



Blandford St Mary Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council which was taken place VIRTUALLY
On Wednesday, the 5th August 2020 at 6.00pm**

Present: Cllr M Albery, Cllr R Whitlock, Cllr J Stayt, Cllr J Dallison, Cllr M Dallison and Cllr T Coats

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk)

There were no members of the public present on Zoom.

Public Consultation: The Clerk confirmed that the zoom meeting was being recorded for Parish Council records.

34/20. To receive and accept apologies of absence, declarations of interest and dispensations.

Cllr I Mackay and Dorset Councillor A Kerby sent their apologies for absence.

35/20. Approve minutes from 1st July 2020

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated the 1st July 2020 was proposed by Cllr J Dallison and seconded by Cllr T Coats, that they are an accurate and true record of the meeting. They were duly signed by the Clerk, on behalf of the Chairman.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting dated the 1st July 2020 (no budgetary allocation required)

36/20. Items agreed to be discussed from last meeting and items arising through the month

To receive: update on allotments – Mark Farwell is doing a great job in getting the land ready for the allotments. A public meeting will be held on site on Tuesday the 11th August at 5.30pm. The Clerk will invite those that have applied for an allotment to attend. Cllr R Whitlock, Cllr T Coats and the Chairman are meeting on the allotment site to peg out a few allotment areas to be able to show the public and work out how many allotments plots will be available on the site. The Parish Council have received permission from the Tree Officer at Dorset Council to fell 12 no ash trees, due to ash die back. Quotes are being obtained for these works. Wessex Water have come completed their survey and unfortunately the mains water does not go up Dorchester Hill to the allotments. Wessex Water will come back with their report and costing to supply a water main at the bottom gate only. The Parish Council will have to look at ways to get the water up to the allotment site.

37/20. Planning

There were none.

38/20. Finance

The financial statement was tabled with the Payment Schedule for July 2020, with the added late invoices from invoice from PFK Littlejohn LLP and Martin Park, for the total sum of £3643.76 as listed below. Cllr R Whitlock proposed that the invoices on the payment schedule be paid, this was seconded by Cllr J Stayt, all members in favour and the schedule was duly signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Chairman.

RESOLVED: to pay the invoices listed below in the payment schedule, (38/20 – current account).

Rapid Accounts Ltd	Audit & Governance	£	288.00
N Phillips wages July	Clerk's Wages	£	757.90
N Phillips Expenses	Clerk's Expenses	£	42.12
British Telecom (AP)	Parish Council expenses	£	312.54
Cllr R Whitlock	Allotment	£	14.00
Cllr R Whitlock	Play Area	£	35.43
Nest	pension	£	53.06
HMR employers NI	Parish Council expenses	£	10.71
Ministry of Play	Play Area	£	750.00
Mark Hinsley trees	community benefit	£	288.00
Vision ICT	website	£	42.00
Martin Park	Grass cutting contract	£	115.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	external audit	£	60.00

39/20 Dorset Council Cllr A Kerby reported the following:

Nothing to report.

40/20 Chairman's report. – The Chairman reported the following:

Dorset Council Planning committee have approved the Brewery site proposals. The Chairman noted that he attended the virtual meeting and expressed the concerns which have been raised by the Parish Council, mainly regarding the sustainability and access of the development. Dorset Council planning committee stated that at the moment they have no powers to enforce developers to use more sustainability materials. Dorset Highways have confirmed that they have no issues with the access to the development. The Chairman had circulated the most recent minutes from the Blandford + team, where the matter of the % of 106 Developer contribution for each Council was raised. The Chairman expressed that he would not be in favour of these being changed.

41/20 Officers Report:

Cllr R Whitlock asked for the Clerk to obtain new notices for the Play Area, this was agreed by all.

Action – Clerk

Cllr R Whitlock asked for the Council to consider putting the bollards at the entrance of the play area. The Clerk gave an estimate of £914.69 plus vat. The members agreed to go ahead with this project.

Action – Clerk

Cllr R Whitlock expressed concerns over the overgrown hedge at the bottom of Dorchester Hill. The Clerk will speak to Dorset Council highway team, Mr Paul Starkey, to find out what is being done about this matter.

Action - Clerk

42/20 Clerk Report – had circulated and acknowledged correspondence.

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council have had their external audit returned, with no comments or actions. Details of the Parish Council account's and audit can be found on the website. The Clerk tabled a letter from St John Ambulance for the grant given.

43/20 Date of next meeting and agreed items for the next meeting

Allotments – Play Area

Signed.....

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Date of next meeting and agreed items for the next meeting

**The Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 6.00pm
Virtual – Zoom. There being no further business the meeting closed at 18.29.**