



## BLANDFORD ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 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 Stayt  
Cllr J Dallison  
Cllr P Hill

**In attendance:** Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

### Public Consultation.

A member of the public asked for an update on the missing bin outside Homebase. The Clerk confirmed that Dorset Waste Partnership has in on their work schedule.

### 2018/57 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interest.

Cllr D Addison MBE.

### 2018/58 Minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Dallison and seconded by Cllr Whitlock, all agreed that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

### 2018/59 Co-option for new member

No one came forward.

### 2018/60 Planning.

Cllr Hill reported on the following applications:

**2/2018/1390/VARIA** – The Inside Park, Down House – change of use of first floor storage area to managers accommodation to enable the managers accommodations to be occupied all year round – all agreed to support this application.

**2/2017/1919/OUT** – Land North East of Lower Bryanston Farm – erect 80 no dwelling, and form new vehicular access from new road. The Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds: Even with the proposed reduction of houses, it is felt that it is an overdevelopment for the area, as there is no infrastructure to support such a large development, there are still concerns over the access roads and the impact on local wildlife. The development is not in the keeping with Bryanston Village and the Parish Council would like it noted that they fully support the objections set out from Bryanston Parish Council.

### 2018/61 Items agreed to be discussed from last meeting

**To consider budget** – The clerk had circulated the proposed budget for 2019-20 which was discussed in detail. After debate it was agreed to increase the Parish Council precept from £19620.00 to £20601.00 an increase of just 5%. This is due to the estimated increase cost of services which County Council will no longer be providing and will pass the services down to the Parish Council's to fulfil for the village.

**RESOLVED:** to increase Blandford St Mary Parish Council's precept for 2019-20 to £20601.00 and increase of 5%. (2018/61 budget)

**Up-date on Allotments** – The land is now owned by the Parish Council and the necessary work will commence to produce the allotments.

**Up-date on play area** – Cllr Whitlock expressed concerns that the last play inspection report is still showing items that need attending to, which had already been repaired. It was agreed to contact The Play Inspection Company and request a site visit with Cllr Whitlock to discuss matters that have been raised.

The Clerk had circulated ideas for new equipment for smaller children. After debate it was proposed by Cllr Dallison and seconded by Cllr Hill for the Council to purchase the Ministry of Play Willy Whale spring rider and the Ministry of

Play Car Playhouse for the sum of £4025.95 plus vat, this was agreed by all members.

**RESOLVED:** to instruct Ministry of Play to supply and fit Ministry of Play Willy Whale spring rider and the Ministry of Play Car Playhouse for the sum of £4025.95 plus vat. (2018/61a – 106 community benefit)

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The Clerk had circulated quotes for the following work in the play area: To provide a new 1.2m wide access path and to add chamfer to sleepers around the play area. After debate, it was proposed by Cllr Whitlock and seconded by Cllr Dallison, to accept the quote from Ministry of Play, who gave a greater discount to do both jobs, for the sum of £2911.20 plus vat, this was agreed by all members.

**RESOLVED:** to instruct Ministry of Play to price the new access path and to chamfer the sleepers in the play area, (2018/61 – play area maintenance)

The volunteer, Mr Dallison, is doing a great job staining the wooden equipment supports in the play area.

**Up-date on Double Yellow Line** – Permission has now been confirmed for the Double Yellow Line to be installed. This is at the top of the Highways Schedule and will hopefully be completed within a few weeks.

#### **2018/62 Finance**

The clerk tabled the financial statement to the Councillors with the Payment Schedule for October 2018 for the sum of £2460.65. It was agreed by all members for the payment schedule to be accepted and duly signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk stated that the Parish Council's laptop is now in poor condition and needs to be replaced. Cllr Hill proposed, and Cllr Whitlock seconded a proposal for the Clerk to purchase a new laptop up to the value of £400.00, this was agreed by all members.

**RESOLVED:** to purchase a new laptop for the Parish Council for no more than £400.00 (2018/62 – IT)

#### **2018/63 Chairman's report – the Chairman reported the following:**

The Clerk had circulated a proposal from Mr Nic Nicol, to change and provide new tourism signs for Blandford Town. After debate, the following was agreed:

- To replace no 3 sign, but to ensure the brewery is added to it.
- To install sign 5.
- The council did not agree with sign 1, 2 and 4.

The Chairman reported that Little Burch Pre-school is in need of financial support towards the costs for a refurbishment of a currently unused extension to the building to provide much needed services for pre-school children in the village. After debate, Cllr Albery proposed, Cllr Whitlock seconded a proposal for the Parish Council, in principle, to donate 50% of the costs for the extension, with a cap of £10,000.00, all members agreed.

**RESOLVED:** to agree in principle, to donate 50% of the costs for the proposed extension for the Pre-school in the village, with a cap of £10,000.00. (2018/63 – community benefit fund)

#### **2018/64 Officers Report:**

##### **Cllr Whitlock reported the following:**

The resident at 20 Chettell Way, is continuing to park at the entrance of the Play Area, even after a police visit, where the resident agreed not to park there! The Clerk will now send an official letter to the resident in question and if the parking is not stopped, the Parish Council will be forced to put a locked barrier up, with access information only for the emergency services and for the Play Area Maintenance team.

The following matters were raised from the previous meeting regarding issues with the Dorchester Hill development:

- The contractors are still parking along the road, rather than on site – **reported to Persimmon and will now report with additional highways code information. The Clerk will contact the enforcement officer again to report this.**
- They are playing their radio's loudly – **spoke to the environmental services, can residents please contact the environmental team on the Dorset For You Website, they are happy to help.**
- They are leaving litter behind. – **again the environmental services are happy to help if individuals report the matter on Dorset For Your website.**
- 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 – **this was reported to highways.**
- A warning sign should have been placed at Dorchester Hill, where there is no pavement, warning traffic that Children are walking along the road – **this was reported to highways and Persimmon.**

##### **Cllr J Dallison reported the following:**

A350 group will be holding a meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, which clashes with the Parish Council's meeting. A report will be given on the A350 group after their meeting in December.

#### **2018/65 Clerk Report- Correspondence and matters of interest**

Mr Roger Childs sent an email, expressing concerns over the parking at the Persimmon site along Dorchester Hill. Mr Childs has supplied Highway Code references, which will be forwarded to the relevant parties.

**2018/66 Date of next meeting and agreed items for the next meeting. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – this date may change, information will be put on the notice board and website.**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.35**

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Signed.....

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