



**BLANDFORD ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 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 D Addison MBE, Cllr M Dallison and Cllr I Mackay.

**In attendance:** Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

**Public Consultation:** It was requested that a dedication ceremony for Edna Riggs be arranged. It was agreed for the Chairman to contact Nicky Brown – Forum Focus to arrange a date that she can cover the ceremony.

**2018/81 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interest.** Cllr P Hill

**2018/82 Minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and the extraordinary meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019.** Both minutes were proposed by Cllr Stayt and seconded by Cllr Addison, all agreed that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

**2018/83 Process for the forthcoming Local Elections:**

The Clerk gave the following details of the Local Elections process for 2019:

Local elections will take place on the 2nd May 2019. This election is for Councillors to stand for five years rather than 4, to bring it in line with National, County and Unitary elections. Existing members of the Parish Council will stand down after the April meeting and all seats will become vacant. Existing councillors who want to continue must stand for re-election. If there are more nominations than seats, a poll is will be held on 4th May. If there are only enough councillors for the number of seats or fewer councillors than seats, they are elected unopposed. Existing members need to complete their nomination forms with their own details and of the person nominating them and to make sure that they are signed and countersigned. The nomination forms need to be given to the Clerk no later than 1st April 2019. The nomination forms are available on the Dorset for You website. The Clerk will be able to send forms if required.

If you wish to stand as a Councillor, you must satisfy these requirements:

- You need to be over 18 years of age
- A British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union.
- Plus at least one of the following qualifications: you are registered as a local government elector for the parish or town council area in which they wish to stand; or you have, during the whole of the previous 12 month period, occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises in the Parish or Town Council area; or your main or only place of work during the whole of the previous 12 month period has been in the parish or Town Council area; or you have, during the whole of the previous 12 month period, lived in the Parish or Town council area (or within 4.8 km of it).

**A person cannot be a candidate if at the time of their nomination or their election if:**

- they are employed by the parish or town council or hold a paid office under that council; or
- they are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order in England or Wales; or

- they have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence) without the option of a fine, during the five years before election day (i.e. since 1 May 2014); or
- a person may also be disqualified from election if they have been convicted or reported guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice by an election court, or if they have been disqualified from standing for election to a local authority.

**2018/84 Planning.** Cllr Hill send the following report:

**2/2019/0001 – By The Way – internal alterations.** – Approved.

**2/2019/0024/NMA – amendments to 2/2015/1935/OUT** – reduction of the public open spaces and the addition of more roads within the site with the reference to 2/2015/1935/OUT 12169.57 which is the Access and Technical Plan of the original outline planning permission (REF 251801.pdf). recommend that the Paris Council object to the reduction of the public open spaces in 2/2018/1590/REM REF 17334-P101A. All members agreed.

The Council had received an email from Mr George Hosford, expressing his concerns over the proposed development 2/2015/1935/OUT. Cllr Mackay would like it noted that he is in full support of Mr Hosford's comments and would like the following request to be sent to the appropriate planning case officer:

- The environmental impact and infrastructure survey should be re-examined – assessment of the carbon footprint that an unsuitable bypass crossing will likely cause. Highways Planning decision also needs to be re-examined. If there was a safe viable underground bypass access system this would improve the link to the rest of the village, which would help with the carbon footprint for those walking to school, shops and work, rather than use of vehicles. Also, this would open the village rather than isolating the proposed development on its own island. It is felt that the crossing will not be used as much as an underground system, due to safety concerns for children walking to school and difficulty of use for disabled persons.

#### **2018/85 Items agreed to be discussed from last meeting**

**Up-date on Allotments** – Nothing to report.

**Up-date on play area** –The Chairman confirmed that the small number plate has been fitted to the recently installed children's play car in remembrance for Edna Riggs. The number plate was kindly donated by Autocare in Blandford. A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr Nick Doyle.

The Council already carry out a monthly check on the play area and the twice-yearly external checks will continue to be done by appointment under the auspices of and monitored by Cllr Whitlock.

A quotation to install a new swing and a new disabled access swing has been requested.

#### **2018/86 Finance**

The clerk tabled the financial statement to the Councillors with the Payment Schedule for January 2019 for the sum of £862.60. It was agreed by all members for the payment schedule to be accepted and duly signed by the Chairman.

**2018/87 Chairman's report** – The Neighbourhood+ Development Planv2 has been submitted to NDDC for their approval.

#### **2018/88 Officers Report:**

**Cllr J Dallison reported the following:**

Had attended a meeting with the A350 group. A group which consists of members of Councils and volunteers along the A350, who have come together to promote a better South – North link for all types of traffic. Full details can be found on the Parish Council's website. At the meeting, the group asked if the individual Councils would financially support the group by allocating funds towards cost for hall hire, leaflet printing and other small cost involved in promoting the need for a new link. The members agreed to allocate £200.00 towards the A350 group.

**Cllr D Addison reported the following:**

To arrange a litter pick for either Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> or March. This will be confirmed.  
Asked if the Tesco roundabout Silent Soldier will be moved, Cllr Whitlock confirmed that the Silent Soldier will be indeed be re-sited to the Lower Blandford St Mary Churchyard in due course.

**2018/89 Clerk Report-** Correspondence and matters of interest

Bryanston Parish Council had submitted a proposal to DAPTC for an amendment to the planning process. This was agreed at the DATC AGM and the statement was made to the Shadow Dorset Council for consideration. The Shadow Dorset Council voted to amend the Dorset Council's constitution to allow Parish Councils to be part of the process to refer planning applications to a committee. **Congratulations to Bryanston Parish Council for getting this proposal approved.**

It was noted that there are still issues with vehicles parking along Dorchester Hill and Beckett Close, by contractors working at the development in Dorchester Hill. The contractors are working Saturday afternoon and some Sundays, which is against the conditions set in the application. The Clerk will report this to the enforcement officer and to The Considerate Constructors Scheme, who Persimmon homes advertise they are a member of.

**2018/90 Date of next meeting and agreed items for the next meeting**

Grants – Footpath

Signed..... Website address  
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**Date of next meeting and agreed items for the next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019.  
There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.25

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