



BLANDFORD ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on 3rd October 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 D Addison MBE	
Cllr J Dallison	
Cllr P Hill	

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

Public Consultation.

The following concerns were raised by the members of the public:

Dorchester Hill development is still causing the following issues with residents.

- The contractors are still parking along the road, rather than on site.
- They are playing their radio's loudly.
- They are leaving litter behind.
- When the contractors leave the site, they are not looking to the left enough, which could cause a nasty accident for those coming up the road.
- There are large potholes at the entrance of the site
- A warning sign should have been placed at Dorchester Hill, where there is no pavement, warning traffic that Children are walking along the road.

The Clerk will report these issues to the relevant authorities.

Cllr Hill was asked to check on the original planning application for Dorchester Hill, as concerns were expressed over the roof height of some of the houses. Cllr Hill will look into this matter.

2018/47 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interest.

Cllr J Stayt.

2018/48 Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th September 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.

2018/49 Co-option for new member

No one came forward.

2018/50 Planning.

Cllr Hill reported on an outline planning application for Blandford Town, application number 2/2018/1279/OUT – Demolish existing building and develop land by erecting three/four storey building comprising ground floor commercial space and 16 residential apartments above. After debate, the Council agreed not to support this application.

2018/51 Items agreed to be discussed from last meeting

To consider budget – The clerk tabled an update on finances for the Council to consider prior to setting the budget in November.

To agree an increase in the Clerks hours. Cllr Dallison proposed, Cllr Whitlock seconded and all in favour that the Clerks hours increase from 8 hours a week to 10 hours a week.

RESOLVED: to increase the Clerk hours from 8 hours a week to 10 hours a week.

Up-date on Allotments – The transfer of land for the Allotments has been completed and documents will be sent to the Clerk for filing. The Chairman and Cllr Hill will hold meetings to get the project underway.

Up-date on play area – There has been more vandalism caused in the Play Area, where signs have been removed. The No Parking sign at the access of the Play Area has been removed more than once, the Police have now been informed and will be taking this matter further. THE PEOPLE PARKING IN THE WAY OF THE ACCESS TO THE PLAY AREA ARE PREVENTING EMERGENCY VEHICLES GAINING ACCESS AND THIS COULD RESULT IN

HOLDING UP URGENT MEDICAL TREATMENT OR IN CASE OF A FIRE, SURROUNDING HOUSES COULD BE DAMAGED. PLEASE DO NOT PARK THERE OR THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONSIDER OTHER MORE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS TO STOP THE PARKING. The NO DOG signs have again been removed, these will now be replaced with ones that will be bolted on, to try and prevent these being removed again. The Parish Council have also twice replaced protective foam around the old goal posts, which again have been damaged by children pulling them apart. The Council have agreed to replace the protective foam again, but if it is removed again, they will need to consider removing the goal posts due to Health & Safety. **PLEASE HELP TO KEEP THIS AREA SAFE AND CLEAN.**

2018/52 Finance

The clerk tabled the financial statement to the Councillors with the Payment Schedule for September 2018, there were two additional payments to add to the schedule of £60.73 and £35.00 to make the total sum of £3972.41. It was agreed by all members for the payment schedule to be accepted and duly signed by the Chairman.

2018/53 Chairman's report – the Chairman reported the following:

The Silent Soldier has arrived and has been put in place for all to see on the Tesco roundabout. The running route sign at Stour Meadows, which had been removed has now been replaced. The Welcome To Blandford St Mary Sign, which was designed by a student from Blandford St Mary School has been put up by County Council.

2018/54 Officers Report:

Cllr D Addison reported the following:

The Local Development Neighbourhood Plan has been held up for about six weeks, this is due to not being able to arrange meetings with other groups that need to be consulted.

Cllr J Dallison reported the following:

A350 group held a briefing for new potential new members from surrounding Parishes. They have produced Terms and References for the group, which Blandford St Mary Parish Council have agreed with. Cllr Dallison will report from the A350 groups meetings as and when they are held.

2018/55 Clerk Report- Correspondence and matters of interest

The Clerk had received a complaint about the dog bin at the top of Dorchester Hill, the bin is very rusty, which has resulted in sharp edges. After debate it was agreed for the Clerk to contact Dorset Waste Partnership and ask for it to be removed and replaced with a green bin to be sited next to the notice board on Dorchester Hill.

The Parish Council have asked the School to cut their overhanging trees back. The Headmaster has responded stating that the school is actively sourcing a tree survey - commissioned through Dorset County Council. Through this information we will be able to ascertain which trees are a priority and require immediate attention. This way we can ensure that school funding is being allocated in the correct way and in the best interests of the children and community.

2018/46 Date of next meeting and agreed items for the next meeting. **Wednesday 7th November 2018
Allotments – Budget – Play Area – Grant Applications requests**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.04

Signed.....

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