

Bryanston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

13th March 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, 4 members of the public. Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen

Public consultation

Members of the public asked to speak to agenda item 3. The Chairman confirmed that she will withdraw standing order to allow the public to speak.

23/59. To receive and accept apologies of absence and declaration of interest and dispensations.

There were no apologies.

Cllr M Bird declared an interest in agenda item 3 – grants/donations.

23/60. Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated the 10th of January 2024.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr C Gale and seconded by Cllr M 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 (23/60 – no budgetary requirements)

At this point the Chairman moved to agenda item 4 due to Cllr S Jespersen needing to attend another meeting.

23/61. Report form representative of Dorset Council

Dorset Councillor S Jespersen reported the following:

- Dorset Council have approved their budget with a council tax increase of 5%, necessary to cover the increased council spending. Dorset Council will not be reducing any budgets for services in Dorset. As a lot of people are aware, other Unitary Councils are in financial difficulty, resulting in Section 114 – which bans them from any further spending until they meet with an action plan to go forward. A lot of these councils are having to increase their budget by 8 to 10% to try and build the necessary funds for the services they need to provide. Central Government have also allocated funds that were originally allocated to HS2 project, has been split up and given to District Councils for road maintenance. Dorset Council received 2.68 million over two years and has also allocated 6 million from their budget to improve the roads in Dorset.
- Local Plan has a revised approach to the drafting of Dorset's Local Plan, in anticipation of a new plan-making system to be introduced by central government at the end of 2024, was considered by Cabinet on 12th March. The proposed changes will remove the need for certain policies through the introduction of a national set of development management policies. Under the new system, consultations would take place in September 2024, before the bulk of work begins in November. There would be further engagement in 2025 and 2026, before submission for examination in November 2026 and, subject to results, potential adoption of the new Local Plan, May 2027. This has highlighted the importance of an up to date, adopted Neighbourhood Plan, which Bryanston has, which will help ensure that the parish has some protection against proposed development until the Local Plan is adopted.

At this point the Chairman withdrew standing orders to allow the public to speak to agenda item 3

23/62. Matters arising from the meeting dated the 10th of January 2024 and new matters arising.

- **Local elections** – The local elections take place on the 2nd of May 2024 and to remind Councillors and members of the public to ensure the Clerk has their nomination forms before the 20th of March 2024.
- **To agree grant/donations for 2023/2024** – after debate, the following :

○ Blandford Town Council – Toilets	£50.00
○ Air Ambulance	£100.00

- Durweston Church £150.00
- Citizens Advice £50.00

Donations

- Bryanston Newsletter £100.00
- Bryanston Community Chairity £100.00

These were proposed by Cllr C Gale and seconded by Cllr C Moxham, all in favour.

RESOLVED: to award the grants and donations as listed above. (23/62 – grants/donations)

- **To consider purchasing a defibrillator for the village** – Cllr C Moxham confirmed that the committee members of The Old Powerhouse are happy to house a defibrillator. The Clerk tabled the cost to purchase and maintain a defibrillator for the Councillors to consider. Cllr C Moxham reported that fundraising will take place towards the cost of purchasing the defibrillator. The Councillors all agreed that the Parish Council will take ownership of a defibrillator and cover the cost for maintaining it and donation towards the cost of the electricity. This will be discussed further in future meetings.
- **Road Safety** – The Clerk has had an initial meeting with the Dorset Council Highways Officer Nick, who has agreed to re-paint the warn road markings and add 30MPH roundels at the entrances of the village. A member of the public asked if the Parish Council had considered a 20MPH limit through the Village. The Chairman reported that the village was asked is they fell a 20MPH limit would be beneficial. There were no requests received and there are a lot of conditions to reach before Dorset Council would consider reducing the speed limit, also of the conditions could not be met. Cllr C Moxham asked if the staggered white line coming from the top of the village to the junction is removed, as this is a very narrow part of the road and can really have only one vehicle pass. The Clerk will speak to the Highways Officer. **Action - Clerk**
- **Update on pavement repairs at Forum View by Sovereign Housing** – The Clerk that Richard Barns, Locality Officer for Sovereign has booked for himself and the surveyors to meet on site. The Clerk will forward the Chairmans email address to arrange a suitable time for them all to meet on site.
- **Replacement bollards on the parking triangle at Lower Bryanston** – There have been some bollards replaced by Dorset Council free of charge. Since they have been installed, two have yet again been taken down. Can we please ask anyone using this land to take care and to ensure that no bollards are removed. The Clerk will ask Blandford St Mary Parish Council to put a sign up stating that removing these bollards is treated as theft and therefore people can be prosecuted. **Action - Clerk**
- **Dog excrement concerns** – concerns were raised over the increase if dog excrement being left along Tappas Cut. There is no excuse for dog owners not picking up after their dogs, there is a multipurpose bin available for people to dispose of their dog excrement. Dog fouling is illegal. Not only is it unpleasant, but it can also pose health risks. Here are some key points regarding dog fouling and the law:
 - Responsibility: As a dog owner or someone in charge of a dog, you are responsible for cleaning up after your pet.
 - Penalties: If you fail to clear up after your dog, you can be issued a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100 on the spot. If the case goes to court, this could cost you up to £1,00012.
 - Reasonable Excuse: The law states that being unaware that a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.
 - Health Risks: Dog excrement can cause toxocariasis, a nasty infection that may lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma, blindness, or seizures. While rare, it's essential to prevent such risks.
 - Any Bin Will Do: While some councils provide dedicated dog-fouling bins, any public bin can be used for disposing of dog waste.
 - Anyone seen not clearing up after their dogs will be reported to Dorset Council dog warden, who has the authority to issue the fines.
 - Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996

- **Setting up an Emergency Response Team, following the recent gas outage** – Cllr M Bird agreed to lead on producing an emergency plan with the support of an emergency response team, which Cllr C Moxham has agreed to help with. Members of the public also volunteered. This will be a Parish Council led project, which once a plan has been produced, will be adopted, to ensure that any volunteers on the team are covered by the Parish Councils insurance and cost will be covered by the Parish Council for publication and public meetings.
- **No 7 Bryanston Update** – the Chairman reported that Steven March at Dorset Council will be dealing with this matter and working on a compulsory purchase against the property, which is not a quick process. The Chairman will keep in contact with the neighbour as this progresses forward.

23/63. Officers report

Cllr C Gale reported the following:

- Disappointed with the works that took place at the bottom of lower Bryanston. It was noted that there was a lack of consideration regarding noise levels, hours worked and the state of the mud on the road after the works had been completed. Cllr M Bird will send over the company's contact details to the Clerk to forward these concerns to. **Action – Clerk**

Environment Team – The Chairman confirmed the first grass cut for village has been done.

Planning - Cllr F Stocks tabled an update on planning applications received by the Parish. A full report can be found on the Parish Councils website.

P/RES/2022/03733 - Land Northeast of Lower Bryanston Farm, Fair Mile Road - Reserved matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission for up to 80 houses, granted on 10 March 2020. The application is still under active discussion between the applicants (Taylor Wimpey) and Dorset Council. The applicants remain very keen to seek a committee resolution as soon as possible but missed the 5 March meeting of Northern Area Planning Committee. The next 2 meetings are 9 April and 4 June. The Reserved Matters application has now been under consideration for more than 21 months.

Bryanston Parish Councils recommendation: Await Planning Committee.

P/FUL/2022/03963 - Deer Park - Bryanston Estate RFE - Proposal for Phased Temporary Accommodation Crown Meadows, Blandford Forum - up to 40 caravans – for up to 5 years - for Ukrainian Refugees. Appeal has been dismissed by Dorset Council.

P/LBC/2023/06982 - Home Farm, Lower Bryanston – internal alteration - Dorset Council refused.

P/OUT/2021/00748 - Land at Ward's Drove, adjacent to St. Mary's Hill site - 135 Houses – outline application for means of access only. – Dorset Council refused

P/OUT/2023/00266 - Land at Ward's Drove, adjacent to St. Mary's Hill site – 135 Houses – outline application for means of access only – awaiting Dorset Council response.

P/HOU/2024/00679 – 69 The Cliff - Replacement glazed link in connection with kitchen conversion - replacement glazed link in connection with kitchen conversion – Subject to the above two amendments BPC would have no objection to If the proposals are not amended BPC object on the grounds of unacceptable visual impact on the character and appearance of this part of Bryanston Conservation Area, contrary to Policy B10 of the B+NP and Code 11 of the Design Guidance and Code.

P/FUL/2024/00233 - Lot 2, Blandford Brewery, conversion of former brewery buildings to 24 dwellings and erection of 17 new dwellings – Bryanston PC endorse the design comments and objections of Historic England in their letter dated 5 March 2024. Bryanston PC endorse the design comments and objections of Historic England in their letter dated 5 March 2024.

DAPTC – The Clerk will contact DAPTC again asking for the draft for an Armed Forces Covenant.

Action – Clerk

The Old Powerhouse - working with the Jubilee group, a D Day celebration is being organised for the 27th of May 2024.

Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan – representation at Climate & Biodiversity Group - Nicci Brown has been co-opted as a non-voting member of the B+NP Monitoring Group (B+MG). Nicci has valuable expertise and links with the community, including the museum, civic society and the Climate and Biodiversity Group. The B+ Monitoring Group met with Graham Stanley, The Dorset Council Ranger for our area, to discuss the neighbourhood plan's involvement and support for:

- Re-routing the Trailway away from the main road to a designated way through the Bellway Estate at Blandford St Mary and the Ward's Drove site if planning permission is granted. Dorset Council already has this in hand, including signage.
- Support for the wider trailway to Poole, but to Spetisbury/Sturminster Marshall for now.
- Increasing public rights of way links to the town.
- Extending the Milldown Nature Reserve and obtaining land for more rewilding.
- Expanding open spaces, including at the Marsh and Ham.

B+ Monitoring Group members have joined the Climate and Biodiversity Group to ensure both groups have the same priorities. Important amendments to the B+NP Design and Guidance Code are ongoing.

B+ Neighbourhood Plan policies were used to decide the rejection of the appeal to the Secretary of State for 40 caravans for Ukrainian refugees on land at the Deer Park Blandford.

Cllr C Gale agreed to support Cllr F Stock by attending some of the Climate and Biodiversity meetings.

23/64. Finance

To agree Clerk wage scale for 2024/2025 – after debate it was agreed by all to award the Clerk a wage scale increase from Nalc – 30 to Nalc – 31 and agreed to back pay the wage scale increase against scale 30 as recommended by Nalc.

The Clerk had circulated the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for January 2024 for the sum of £5553.29 which was agreed via email.

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for February 2024 for the sum of £445.45 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
N Phillips	Clerks wges January	£ 334.45
HMR	Paye.Ni.Tax	£ 83.40
Bryanston Club	Hall Hire Nov and Jan	£ 68.00
N Phillips	Clerk expenses	£ 67.44
January payment		£ 553.29

Payee	Description	Expense Amount
N Phillips	Clerks wages February	£ 334.45
HMR	Paye.ni.tax	£ 83.40
N Phillips	Clerks expenses for Feb	£ 27.60
February Payment		£ 445.45

RESOLVED: to pay the payment on the schedule for January and February 2024 (23/64 current account).

23/65. Chairman report

Nothing to report.

23/66. Clerk report – Correspondence.

Nothing to report.

23/67. Items for the next agenda and date of next meeting. AGM

Date of next meeting **Wednesday 15th of May 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 20.50pm.