

Bryanston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

10th of January 2024 at The Old Powerhouse (TOPH), 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 – PC Tom Clements, 2 members of the public. Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen

Public consultation

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year

PC Tom Clements acknowledged that some residents are concerned about reporting illegal activities to the police. PC Clements advised residents to report via Crime Stoppers, as this is anonymous. For a warrant to be issued, a magistrate requires at least 5 pieces of relevant evidence, collected in the last 3 months (up to 6 months, for significant evidence). If anyone observes a crime in action, it must be reported via 999. Dorset Councillor Jespersen reminded everyone that child safety concerns should be reported to Dorset Council Social Services team and, in the case of domestic abuse, to make a diary of concerns (date, time etc) which can be passed on as evidence.

23/48. To receive and accept apologies of absence and declaration of interest and dispensations.

There were none.

23/49. Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated the 10th of January 2024.

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

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes dated the 10th of January 2024 (23/49 – no budgetary requirements)

23/50. Co-option for new Councillor – There were no applicants.

At this point the Chairman moved to agenda item 5 – Dorset Councillor Report

23/51. Report from representative of Dorset Council

Dorset Councillor S Jespersen reported the following:

- Dorset Council have produced their proposed budget with a proposed council tax increase of 5%, necessary to cover the increased council spending of 8%. There will also be an increase in council tax of 2% for adult and social care. The proposed budget will be put to full council in February. Unlike some other Councils, Dorset Council has managed its budget to ensure it will not face Bankruptcy (being given Section 114 notice, which bans them for any further spending until they meet within 21 days with an action plan).
- Dorset Council has been working hard dealing with the flooding issues within the district.
- Round four of the Household Support Fund is now open, residents that have not already applied, and are in receipt of certain benefits can apply to Dorset Council via this link: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/household-support-fund>

At this point the Chairman moved to agenda item 6 – Planning to allow Cllr Jespersen to talk before leaving the meeting.

23/52. Officer Report -Planning

Cllr Jespersen reported that she has resigned from her position as Chairman of Dorset Council Planning Committee. Cllr Jespersen reported that the Taylor Wimpey application will be going to the Planning Committee for consideration, no earlier than March. The Chairman thanked Cllr Jespersen for all she has done to support the Parish on planning applications.

Cllr Stocks tabled an update on planning applications received by the Parish.

- **P/OUT/2023/07266** - Land North of Ward's Drove – outline plan 135 houses. The Parish Council objected to this application and support the comments made by the Blandford+ NP Monitoring Group.

- **P/LBC/2023/06982** – Home Farm, Lower Bryanston – Internal alterations – No objection

Cllr Stocks expressed concerns over the hedge works taking place at the development at the land Northeast of Lower Bryanston. The brush left after removing some of the hedge has remained on site too long. Small animals/birds will start to use the brush as habitats and nesting. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the contractors to report this. If the brush is not removed within a suitable time, the area will be looked at as habitat for wildlife.

Action - Clerk

23/53. Matters arising from the meeting dated the 8th of November 2023 and new matters.

Road Safety Campaign – the Clerk confirmed that the new Highways Officer's name is Neil. The Clerk is arranging an initial meeting to familiarise him before arranging an official meeting with the council.

Action – Clerk

Update on the lack of support from Stonewater Housing Association for the Mews – A Mews resident reported that the dangerous barn wall has been repaired and leaking guttering around the Mews building replaced, which is good news. However, corresponding with Stonewater Housing Association remains a major issue. The Chairman asked that if any resident has any issues with Stonewater and are not getting response from them, to contact the Parish Council to help with getting matters resolved.

A question was raised if the Barn is a listed building? The Clerk will contact Dorset Council to find out.

Action – Clerk

Updates on to do list:

Pavements – Sovereign housing has repaired a small section of the pavement, but large stretches remain in a very poor state along Forum View. The Clerk will contact Sovereign again to request a site visit to get the pavements repaired/cleaned.

Action – Clerk

Missing Grit Bin New Road – It has been established the grit bin is not missing, but buried in undergrowth, which has now been dealt with

Bollards at Lower Bryanston – The Clerk will be discussing this matter with the new Highways Officer on behalf of Blandford St Mary PC and Bryanston PC.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Jespersen for her support as our County Councillor, in these matters.

23/54. Officers' reports:

Vice Chairman report – nothing to report.

Bryanston School – nothing to report.

Environment Team – A broken branch at Forum View was reported and has now been removed.

DAPTC – The Chairman attended the DAPTC AGM in November, where it was proposed that all town and parish councils should sign an Armed Forces Covenant, to acknowledge all armed forces personnel, that serve or have served for their country in their areas. DAPTC will be sending more information through in due course. DAPTC has also circulated information about the 80th D-Day Celebrations. The Powerhouse and Jubbly Group will be organising celebrations on May 27th.

Bryanston Estate – nothing further to report.

The Old Powerhouse - The Old Powerhouse has seen a very busy November and December in 2023 and look forward to 2024. Their staff numbers have expanded yet again, and business is improving slowly, but gradually. Corporate hires are beginning to take off now so this is a part of the business we will invest some advertising, to help fill the venue during the day. A few repairs to our forever leaking flat roofs are on the horizon, so come Spring we hope to see the last of those. And the bungalow frontage should be cleared very soon of its rubble, so that proposals can be put forward as to the future design of that area.

Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan - The B+NP Monitoring Group has seen some recent changes in representation. Cllr Roger Carter (BFTC) stepped down as Chair and Cllr Tompsett (BPC) was elected as the new Chair. The monitoring Group has currently two representatives from each of the three B+ councils:

- Blandford Forum TC - Cllr Roger Carter (for now) & Cllr Alan Cross
- Blandford St Mary PC – Cllr Ian MacKay & Cllr John Dallison (replacing Cllr Malcolm Albery who has stepped down)
- Bryanston PC – Cllr Carol Tompsett & Cllr Frank Stocks

In December, the monitoring group considered the Ward's Drove planning application for 135 houses (in Blandford St Mary, adjacent to the Bellway Estate, towards Charlton Marshall). The new B+NP Design Code Guidance (made statutory in October 2023) was used by both by B+ NP Monitoring Group and Dorset Council as a basis to object to the application in its current form.

The Design Code is also being applied to the Lower Bryanston Farm application.

23/55. Finance

The Clerk had circulated the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for November 2023 for the sum of £506.29 which was agreed via email.

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for December 2023 for the sum of £715.01 This was proposed by Cllr Tompsett and seconded by Cllr Gale, all agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

Details are as below:

Payee	Description	Expense Amount	Expense Amount
N Phillips	Clerk wages November	£ 334.45	£ 334.45
HMR	Vat return		
Bryanston Club	Hall hire	£ 25.00	£ 25.00
N Phillips	Clerks expenses Nov	£ 62.44	£ 62.44
HMR	Paye.ni.tax	£ 83.40	£ 83.40
Savils Ltd	Phone Box Rent	£ 1.00	£ 1.00

Total November **£ 506.29**

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N Phillips	Clerk wages December	£ 334.45
HMR	Paye.ni.tax	£ 83.40
N Phillips	Clerks expenses Dec	£ 27.00
Langers & Sons	Grass cutting Nov	£ 180.00
Blandford Town Council	Website B+	£ 12.16
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Total Dec **£ 715.01**

RESOLVED: to pay the payment on the schedule for November and December 2023 (23/55 current account).

23/56. Chairman report

Wishing all our Bryanston residents a very Happy New Year.

On behalf of Bryanston PC, I attended the online AGM for the DAPTC on 18th November. A proposal was raised by the DAPTC that local communities should sign a covenant to show their respect and civility to armed service families living in their communities, both current and retired. The DAPTC will provide a proforma to sign. It will be the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in June. Would Bryanston residents like to mark this important date in some way, especially as our village hosted, for several weeks, the Big Reds, an American infantry division, in their preparations for D-Day?

23/57. Clerk report – Correspondence

The Chairman has received an email from a resident who is fund-raising for a defibrillator for the Village. The main fund-raising event will be a fun Race Night at The Old Powerhouse. The Councillors agreed that the funding of servicing a defibrillator going forwards, and where it could be located will be investigated in more detail and added to the BPC MARCH. agenda

23/58. Items for the next agenda and date of next meeting. Co-option – Defibrillator – Elections – Clerks wages - Grants

Date of next meeting **Wednesday 13th March 2024**, to be held at The Old Powerhouse, Bryanston at 7.00pm.

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.30pm.