



BLANDFORD ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th March 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 M Dallison and Cllr Hill

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

Public Consultation: There are still a lot of people walking their dogs on the recreation field at Pigeon Close. The Clerk confirmed that as from the end of March, a new dog order is being put in place and the Parish Council will be looking closely into the power to prosecute people that let their dogs on the field, as this area has a NO DOG AREA on it.

A question of why the Parish Council minutes are no longer advertised in the Forum Focus. The Chairman confirmed that the Council now have their own website, where the minutes are available to view and the minutes are placed on the notice boards in the village. The Council could not justify the cost for continuing to put the minutes in the Forum Focus. It was suggested that the Council could consider putting the minutes of bigger meetings, eg AGM in the Forum Focus.

2018/91 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interest.

Cllr D Addison MBE and Cllr I Mackay.

Cllr P Hill declared an interest under agenda item 4 – Grants for the Disability Action Group.

2018/92 Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th February 2019.

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

2018/93 Items agreed to be discussed from last meeting

Up-date on play area –The Chairman circulated a quotation and diagram for a new disabled swing for the Play Area. After debate, it was agreed to look at another swing that offer better safety harnesses. The maintenance programme for the Play Area will start in the better weather.

Request to withdraw the Council's submission to Dorset County Council to investigate the legality of the proposed footpath from Church Lane to A350 – Mr Mackay has requested that the Parish Council withdraw their submission to DCC regarding the legality of a footpath from Church Lane to A350. It was confirmed that the Parish Council acted on behalf of local residents, who wanted to request that Dorset County Council investigate whether the footpath from Church Lane to A350 is a registered footpath. The Council confirmed that they did not request for a new footpath or at any time accept that this was a designated footpath, they simply acted as the governing body, to forward the residents request to County Council. The Clerk received confirmation from County Council definitive map technical officer, that even if the Parish Council did withdraw their submission, due to the correspondence from residents, this matter will still be investigated. It was noted that this process will take many years to complete. The Parish Council have a statutory duty to all residents of the Village and as they had agreed to support the group that wished for this matter to be investigated, they will not be withdrawing their submission.

2018/94 Planning. Cllr Hill send the following report:

2/2018/1590/REM – Land South West of Blandford St Mary - We see that the latest Reserved Matters Application by Bellway now shows an allocated site of 630m² but it shown as a long thin site rather than the squarer site that we suggested. It also doesn't show the "market square" which was originally proposed to accommodate any neighbourhood parking requirements for the village hall and to provide a hard surface that could be used by the village for events/fairs etc. We also anticipate a problem with a long, thin building which can be viewed from all sides. This is a difficult form to resolve architecturally particularly with the height (and necessarily quite blank) elevations needed for the hall element. The need for servicing (deliveries, bins etc) has its own problems to resolve within a design sitting on an island. A full and detailed report has been sent to NDDC Planning Department and can be seen on the Dorset For Your Website.

The Chairman highlighted the importance for the Council to appoint an architect to complete a feasibility study for the proposed Village/community hall, for the cost of £5550.00. After debate, the Chairman proposed that the Council instruct Morgan Carey Architects to conduct a feasibility & suitability study plus consultations etc., for the Village/community hall, this was seconded by Cllr Hill, all members in favour.

RESOLVED: to instruct Morgan Carey Architects to conduct a feasible study for the proposed Village/community hall for the sum of £5550.00. (2018/94 – Community Benefit fund)

2/2019/0169/FUL - Erect 4no. chalet style dwellings with associated amenity space and car parking Land At 9 - 10 Pigeon Close Blandford St Mary Dorset. **Objection** to the number of dwelling on the site as far too dense. Would suggest only one or two dwellings be allowed.

2/2019/0051/OUT Develop the land by the erection of 1 No dwelling with a single detached garage (outline application with all matters reserved). Ashley Cottage Dorchester Hill Blandford St Mary DT11 9AA. **Objections** to this application

- 1: Possibility of subsidence to the adjacent property when the site is lowered to road level
- 2: Destruction of an ancient hedge
- 3: Highway safety

2018/95 Finance

The Clerk had tabled the grant applications received. After debate the following was proposed by Cllr Dallison and seconded by Cllr Whitlock, all members in favour:

To increase the grant budget from £500.00 to £3000.00 from reserved funds. This was agreed by all members.

Disability Action Group	£300.00
Blandford Opportunity Group	£300.00
Art Workshop	£300.00
Air Ambulance	£300.00
Dorset Citizens Advice	£300.00
Friends of Blandford St Mary School	£1000.00

RESOLVED: to award the above amount to the applicants listed. (2018/95 – grants).

The clerk tabled the financial statement to the Councillors with the Payment Schedule for February 2019 for the sum of £925.61. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Whitlock, all agreed for the payment schedule to be accepted and duly signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED: to pay the payments on the schedule to the total sum of £925.61. (2018/95 – current account).

2018/96 Chairman's report – The allotment project needs to progress forward. The area and access road needs to be cleared. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotes to have these areas cleared.

Action – Clerk

The Chairman reported that the Blandford+Neighbourhood Plan2 has now been submitted to NDDC as in the process of being examined. The Chairman proposed that this Council accept the steering group suggestion to appoint Mr Terry Kemmann-Lane as examiner for the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan2, this was seconded by Cllr Dallison, all in favour.

RESOLVED: to appoint Mr Terry Kemmann-Lane as examiner for the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan2. (2018/94a – Neighbourhood Plan).

2018/97 Officers Report:

Cllr J Dallison reported the following:

Both he and Cllr Hill attended a planning training meeting with DAPTC. One of the main items that was raised, was the importance of the Village having a Neighbourhood Plan in place, which could influence the decisions made for local planning applications received. Further details will be circulated to the members.

Cllr P Hill reported the following:

Happy to see that the double yellow lines have now been finished along New Road.

Cllr M Dallison reported the following:

The dog bins at the Meadows are very overfull. The Clerk will advise Dorset Waste Partnership.

2018/98 Clerk Report- Correspondence and matters of interest

The Clerk confirmed that the planning enforcement officer has visited the Persimmon Site, to investigate concerns raised by the public and the Council. The officer will continue to monitor the complaints raised. The Clerk informed the Council that they will need to change the AGM meeting in May to after the 2nd of May, due to elections. It was agreed to hold **the AGM on Wednesday the 15th May 2019.**

2018/99 Date of next meeting and agreed items for the next meeting

Play area – Allotments

Signed.....

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The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd April 2019.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.30

