



Blandford St Mary Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting which
took place at
The Brewery Hall in Hall & Woodhouse Visitor Centre Bournemouth Rd Blandford St Mary
on Wednesday the 3rd July 2019 at 7 pm**

Present: Cllr M Albery - Chairman, Cllr R Whitlock – Vice Chairman, Cllr J Dallison, Cllr M Dallison, Cllr J Stayt

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk)
There were four members of the public present and Dorset Council Councillor Andrew Kerby

Public Consultation: It was reported that recently Dorset Waste Partnership have not always emptied the bins on the set day, in Lower Blandford St Mary. This matter has been reported to DC Cllr A Kerby, who has received a report back from DWP stating that they had a vehicle break down and had to empty the bins as soon as they could. This matter will be monitored and if any members of the public do not get their bins emptied on the scheduled date, they can report the matter on the Dorset For Your Website.

It was also reported that the area of land opposite Knights Close has become very overgrown. The Council agreed to instruct the grass cutting contractor to cut back this area. **Action - Clerk**

28/19 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interest. Cllr I Mackay sent his apologies.

29/19 Minutes of the meetings held on the 5th June 2019. The minutes were proposed by Cllr J Stayt and seconded by Cllr J Dallison, all agreed that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

30/19 Co-option for new members There were none.

31/19 Items agreed to be discussed from last meeting and items arising through the month

To receive: Up-date on play area, allotments, Community Hall:

Play Area: Cllr M Dallison reported that there is only a small amount of painting left to be done at the Play Area. Cllr Whitlock confirmed that he had the Jet Wash delivered and it will be used to clean the play area equipment and signs. Cllr Whitlock will be measuring the area of fencing that needs to be replaced, ready to obtain quotes for the work.

Allotments: The Chairman reported that Mark Hinsley Arboricultural Consultants have produced an objection document against the albeit revised Tree Preservation Order. DC Cllr A Kerby confirmed that this matter is now being looked at by the Legal Department at County Council as a result of this document.

Community Hall: The Chairman reported that the proposal for a new suggested sketched design for the community hall has been sent to Bellway for their consideration.

To agree: Grass Cutting contract Mr Martin Park to November 2022. It was proposed by Cllr J Stayt that the Parish Council agree to extend Mr Martin Park's grass cutting contract to 2022, this was seconded by Cllr J Dallison, two other members agreed, one member abstained.

RESOLVED: to extend Mr Martin Park's grass cutting contract to 2022. (31/19 – Grass cutting)

To agree and discuss: Action plan. Details of the proposed action plan for 2019-20 were tabled. The following items have been agreed: Additional grass cutting/verges – fencing for the play area – Community Hall and its maintenance – Allotments – Support for Local Organisations – Litter Picking, keeping the village tidy – cleaning road signs – enforcing Dog Order – notice boards – Village Fete – Tesco Bus Stop – Cemetery Wall and suggestions that have been received for the Neighbourhood Plan once adopted.

To agree changes to the Clerk Contract. There was one small change on the Clerks Contract for the hourly rate, it was proposed by Cllr M Albery that the changes to the Clerk contract be agreed, this was seconded by Cllr Whitlock and all members in favour.

RESOLVED: The Council agreed the small change of the Clerk Contract for her hourly rate. (31/19a – wages)

32/19 Planning.

There were none.

33/19 Finance

The Clerk had circulated a request for a grant for an event to be held to raise money for Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance. It was agreed that the Council do support the Air Ambulance on an annual basis, therefore will grant the event £300.00, that would normally be given.

The clerk tabled the financial statement to the Councillors with the Payment Schedule for June 2019 for the sum of £4983.20, as listed below. It was agreed by all members for the payment schedule to be accepted and duly signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED: to pay the invoices listed below in the payment schedule, (33/19 – current account)

Clerks Wages	£599.85
Mark Hinsley - allotments	£216.00
BTC H&S inspection	£81.00
N Phillips Clerk & Council ex	£752.64
BTC NDP	£158.40
T Signs for play area	£102.00
K M - school steps	£234.00
replace cheque 1092	£39.49
Martin Park grass cutting	£576.00
Morgan Carey village hall	£1,907.82
Dorset Council dog sign	£16.00
N Phillips air ambulance	£300.00

34/19 Dorset Council Cllr A Kerby report:

Cllr A Kerby reported the following:

- Has spoken to Paul Starkey at Dorset Council Highways to propose that the bus stop near Bryanston Court is moved to the pull in directly outside Bryanston Court. Cllr Whitlock expressed concerns, as the pull in is used for ambulances and hospital cars. Cllr Kerby took this on board.
- Confirmed that the official dog signs from Dorset Council have been sent to the Parish Council.
- Re-iterated that a meeting had taken place on the proposed allotment land and a further objection against the tree preservation has been sent to Dorset Council tree officers.
- The legal road signs are required to be kept clear, if anyone sees one that is obstructed, please inform Dorset Council highways department using the Dorset For You website.
- Paul Starkey at Dorset Council Highways has agreed to cut back the hedge along the path by Orchard House, once the nesting season has come to an end.
- Firbrenest is wanting to provide internet service to the village. Openreach have agreed to try and blow by a cable under the road. If this is not successful and civil work is required, permission will have to be applied for.

- The Community Land Trust are looking to work with Parish Council's and developers in our area including Sovereign Housing, to try and ensure that future houses that are built, are affordable are both fully suitable for the residents and that local residents are given the first opportunity to buy or rent the houses and are preferred sites for housing. After debate, it was agreed that the Parish Council fully support the Community Land Trust and would like to arrange a meeting to discuss in more detail.
- Cllr J Stayt asked Cllr A Kerby if the County Council are going to be considering a policy to improve the economic and ecology in future housing developments. The Parish Council are strongly of the opinion that Central Government should review their policy to improve the economic and ecology for future developments, which would then scale down to lower authorities to abide to. Cllr A Kerby stated it will be a good idea that at the time when Dorset Council produce a new proposed Building Plan, for the Parish Council to have their say and proposals put forward.

35/19 Chairman's report. Nothing further to report.

36/19 Officers Report:

Cllr J Dallison reported the following:

A350 group held a meeting on the 27th June. The main item which needs to be looked at is for each village to monitor and report on the progress of each major development and look at how the infrastructure can be improved and liaise with the A350 CG Ops c'tee to see how best to improve the situation through contact with local county councillors and council officers/director.

37/19 Clerk Report – had circulated an email from Bruce Willatt, Treasurer-Blandford St Mary PCC, asking for the Parish Councils financial support towards the repairs for the cemetery wall at BSM church which is in a parlous state of repair. The quote for £13,875 has been obtained and a grant for £10,000 from the Erskin-Mouton Trust (a church charity) has been secured. Therefore, they would like the Parish Council to consider donating the remaining funds. After debate, it was proposed by Cllr M Dallison that the Parish Council donate the sum of £3500.00 towards the cost, this was seconded by Cllr R Whitlock, all members in favour. It was also noted that the Parish Council recommend that the Church start to budget for repairs and maintainace for the wall, as the Parish Council feel they should not be asked for further funding for the Cemetery Wall/area.

RESOLVED: for the Parish Council to donate £3500.00 towards the repair cost for the Cemetery wall at Blandford St Mary's Church, with the re-assurance that the Blandford St Mary PCC will budget for the maintenance and repairs for the wall. BSM Council not being responsible for future repairs or maintenance. (37/19 – Community Benefit fund).

Cllr R Whitlock reported that he has visited Blandford St Mary Primary School to request that a member of the Parish Council is invited to sit at their Governors meetings. This will enable the Council to see what the School require in way of support. The Clerk is waiting to hear from the School. Cllr Whitlock has also arranged to meet with the leader of the Pre-School in September, to see what their needs are, as their building is now in a very poor state and needs urgent repairs.

38/19 Date of next meeting and agreed items for the next meeting

Allotments – Action plan – play area - TBA

Signed.....

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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 4th September 2019. There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.30