***Bryanston Parish Council***

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Parish Council Meeting**

**11th May 2022 at Bryanston Club, Bryanston.**

**Councillors:** Cllr C Tompsett -Chairman, Cllr C Gale – Vice Chairman, Cllr F Stocks, Cllr M Bird and Cllr C Moxham.

**In attendance:** Nicola Phillips – Clerk, Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen, Izzy Dixon-Clegg and Alice Rawdon-Mogg on behalf of Savills – Bryanston Estate, Dan Gammon – Oak Vale Farms Ltd and 3 members of the public.

**22/1. Election of Chairman and signing of Declaration of Office**

The Clerk asked for nominations or volunteers for Chairman of Bryanston Parish Council for 2022-23

Cllr Gale nominated Cllr Tompsett for Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Stocks, all members in favour.

**RESOLVED**: For Cllr Tompsett as Chairman for Bryanston Parish Council 2022-23. (22/1, no budgetary provision required)

**22/2. To received and accept apologies of absence**

Richard Ball on behalf of Bryanston School

**22/3. Election of Vice Chairman**

Cllr Stocks proposed Cllr Gale for Vice Chairman for 2022-23, this was seconded by Cllr Moxham and all members in favour.

**RESOLVED**: For Cllr Gale as Vice Chairman for Bryanston Parish Council 2022-23. (22/3, no budgetary provision required)

**21/4. Parish Council legal documents**

**To confirm that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 will be agreed.**

**To confirm there have been no changes to the adopted policies and procedures for 2021.**

It was proposed by Cllr Tompsett and seconded by Cllr Gale that the Parish Council confirmed that they have met the conditions of eligibility for the GPC and that all adopted polices and procedures have not been changed for 2022, all in favour.

**RESOLVED**: confirmation that the Parish Council are eligible for the GPC and that all adopted polices and procedures have not been changed for 2022. (21/4 no budgetary provision required).

**22/5. Approve the Minutes from the virtual AGM dated the 19th of May 2021.**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Stock and seconded by Cllr Tompsett that the contents were a true and accurate record, and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

 **RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes dated the 19th of May 2021 (21/5 – no budgetary requirements)

**22/6. Approval of the annual accounts and governance statement.**

The Clerk circulated the annual accounts and showed the bank reconciliation and governance statement to the Parish Council for approval. Cllr Gale proposed the annual accounts and governance statement, this was seconded by Cllr Stocks, all in favour:

To agree: The annual governance statement 2021/22 – this was agreed

To agree: The end of year accounting statements 2021/22 - this was agreed

To agree: The asset register was amended and agreed for 2021/22

To agree: The bank reconciliation 2021/22 – this was agreed

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council agreed to the above finance agreements, and they were signed by the Chairman (22/06 no budgetary provision required)

***At this point the Chairman closed the AGM and opened the Parish Council meeting.***

***A 3-minute public consultation period was held at the beginning of the meeting for members of the public to raise issues and concerns for the attention of the Council. The Chairman asked if anyone present wished to record the meeting, to let themselves known. There were no recordings.***

**Mr Gammon** reported that he will be holding an Open Farm Sunday Day at Old Park Farm on Sunday the 12th of June from 12 to 4pm. Details will be advertised and there is already information on the Village Facebook page. The Open Day is a national event to promote farming and an online booking form will be available.

**Alice Rawdon-Mogg** was asked for an update on the Lower Bryanston development. Ms Rawdon-Mogg confirmed outline planning had been approved on the 10th of March 2022 and the exchange of contract to Taylor Wimpy should be completed withing the next few months. The Parish Council raised concerns about a letter from Taylor Wimpy which was received by a small number of residents adjacent to the site only. The letter contained also included incorrect information, such as the site address being in Blandford St Mary. The parish Council have contacted Taylor Wimpy to ensure that they will be providing a full detailed proposal of the development once they have the plans in place, so that the Parish Council and the residents in the village have a chance to see it and have their say. Ms Rawdon-Mogg confirmed that she will also speak to Taylor Wimpy on the Parish Council’s behalf.

**Ms Izzy Dixon-Clegg** said the results from tree safety survey, carried out in April be looked at and information about necessary tree works forwarded to the Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked The Bryanston Estate for their donation towards the Jubilee celebrations for the Village.

**22/7. Declaration of interest and dispensations**

There were none.

**22/8. Approve minutes from 9th March 2022 and matters arising from the meeting.**

The minutes had been circulated. These were proposed by Cllr Bird and seconded by Cllr Moxham. All members agreed that the contents were a true and accurate record, and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

 **RESOLVED**: to approve the minutes dated the 9th of March 2022 (22/8 no budgetary requirements)

Matters arising that were discussed:

* The Chairman and Cllr Stocks have produced and sent the response to the Community Governance Review - Public Consultation 28.2-23.5.22. The response confirms the Parish Council agree with Dorset Council’s recommendation, that Bryanston should remain a standalone Parish Council, not to be incorporated with Blandford Town Council and have restated the Parish Council’s initial objection to Blandford Town’s proposal. The results of a consultation, carried out by BPC, produced a response from over 31% of households in Bryanston Parish, with a unanimous response stating that they wished to continue as an independent, rural parish with its own parish council.
* A Crab Apple tree to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee has been kindly donated by Neil Campbell, on behalf of Bartlett Tree Experts, and will be planted, as agreed, at The Old Powerhouse.
* Organisation of the Big Bryanston Jubilee Lunch on Thursday 2nd June is well underway, with donations received from the Parish Council, The Bryanston Estate, Mrs Dina Bird, and Meyers Estate Agents. It will be a great event for both Bryanston and Durweston Parishes. The Jubilee Committee gave thanks to all those who have donated and all those who have come forward to volunteer to help.
* There is no further update from Dorset Council on the empty property, 7 Bryanston. The Clerk will forward the information she has to Dorset Councillor Jespersen for her to follow up the matter. **Action - Clerk**
* The Clerk confirmed she has requested the Dog signs from the Environment Team at Dorset Council and will get them to the Chairman once they have been delivered. **Action – Clerk**
* The Clerk had contacted Sovereign Housing regarding the lighting at Portman View. They confirmed that they are not responsible for these homes or lighting. With the help from Cllr Moxham, it was confirmed that a housing association named Stonewater is responsible for this area. The Clerk will contact Stonewater. **Action – Clerk**
* The Clerk confirmed that she is still working with Graham Stanley at Dorset Council to produce an agreement for Dorset Council to compensate the Parish Council for regularly cutting Dorset Council grassed areas in the village. It was also noted that the verge outside Cliff Lodge needs attention and would the Parish Council consider adding this to their grass cutting schedule. The Chairman confirmed that she has approached the grass cutting contractor and asked for a quote to add this are to his schedule**. Action – Clerk & Chairman**
* The Clerk confirmed that she is working with the Charity Commission, to set up the Parish Council Charity.

**22/9. Officers’ reports:**

**Cllr Gale reported the following**

* Cllr Gale has received concerns over the parking increases in Dorset. It was highlighted how much this will affect Blandford Town, as there are few convenient free parking spaces to pop into a Bank, Chemists or Post Office (unless you are very lucky to get one of the rare free parking spaces outside the Post Office). It was also noted that recently the parking meters only accepted Card payments or phone app. There are reports of people wishing to park in Blandford but having to leave again as the parking meters only accepted card payments. It was felt without offering cash payment, it amounts to discrimination against people who do not possess bank cards or access to mobile phone payments. These people will go somewhere else to do their shopping. Dorset Councillor Jespersen reported there had been issues with the parking meters. Once resolved, they will also take cash.

**Cllr Stocks reported the following**

* Since May 2021 we have looked at 10 applications in the parish, of which 6 were Bryanston School applications, and 1 housing application in Blandford St. Mary (the Hall & Woodhouse Brewery site), all of which have been determined. Although submitted in 2020, and we had no objection, the Wyatt Homes planning application on land north-east of Blandford (one of the sites in the Blandford+ Neighborhood Plan) is yet undetermined. The outline application (2/2017/1919/OUT) for 75 houses at Lower Bryanston Farm was granted outline permission on 10 March 2022 (with the S106 signed on 21 February), after a 3-year negotiation. Taylor Wimpey issued an extremely limited public consultation on 29 April to some residents in Fair Mile Road and New Road, but not to the Parish Council or village residents. There may well be benefit in the Parish Council contacting Taylor Wimpey about the inadequacy of their consultation and Site Layout Plan and request a wider circulation and more time for comments as Dorset Council only notified 9 households about the original outline application. The next stage for the applicants will be a formal submission of reserved matters to Dorset Council, seeking approval of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping.
* 7 Forum View, Bryanston - Solar PV panels have recently been installed on the front roof slope, facing The Cliff. Planning permission is required as the property is within the Bryanston Conservation Area – no planning application has been submitted. The Clerk will ask Dorset Council planning enforcement team to investigate.

**Action – Clerk**

**Cllr Moxham reported the following:**

* The Old Powerhouse has a programme of events over the summer. They will be locally advertised.

**The Chairman and Cllr Stocks reported on the Neighbourhood Plan.**

Since the B+ Neighbourhood Plan was made statutory in June 2021, the B+ Steering Group’s role changed to:

• Helping decide new planning applications with Dorset Council

• Reviewing and updating the NP by June 2023 to ensure it continues to carry full weight in deciding planning applications.

The consultants O’Neill Homer, used to prepare the NP, have been re-employed by the NP Steering Group to assist in the modification process. It is hoped most of the costs will be covered by government grants. The 3 councils involved have agreed a level of modification that will see the NP re-examined next year, but without the requirement for another Public Referendum. A new Memorandum of Understanding has been drawn up between the 3 councils for working together following the NP gaining legal status.

**The Clerk reported the following:**

* Has asked Graham Stanley, Dorset Council, to have a look at the Stours Valley Way public footpath from the Dairy to the Horse Field to clarity the route. The Clerk will chase this matter up with Graham Stanley. **Action – Clerk**
* Blandford St Mary Parish Council will be changing their lease agreement with the Allotment Association, to enable Bryanston residents to put their names down for an allotment at Dorchester Hill.

**Chairmans report:**

Since May last year, we have emerged from the pandemic, and we are reconnecting in person and celebrating a return to normality. We have resumed projects and look forward to our Big Bryanston Jubilee Lunch on Thursday 2nd June. Organised as a treat for our parish residents, and to strengthen further our strong community spirit which came to the fore during the pandemic and aftermath of Storm Eunice.

After Storm Eunice in February, many residents helped others with hot drinks, meals and checking on the vulnerable. We must particularly thank the St Nicholas Church volunteers who stepped in to help Bryanston Volunteers to prepare and distribute the hot soup. Our links with Durweston are further being strengthened by our joint organization of events for the Jubilee weekend in June. We must also thank Bryanston School for so many offers of help and support which was very much appreciated. Communication via the Bryanston Village Community Facebook page was essential, and this social media platform continues to reach our residents with local news and events, alongside the Bryanston Newsletter, now published quarterly.

As with other years, Bryanston PC has continued to work well with its landowners and neighbours, especially Blandford St Mary Parish Council. Plans are underway to allow Bryanston residents to apply for an allotment at the Blandford St Mary site at the top of Dorchester Hill. Bryanston PC does not own any land itself, so this will give our residents the opportunity to grow their own fruit and vegetables. We also thank The Bryanston Estate for keeping the community informed, including for tree works.

Despite the successful adoption of the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan, which saw Bryanston PC, Blandford Forum TC and Blandford St Mary PC working closely together, it was very disappointing to learn that Blandford Forum TC’s had submitted a proposal to incorporate Bryanston Parish within its town boundary, without consultation, as part of Dorset Council’s Community Governance Review, especially as Bryanston PC only found out just before the closing date for the Review. Bryanston Parish councillors quickly worked on and submitted a vigorous rejection of such a proposal, based on evidence gathered for the Neighbourhood Plan, where most Bryanston residents wished to stay a rural parish. Dorset Council recommended the proposal should be rejected and this is now out for Public Consultation. Since then, more evidence has been gathered by BPC from a question circulated to every household “Do you want Bryanston to remain an independent, rural parish with its own parish council?” Everyone who responded voted in favour. This has now been used for Bryanston Parish Council’s response to the Public Consultation. Dorset Council are expected to announce the results of this Public Consultation in July.

The planning application at Lower Bryanston Farm for up to 75 dwellings now has outline planning permission. This development will increase the number of houses in Bryanston Parish by 45% (excluding Bryanston School). Although the parish fought hard to stop any development, Dorset Council approved it as it was an allocated site in the current DC Local Plan. The parish has however negotiated potential S106 money which could benefit parish amenities, including the conversion of The Portman Room at The Old Powerhouse to a village hall, allotments at Blandford St Mary for Bryanston residents and play equipment. Taylor Wimpey have indicated they are interested in developing the site. The B+ Neighbourhood Plan Group and Parish Council will be closely monitoring the progress of the planning application and ensuring developers comply with Design Policy13 for Bryanston.

The current statutory B+ Neighbourhood Plan is important to Bryanston as it provides the parish with protection against unwanted development and sets out a clear design policy for extensions etc to respect the historical and rural character of all areas within our village. However, the NP needs to be reviewed and updated before June 2023, to continue its full weight in considering planning applications. The B+ Neighbourhood Plan consultants will be assisting in this process, to ensure the NP meets current legislation. BPC has approved the extra expenditure needed, as its share of the total cost (4%), although it is hoped government grants will probably cover most of the costs.

Despite the pandemic, several projects continued. The bulb planting last autumn paid off with spring flowers on display all over the village, especially on the ‘island’ which continues to bloom with a succession of beautiful wildflowers. BPC would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish council’s grass contractors, Langers, who continue to keep our verges looking neat.

The book and seed exchange is well used. We would ask people to avoid leaving old textbooks as they have limited readership.

We still have some thoughtless dog owners who decide not to pick up their pet’s excrement. This has been a particular issue in the field leading from the Old Powerhouse to the telephone box which has a public footpath across it. Please pick up and deposit in the bins by The OPH or telephone box.

Sadly, Councillors Richard Nolan and Bobbie Church decided to step down for personal reasons this year. They were both long serving councillors, especially Cllr Church, who both contributed much to Bryanston. We thank them both for their hard work and dedication to the parish. We continue to seek 2 new Councillor2 to represent our residents and welcome applications from anyone interested.

The precept for 2022-23 was necessarily increased from £8349.00 to £9353.84 to meet increasing costs incurred in the running of BPC’s services - much needed as our precept is small.

The following grants for 2021-2022 were awarded by BPC to the following:

• St Nicholas Church, Durweston £100.00

• Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance £50.00

• Blandford Citizens Advice Bureau £50.00

• Blandford Town Council toilets £50.00

• Big Bryanston Jubilee Lunch event £350.00

Finally, my personal thanks go to the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Nicky Phillips, for her hard work and continued support, to our Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen and to all the Bryanston Parish Councillors who have all worked so hard this year to ensure that Bryanston Parish Council has continued to serve its residents during the challenging times.

**22/10. Received report from Dorset Council representative**

Cllr Jespersen will circulate a report, which will be available on the Parish Councils website, once received.

**22/11. Finance**

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for April 2022 for the sum of £846.42. This was proposed by Cllr Moxham and seconded by Cllr Gale, all agreed, and signed by the Chairman. Details are as below:



 **RESOLVED**: to pay the payment on the schedule for the sum of £846.42 (22/11 current account).

**22/12. Clerk report –** the Clerk tabled an email from Mr Tom Cosgrove, requesting a donation towards producing Bryanston News. This will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting in July.

**22/13. Items for the next agenda and date of next meeting.**

Co-option for new member.

**Date of next meeting 13th July 2022, to be held at The Powerhouse, Bryanston at 7.00pm.**

**Should you wish to contact the Clerk please use the email address below:**

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**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19.19pm.**