plenty stickers and 10 A4 hard back signs, for the sum of £260.00 plus Vat. After debate, it was agreed to go back to obtain a price for just the 10 A4 hard back signs.

2017/67 Finance

The clerk tabled the financial statement to the Councillors with the Payment Schedule for November 2017, the total sum of £1808.78 with an additional late invoice for BTC Safety inspection £62.40, Cllr Whitlock, Cllr expenses £45.00 and Royal British Legion £34.00, the new total sum £1950.18. This was agreed by all.

The Clerk had circulated information on investing part of the Parish’s money, to try and obtain a better rate on interest. After debate it was proposed by Cllr Albery, seconded by Cllr Stayt, all agreed to invest £25000.00 CCLA- local authority property fund.

RESOLVED: to invest £25000.00 into CCLA – local authority property fund (2017/67 – finance)

2017/68 Chairman’s report – the Chairman reported the following:

The Chairman confirmed that he has spoken to NDDC to chase up the Traffic Regulation Order for the double yellow lines along New Road. They have confirmed that they will deal with it as a matter of urgency.

2017/69 Officers Report:

Cllr Addison gave an update of the Blandford + Neighbourhood Development Plan. The group feel that there are only three options available, which follow:

- To not go any further with the Neighbourhood Development Plan
- To agree to remove the most fundamental part of the plan, the proposed development North of Blandford.
- To withdraw the items of concern raised by the inspector and re-submit the plan having addressed these concerns where possible.

This matter will be discussed at the next Blandford + meeting.

2017/70 Clerk Report- Correspondence and matters of interest

A letter from Mrs D Fleet, expressing concerns over flooding at the lower end of Dorchester Hill. The Clerk will report this matter to Highways Department.

The Clerk would like to remind Councillors and members of the Public, that any correspondence sent to the Parish Council, is open for public viewing, unless clearly stated that it is private and confidential.

2017/62 Date of next meeting and agreed items for the next meeting.

Future Project Programme - Allotments

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.54

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Signed.....

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