



BLANDFORD ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on 2nd May 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 P Hill	
Cllr D Addison MBE	
Cllr J Stayt	

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

Public Consultation.

Concerns were expressed over a resident living near the play area drinking and making noise late at night. This has been reported to the Police.

Children are still playing football games in the Play Area. Cllr Whitlock has spoken to those that have been seen doing this. **PLEASE DO NOT PLAY BALL GAMES IN THE PLAY AREA, BALL GAMES SHOULD BE PLAYED IN THE RECREATION AREA.**

The matter of the Persimmon development using the water hydrant was reported to the Fire Brigade, who have contacted Wessex Water. Wessex Water has visited the site and has informed the site manager that they cannot use the hydrant.

Concerns were expressed over the cutting of tree branches on the Persimmon Site. This has been reported to the Tree Officer at NDDC, as these trees have a preservation order on them.

2018/1 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interest.

Cllr Rev Joe Edwards.

2018/2 Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th April 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.

2018/3 Planning.

2/2018/0533/MODPO - Land at E388234 N105579 Dorchester Hill Blandford St Mary Dorset - change of condition – the condition was a discharge of a 106 agreement. Persimmon have produced a travel/information pack for future residents of the new houses.

2018/4 Items agreed to be discussed from last meeting

Up-date on Allotments – the paperwork is now with Official Receiver, for them to confirm that Louis Hamilton builders do not have any beneficial interest in the land. This information will then be forwarded to Land Registry.

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

- 2018 is the 100th commemoration of the end of the 1st World War – a permanent memorial to commemorate this was suggested. The Clerk tabled costs for supplying a *Silent Soldier* for the railway roundabout. After debate, it was agreed for the Clerk to contact County Council, to get permission to put the Silent Soldier on the roundabout. If County agree, it was proposed by Cllr Addison and seconded by Cllr Dallison and all agreed to the price for the Company Business £250.00 for the supply of the *Silent Soldier* and its fittings.
 - **RESOLVED:** agreed to the price for the Company Business £250.00 for the supply of the Silent Soldier and its fittings. (2018/4 – Community fund)
- To investigate supplying more benches around the Village. The Clerk stated that the Parish Council do not own a lot of the land in the Village and would require permission from landowners before supplying benches. This will be investigated and reported back. **Action - Clerk**
- To make sure that there is sufficient disabled access to the play area. After debate, it was agreed to obtain quotes for a new tarmac footpath to the bottom end of the area. **Action - Clerk**

Up-date on play area and to agree quote for repairs to the Ball Court Surface: The Clerk had circulated quotes

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for the repairs to the Ball Court Surface. After debate it was proposed by Cllr Albery and seconded by Cllr Whitlock to agree with the Quote from Outdoor Play South West for the sum of £4080.00 including Vat. This was agreed by all members.

RESOLVED: to instruct Outdoor Play South West to resurface the Ball Court off Pigeon Close. (2018/4a – recreation/play area maintenance)

To Agree a new policy for the General Data Protection Act for the Parish Council –

RESOLVED It was proposed by Cllr Albery and seconded by Cllr Stayt, all in favour, that the General Data Protection Act policy is adopted by the Parish Council.

The Clerk also circulated cost for replacing the goal posts. After debate it was agreed that the costs were too high and for the Clerk to obtain quotes for safety wrapping the existing goal posts. **Action –**

Clerk

The Clerk had circulated a quote to fill the large hole in the recreation area. After debate, it was agreed obtain a further quote as the first quote was for more than £250.00.

Action – Clerk

The Clerk tabled a proposed five year non binding contract with Blandford Town Council, to replace the one year contract for safety checks on the outdoor gym equipment on Stour Meadows. After debate it was proposed by Cllr Albery and seconded by Cllr Stayt, all in favour to sign a 5 year contract with Blandford Town Council for safety checks on the outdoor gym equipment for the sum of £13.50 per check.

RESOLVED: to sign a 5 year contract with Blandford Town Council for safety checks on the outdoor gym equipment for the sum of £13.50 per check. (2018/4b – recreation safety)

To consider quote for hedge cutting along Birch Avenue – Health and Safety

The Clerk had circulated a quote for hedge cutting & clearance along Birch Avenue. After debate, it was felt that this area, which is not being managed by Highways and not privately owned by residents needs to be cleared. It was proposed by Cllr Addison and seconded by Cllr Dallison, all in favour to pay £240 for the larger area and £180.00 for the smaller area to be cleared.

RESOLVED: to clear overgrown areas on 2 sites along Birch Avenue, the larger area £240.00 and the smaller area £180.00 (2018/4c – Village Maintenance).

The Clerk had circulated a letter from Blandford St Mary School, asking for financial support towards new School Signage. After debate it was agreed in principal to support the purchase of only one warning sign for the School. Further details of cost will be required from the School.

2018/5 Finance

The clerk tabled the financial statement to the Councillors with the Payment Schedule for April 2018, the total sum of £2754.02. It was agreed by all members for the payment schedule to be accepted.

2018/6 Chairman's report – the Chairman reported the following:

Cllr Albery thanked Councillors for their continued confidence by electing him as Chairman for another year.

2018/7 Officers Report:

Cllr Stayt- continues working in his many roles within NDDC and will report any matters to the Parish Council.

Cllr Whitlock – it has been a good year for the Play Area and will be organising a date for a working party to give the play equipment a good clean and paint.

2018/8 Clerk Report- Correspondence and matters of interest

Thank you for grant letters from Blandford Town Council, Blandford Opportunity Group, Citizens Advice. The Clerk informed the Council that the Church has obtained an additional quote for the repairs to the wall. The Church, at the moment are still awaiting the go-ahead from the Diocese who have referred back to the architect to ensure approval of materials. It has been a slow process but they believe that they should hear from them soon. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to reply to the Church stating that once they have received their go-ahead, to send a full proposal to the Parish Council for consideration.

2017/98 Date of next meeting and agreed items for the next meeting.

Future Project Programme quotes - other items to be arranged.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on TUESDAY 5th JUNE 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.34

Signed.....

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Cllr Albery, Cllr Whitlock, Cllr Hill, Cllr Stayt, Cllr Addison, Cllr Dallison and Cllr Rev Edwards

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