



BLANDFORD ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on 7th February 2018 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
Cllr P Hill

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

Public Consultation. It was reported that the public rubbish bins were not emptied between Christmas and New Year, which resulted in overflowing bins. The Clerk confirmed that there had been an issue with Dorset Waste Partnership, collecting public and private bins over the Christmas Holidays. Hopefully this will not happen again.

Concerns were expressed regarding overgrown hedges along the A350 from Charlton Marshal to Blandford St Mary. The paths are so overgrown, pedestrians have to walk close to the passing traffic. The Clerk will report this matter to Dorset County Council, for them to action. **Action - Clerk**

A resident from Dorchester Hill complained about the Builders Vans and Cars parking along the road, which is making it very difficult for residents to get in and out of their homes. It was noted that Persimmon has stated that the Builder/contractors would park on site. The Clerk will contact Persimmon and Dorset County Council Planning Department to make them aware of the issues raised. **Action - Clerk**

It was requested for confirmation that parking for the proposed Allotments has been allocated on site and that they will not have to park along Dorchester Hill? Cllr Hill confirmed that parking has been allocated on site.

It was requested that Planning Applications received by the Parish Council, should be put on the website. It was also requested that the website address is put on the bullet points that are sent to the Forum Focus. The Clerk agreed to do this. **Action - Clerk**

2017/72 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interest.

Cllr Rev Joe Edwards

2017/73 Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th December 2018

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.

2017/74 Planning

2/2017/1822/LBC - Hectors Warehouse Bournemouth Road Blandford - Install a wood burning stove and flue and carry out internal/external alterations associated to this – No objection.

2/2017/1676/FUL and 2/2017/1677/LBC - The Inside Park Down House Estate - Change of use of first floor storage area to Manager's accommodation|– No objection.

2/2017/1924/HOUSE - 46 Pigeon Close - Erect single storey side and rear extensions to the existing property, creating garage to the side and utility room and additional living space to rear (demolish existing conservatory) – No objection.

2/2018/0069/FUL - Chesterleigh Bournemouth Road - No objection but would like to request the following conditions:

- 1 that the building may never be split or separated from the property.
- 2 that the building may not be leased, let out as a separate dwelling or for any business use.

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2/2017/1919/OUT - Land North East of Lower Bryanston Farm Fair Mile Road Bryanston Dorset – the Parish Council object to the development on the same grounds as Bryanston Parish Council has reported.

2017/75 Items agreed to be discussed from last meeting

To consider out door gym equipment in the recreation ground – after debate, it was agreed to refer this consideration for later in the year. It was suggested that a questionnaire needs to be sent to residents for their comments on suggested recreation/fitness equipment in the village.

Up-date on Blandford+ - Cllr Addison reported that the Blandford+ team will be re-submitting the Neighbourhood Plan with the same text, but with more strengthening comments which address a number of items in the inspectors report.

Up-date on rubbish bins – the contract has now been signed, so the bins should be installed very soon.

Up-date on double yellow lines – the public notice has been circulated and the necessary legal matters have been completed. If there are no objections from the public for the proposal, the project should commence in the coming months.

Up-date on tourist signs – a proposal from Dorset Highways for Blandford bypass Welcome to Tourism signs to be put up in Blandford St Mary. After debate it was agreed by the public and members of the Parish Council that they feel the signs should **not** be in the boundary of Blandford St Mary, as the signs state Blandford Georgian Town. Residents of the village do not wish to be considered as living in Blandford.

Cllr Hillary Cox is now helping chase up the Welcome to Blandford St Mary sign, which was designed by a pupil in Blandford St Mary School.

2017/76 Finance

The clerk tabled the financial statement to the Councillors with the Payment Schedule for December 2017 and January 2018, the total sum of £2451.24. It was agreed my all members for the payment schedule to be paid.

The Clerk tabled the cost for James Ryan Thornhill Financial Services, for the sum of £395.00. This was proposed, seconded and all in favour to pay the costs.

RESOLVED – to pay James Ryan Thornhill Financial Services the sum of £395.00 for costs.
(2018/76 – Community Benefit fund)

The Clerk tabled grant applications for 2017/18.

The following was proposed, seconded, all in favour:

Little Birch Pre-school	£1000.00 (allocated from a three year allocation)
Citizens Advice Dorset	£100.00
BUS2GO	£100.00
Blandford Opportunity group	£100.00
Community Art Workshop	£100.00
Blandford Town Council Toilets	£50.00

Total grants awarded 2017-18 £450.00

RESOLVED – to pay the above the grants allocated (2017/76 – grants)

2017/77 Chairman's report – the Chairman reported the following:

The Chairman confirmed that he has spoken to the Parish Council's Solicitors and now the notice time has been completed has instructed them to request the transfer of land to the Parish Council as nominees for the proposed Allotments.

The Chairman and Cllr J Dallison had attended a Round Table afternoon with Simon Hoare MP. There were a lot of concerns raised, regarding infrastructure, Doctors Surgeries, Broadband and Planning Department at NDDC, along with other matters. Simon Hoare MP took note of all the concerns expressed. Simon Hoare MP will be meeting with Stephen Hill - Strategic Director NDDC to try and resolve issued with the Planning process.

The Chairman will be attending meetings with the Community Fund in Poole regarding housing for refugees.

2017/78 Officers Report:

Cllr Hill requested that the information for the proposed Allotments be added to the website.

Cllr Stayt reported that the Tri Council are budget setting for the coming financial year. Local Government review should go ahead this week.

Has also been working with District Council, on projects to help with affordable housing in Dorset.

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2017/79 Clerk Report- Correspondence and matters of interest

A further letter from Mrs D Fleet was received, expressing concerns over flooding at the lower end of Dorchester Hill. Dorset County Council Highways Team and Cllr Hillary Cox are aware of the problems and are looking into the cause.

Concerns were expressed over the residents letting their bushes and trees grow over public footpaths. The Parish Council will be sending out a polite letter asking for the resident support, in keeping their areas cut back and maintained.

The Clerk gave out the 20 plenty signs for member of the Parish Council to put up around the village.

2017/80 Date of next meeting and agreed items for the next meeting.

Future Project Programme - Allotments, Welcome Sign, other items to be arranged.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.10

Signed.....

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