



BLANDFORD ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on 4th October 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 P Hill
Cllr J Dallison
Cllr D Addison MBE

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

Public Consultation.

Concerns were expressed over the developers at Dorchester Hill having made five gaps in the hedge. The Chairman confirmed that Karl Endersby – Technical Director for Persimmon Homes South Coast has given the following report: Confirmed that the planning approval is only for one vehicular access into the development site, however it is the case that an additional four openings have been made into the hedge. The openings at the top and bottom of the site are for pedestrian access in accordance with the approved planning layout and the forth opening is to facilitate the drainage connections into Dorchester Hill and will in time be replanted. Contact detail for a Karl is Karl.denersby@persimmonhomes.com.

Concerns were expressed over speeding again in the village. After debate it was agreed for the Clerk to request that the 20MPH speed limit is extended to include Dorchester Hill. It was also agreed for the Clerk to investigate the price of producing 20 plenty signs for the village.

2017/45 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interest.

Cllr Stayt and Cllr Rev Edwards sent their apologies.

2017/46 Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th September 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.

2017/47 Planning

2/2017/1399/HOUSE – 50 Pigeon Close – replace existing flat roof – withdrawn

2/2017/1282/FUL – The Brewery – remove and replace 17no window & 2 no doors – no objection

2/2017/1277/HOUSE – Thornicombe Lodge – erect orangery – no objection

2017/48 Items agreed to be discussed from last meeting

Up-date on contract for new rubbish bins in the village – Cllr Whitlock and the Clerk will chase up the installation of the bins with the County Council.

Up-date on recreation area repairs – repairs have now been completed and quotes are being obtained for play equipment for younger children, outdoor gym equipment and table tennis table for the recreation area. Cllr Whitlock had obtained quotes for replacing the Multi Ball surface, which will need replacing in the next few years. Further quotes will be obtained at a later date. Cllr Whitlock also obtained a quote for an Aerial Runway/zip wire for Stour Meadows, the cost would be in the region of £13000.00. After further discussion's, it was agreed that this item would not be suitable for the Parish Council to supply.

To consider support for old burial ground – The Chairman reported that he War Memorial has been cleaned and the Council await quotes from Cllr Rev Edwards for supporting maintenance for the old burial ground.

Primary School pupil road sign location – The Chairman reported that the Council had received

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response from County Council Highways regarding the proposal to erect the road sign along the bypass. It was reported that the cost would be much larger to erect any signs on the main road, due to legislations that highways need to follow. After debate it was agreed to request that one sign be situated on the north of Bournemouth Rd near the mini roundabout, by the substation before Birch Avenue.

RESOLVED: to instruct County Council to erect one sign at the agreed site near the substation by the mini roundabout. (2017/48 - Community Benefit)

Up-date on Allotments for the Village – The Chairman reported that the time scale for the notice to transfer the land to the Parish Council is nearly up and that the Solicitors are dealing with the relevant paperwork. Once this process is complete, the Council can then start with the Allotment Project.

Neighbourhood Plan ‘next step’ – The Chairman confirmed that the Plan is now on hold and the committee are awaiting a response to a letter send to the Secretary of State. NDDC have requested to see the letter. The steering group will consider this request once they receive their response in respect to suggested inaccuracies given by the inspector who studied the plan. The Chairman stressed that even though the Plan is on hold, it is still carries considerable weight and is a positive tool to use with potential developers. Cllr Addison added that in the Plan, it has been proposed that a new primary school should be built north of the Bypass, which has been agreed with Dorset Education department, also very positive. A notice has been put up in the notice boards and also on the website given more details of the next step for the Plan.

2017/49 Finance

The Clerk tabled the financial statement to the Councillors with the Payment Schedule for September 2017, the total sum of £63708.80. This was agreed by all. Concerns were expressed over the small amount of interested that the deposit account pays at the moment. The Clerk confirmed that this will be looked into with other finance institutions.

2017/50 Chairman’s report – the Chairman reported the following: There was no report given.

2017/51 Officers Report: No reports were given

2017/52 Clerk Report- Correspondence and matters of interest

Cllr Addison reported that Lower School Lane has become very overgrown and the school needs to be contact to request that this area is cleared and their trees are cut back. Cllr Addison agreed to visit the school to discuss this matter further. Cllr Addison asked if the Parish Council were happy to hold a community **LITTER PICK** on **Saturday the 28th October**, to meet outside the school at **10am**. (it takes about 2 hours) The Council agreed.

Cllr Whitlock stated that the new bench for the play area will be put up in the better weather.

The Clerk reported that County Council have confirmed that they are not responsible for the small area of land opposite Knights Close junction; it seems that the previous developers would still be responsible. A member of the public volunteered to clear the overgrown area. The Council thanked the member of the public.

Cllr Hill reported that a street light at the back of Bryanston Court is not working, this has been reported, but it still has not been repaired. This area is now very dark and unfortunately a shed has been broken into and tools taken. The Clerk will contact Sovereign Housing to chase this matter.

2017/53 Date of next meeting and agreed items for the next meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the Wednesday 1st November 2017 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.05

Signed.....

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