



Blandford St Mary Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting which took place at

**The Brewery Hall in Hall & Woodhouse Visitor Centre Bournemouth Road Blandford St
Mary on Wednesday the 4th March 2020 at 7 pm**

Present: Cllr M Albery – Chairman, Cllr R Whitlock – Vice Chairman, Cllr J Dallison, Cllr M Dallison,
Cllr I Mackay and Cllr T Coats

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk)
There were 4 members of the public present

Public Consultation: A member of the public asked for confirmation of how many houses have been applied for to be built near Birch Avenue. The Chairman confirmed the application was for 4 houses. A member of the public reported that some of the waste bins are over full and have not been emptied. The Clerk will report this to Dorset Waste Partnership and noted that if any member of the public that notices bins over filling, they can also go onto the Dorset Council website and following the link for public bins problems.

92/19 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.

Cllr J Stayt and DCC Cllr A Kerby sent their apologies.

93/19 Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th February 2020. The minutes were proposed by Cllr J Dallison and seconded by Cllr T Coats, all members agreed that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

94/19 Co-option for new members

Unfortunately, Mrs Sue Meredith withdrew from joining the Parish Council, so there is a vacancy. No members of the public came forward.

95/19 Items agreed to be discussed from last meeting and items arising through the month

To receive: Update on Allotments – The Chairman reported that the amendment to the TPO have now been agreed and work can start on cutting back the trees,(to prevent birds from nesting) ready for removal of the trees in the better weather, due to heavy machinery being used.

To receive: Update on Bellway Homes – The Chairman confirmed that work has now started on the Bellway development.

To receive: Update on Play Area – Cllr R Whitlock reported that the fencing and gate around the Play Area is complete.

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council do not own the land, at the entrance to the Play Area. The Clerk has therefore contracted Sovereign Housing and has obtained permission to erect 3no bollards, 1 removable. After debate it was agreed to obtain an additional two quotes to the supply and fitting of the bollards.

The painting for items in the Play Area will start in the better weather.

Update on Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman reported that the examiner has agreed with the proposed Neighbourhood Plan and now a referendum will be held on the 7th May 2020. Leaflets will be put up on notice boards and the Parish Council Website, as well as leaflet drops around the Village. The leaflets will give more details of the benefits of having Neighbourhood Plan in place for the Village.

To agree Officers Roles: After debate the following was agreed:

Cllr M Albery- Chairman

Cllr R Whitlock – Vice Chairman

Cllr I Mackay

Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan

Play Area and Allotments

Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan and Planning

Cllr J Dallison
 Cllr T Coats
 Cllr J Stayt
 Cllr M Dallison

A350 group, Website and Environment
 Allotments
 DAPTC
 Play Area

To consider Grant Applications: The Clerk tabled the grants and donations applications. After debate the following was proposed by Cllr M Albery and seconded by Cllr M Dallison, all member in favour.

Donations – Community Funding project

- Blandford St Mary Pre-School - Donation of £4000.00 towards the urgent repairs needed to their building
RESOLVED: to award Blandford St Mary Pre-School a donation towards the cost for repairs to their building, once confirmation has been obtained that they hold over a 5year lease on the building. (95/19b – community funding)

Grants awarded for 2019-2020

- Community Art Workshop £300.00
- Working Dog Fun Day Air Ambulance £300.00
- Citizens Advice Blandford £300.00
- St Johns Ambulance £300.00
- Blandford St Mary Pre-School £1000.00

RESOLVED: to award the grants applications above for the total cost of £2200.00. (95/19a – Grants)

96/19 Planning.

2/2020/0061/ADV - Tesco Stores Ltd Stour Park – Lighting – no objection

2/2019/1389/VARIA – Canada Farm – Variation of application - Objected on the basis the original planning application was for 25 years and not 40 and due to ever changing world is likely to offer different technology or even different requirements.

2/2020/0020/FUL – 15 Pigeon Close – erect 1no dwelling – Objected on the basis that the proposed house is very close to the retained building and will have a negative effect on the benefit of light at both ground a first floor levels to No 15. The proposal is for a substantial detached house added to a terrace and reduced the garden areas for both houses to a minimum. The 4No parking spaces are contrived and are effectively 2 spaces.

2/2019/1316/REM – The Brewery – reserved matters – duly noted.

97/19 Finance: The Clerk tabled the proposed annual wage increase for the Clerk. After debate it was proposed by Cllr J Dallison and seconded by Cllr M Albery that the Clerk is raised from NALC pay scale 28 to NALC pay scale 29 with a 2.5% increase. All in favour.

RESOLVED: to award the Clerk a wage scale increase from 28 to 29 and a 2.5% increase on the wage for 2020-2021. (97/19 – Clerks wages).

The financial statement was tabled with the Payment Schedule for February 2020 for the total sum of **£5318.70** as listed below. It was agreed by all members for the payment schedule to be accepted and was duly signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED : to pay the invoices listed below in the payment schedule, (97/19a – current account)

01-Feb-2020	N Phillips	Clerk Wages	£	706.76
01-Feb-2020	nest	Pension standing order	£	49.42
01-Feb-2020	DAPTC	Training Clerk	£	70.00
01-Feb-2020	d town	skate park H&S	£	129.60
01-Feb-2020	d town	NDP costs	£	60.82
01-Feb-2020	Carey	Village Hall	£	1,590.60
01-Feb-2020	Hinsley	Allotments	£	72.00
01-Feb-2020	KMP	fencing	£	2,400.00
01-Feb-2020	ICT	Accesibility report	£	54.00
01-Feb-2020	N Phillips	Gate lock dorch hill	£	72.00
01-Feb-2020	N Phillips	Clerk ex and training	£	113.50

The Clerk reported that Information Commissioners Office has requested the annual subscription of £40.00, but if the Parish Council pay by Direct Debit, it will reduce the subscription to £35.00. All member were in favour and the Chairman and Vice Chairman signed the direct debit form.

The Clerk reported that she had attended a Website Course with DAPTC and Vision ICT. The main topic was to ensure that the Parish Council have the accessibility statement on their Website, which will be a legal requirement as from September 2020. The Clerk confirmed that this has now been completed. The Clerk also reported that DAPTC will be removing the Council's email address later this year. The Clerk proposed that the Council change their website to a .gov.uk site, which will include a .gov.uk email address for the Clerk. Vision ICT can also supply .gov.uk email address for Councillors. The cost for this will be £105.00 for the set-up cost and then £55.00 every two years and an additional £18.00 per mailbox per year. After debate, all members were in favour to instruct Vision ICT to change the website address and supply emails for Councillors that are happy to have one.

98/19 Dorset Council Cllr A Kerby reported the following:

Nothing to report.

99/19 Chairman's report. – The Chairman reported the following:

Nothing further to report.

100/19 Officers Report:

Cllr J Dallison reported the following:

Reported that the A350 group asked for the Parish Council to continue to allocate funds towards this project.

101/19 Clerk Report – had circulated and acknowledged correspondence.

The Clerk reported that Wessex Water have repaired the whole on the pavement next to the Play Area. It was noted that the repairs are starting to fall away already. The Clerk will inform Wessex Water.

102/19 Date of next meeting and agreed items for the next meeting

Allotments – Play Area – Litter Picking

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 1st April 2020. There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.30