



BLANDFORD ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on 7th March 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 P Hill

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

Public Consultation. Concerns were expressed from members of the public regarding the Persimmon Homes development at Dorchester Hill. The issues reported are as follows:

- The road is being frequently blocked by larger vehicles, which is causing problems for residents living along the road, who wish to either enter or leave their driveways.
- The state of the road is disgusting. It was suggested that the road cleaner comes throughout the day as well as at the end of the day.
- It was also suggested that if the developers clear the area which is allocated for open space on the development, this could be used for workers parking.
- A request for large vehicles not to deliver to site, at school runs time. There are a lot of children that walk past the development on their way to school and due to the amount of heavy vehicles going to the development, their safety has been questioned.
- There has been damage to the pavement along the road, due to vehicles mounting the kerbs.
- It was reported that the developers are using the water hydrant for their water supply, is this legal.
- The Clerk has received a response from Persimmon Homes with regards to working times. The Local Planning Authority found the following times acceptable: Monday to Friday – 0700 to 1800, Saturday – 0800 to 1300, no working on Sunday or Bank Holiday.
- There has been an incident reported, where a lorry driver was asked to move out of the way, he responded using very colourful language. If anyone is spoken to like this by any of the workers on the development, please make a note of their vehicle registration number and the Clerk will report the matter to Persimmon Homes

After discussion, it was agreed for the Clerk to forward these concerns and suggestions on to Persimmon Homes.

Action - Clerk

2017/81 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interest.

Cllr Rev Joe Edwards and Cllr J Stayt

2017/82 Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th February 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.

2017/83 Planning

APP/N1215/W/17/3183700: 15 Pigeon Close, - appeal dismissed

ENF/2018/0020 – Persimmon Site - alleged breach of condition 7 – trees – enforcement officer.

2/2018/0089/HOUSE - Erect single storey glazed garden room to form additional living and guest accommodation. | Gardeners Cottage Down House Down House Estate Blandford St Mary - Objection on the grounds of inconsistencies in the drawings.

2/2018/0224/FUL – Land between the River Stour and Langton Road Blandford Forum Dorset – new dwelling – No objection.

2017/84 Items agreed to be discussed from last meeting

Up-date on Allotments – the Land Owners Solicitors are now working with the Parish Council's Solicitors regarding a legal matter on the title deed for the land. This is good news and should hopefully be resolved over the next month or so.

Up-date on rubbish bins- the contracts for the bins has been signed and returned. The poor weather has held up

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the installation of the new bins, they should be all in place by the end of this month.

Up-date on welcome sign – Progress at last, Dorset County Council will be sending out the final quote and proof for the sign. Once this has been agreed, the Parish Council will send the payment, which will enable the sign to be erected. The Clerk will keep in contact with County Council, so that the school can be informed of which date the sign will be going up.

To consider future project program's – the following suggestions were put forward.

- To see if Bryanston School would sell or lease the land outside the Stour Inn to the Parish Council. This area is neglected by Bryanston School and is in need of maintenance.
- Suggestion that a bench could be placed on the open space after the mini roundabout, by the School. This open space is owned by Sovereign Housing. The Clerk will ask, but in the past Sovereign Housing group have been very reluctant to put anything on their land which makes it more difficult for them to maintain.
- New goal post on the recreation area. Quotes will be obtained for next month's meeting.
- There are some small green spaces along the left hand side of Birch Avenue. These are very overgrown and do not look very nice. The Clerk will look into who owns the land and approach them to seek permission to maintain these areas.
- **If any members of the public have any ideas for local projects – community benefit – please contact the Parish Clerk**

2017/85 Finance

The clerk tabled the financial statement to the Councillors with the Payment Schedule for February 2018, the total sum of £27638.52 (this includes the investment payment for £25000.00) It was agreed by all members for the payment schedule to be paid.

The Clerk tabled James Ryan Thornhill Financial Services corporate investment – Data Capture. After debate it was agreed that the Parish Council are happy for the investment timescale to be 5 -10 years and understand and agree with the medium term up to 5% acceptable risk.

RESOLVED: to invest £25000.00 with CCLA for a (5-10 year) investment with a medium term risk up to 5% fall. (2017/85 – community benefit)

2017/86 Chairman's report – the Chairman reported the following:

Thank you to the volunteers who have put up the 20 plenty signs in the village.
There will be a Blandford + meeting taking place in the coming weeks.

2017/87 Officers Report:

Cllr Whitlock reported that the wood in the play park will be treated/painted in the better weather. The multiball surface is lifting again. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotes for this to be re-surfaced.

Action - Clerk

In the absence of Cllr Stayt, the Chairman reported that the Local Government Minister, Sajid Javid, finally gave the go ahead for local government reorganisation. From April 2019 the County Council and all the existing District and Borough Councils will be replaced by two new unitary councils, one covering Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch and the other, to be known as Dorset Council, covering the rest of the county area. Each new authority will deliver all local government services in their respective areas.

2017/88 Clerk Report- Correspondence and matters of interest

Nothing to report.

2017/89 Date of next meeting and agreed items for the next meeting.

Future Project Programme – Allotments – Play Area - other items to be arranged.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.00

Signed.....

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