***Bryanston Parish Council***

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

**12th of March 2025 at The Old Powerhouse (TOPH), Bryanston**

**Councillors:** Cllr C Tompsett -Chairman, Cllr M Bird – Vice Chairman, Cllr F Stocks, Cllr C Moxham, Cllr W Cowling and Cllr B Stone

**In attendance:** Nicola Phillips, 2 members of the public. Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen

**Public consultation** – there was nothing raised.

**24/38. To receive and accept apologies of absence and declaration of interest and dispensations.**

There were none

**24/39. Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated the 13th of November 2024.**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr B Stone and seconded by Cllr W Cowling that the contents were a true and accurate record, and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes dated the 13th of November 2024 (24/39 – no budgetary requirements)

**Matters arising from the meeting dated the 13th of November 2024 and New Matters**

**Update on memorial tree for John Tory –** the Chairman thanked Bartletts (& Neil Campbell) for testing the soil and offering advice about suitable tree species. The Chairman had circulated information about these species. After debate, it was agreed by all to plant an Amelanchier Tree. The Chairman will contact Mr Cambell.

Action Chairman

**Update on progress 20mph zones: The Cliff, bottom New Road, end of Fairmile –** the Clerk confirmed that the application for 20mph has been submitted for the road from Home Farm to the end of the Cliff, through the main part of the village. This application did not include 20mph speed limit in New Road and Fairmile as these areas will need to be investigated after the Taylor Wimpey development is completed.

**Update on progress of proposed 40mph New Road –** the request for 40mph for New Road will need to wait until more of the houses are built on the new Bryanston Holt development, as this can be used as evidence for the application.

**Update on progress of ‘Slow’ to be painted in road, at bend near Home Farm –** Dorset Council has this on their work schedule.

**Taylor Wimpey development site: issues with mud & dust in New Road, proposed streetlights –** the Chairman and Dorset Councillor S Jespersen have a meeting with Aaron D Bailey-Turner

Engineer, Highways Developmentfrom Dorset Council to discuss the issues raised by residents.

**Update on fly tipping New Road –** This matter has been reported to Dorset Council, but there are still items left along New Road. Cllr Stock will forward the information on to the Clerk for her to chase up. Here is the link to report any Fly tipping directly to Dorset Council <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/scrap-flytipping> - Action Clerk

**Update on position and replacement (damaged) of grit bin bottom New Road –** this has been reported to Dorset Council and the Clerk will chase them up. Action Clerk

**Update on No 7 Bryanston –** the Chairman reported that Dorset Council building control has been to inspect the property and reported that the house is not unsafe but recognised it is starting to decay. This matter will continue to be monitored by the Parish Council.

**Update on access to the Mews –** An old map was tabled showing that there was a pedestrian access to the Mews in the past, a previous owner of the land had put up a gate, so the pedestrian access was still usable. However, the new owners have blocked it off. It was agreed that this is not a public right of way owned by Dorset Council but could be a right of access on the owner’s deeds. The Clerk will need to obtain information from Land Registry to get clarification. It was also noted that a hole in a wall has been made, which is concerning as the Parish Council have not received any notification of any planning application for these works. More details will be sent to the Clerk for further investigation. Action Clerk

**Update on repair of Mews light and flashing light at Forum View bungalows –** Cllr W Cowling confirmed that the lights at the Mews are being repaired and will be completed on the 21st of March 2025.

The Clerk will chase Sovereign Housing about the flashing light in Forum View Bungalows. Action Clerk

**Update on The Mews access road grit bin –** the Clerk reported that as the grit bin will be positioned on the verge of the Highways, Dorset Council are required to be informed as they need to agree the positioning of the bin. Action Clerk

**Update on the pavements at Forum View –** the Chairman reported that Sovereign Housing have completed some repairs to the pavements and have also cleaned off the moss in some areas, but they have a small budget, and other works will be completed once funds are available.

**Update on Service Level Agreement with DC for taking over verge management within village –** The Clerk has requested this with Dorset Council for some funds to be paid to the Parish Council, as Dorset Council do not cut the verges in the village, the Parish Council do.

**Update on potholes in Walnut Avenue –** these have been reported to Bryanston Estate, they are just waiting for renovation works to be completed on the nearby house, before filling the potholes.

**Update on Bryanston Village Charity after their AGM –** the Clerk confirmed that the Bryanston Village Charity has held itsAGM. A copy of the minutes are available from the Clerk. Cllr M Bird reported that another donation has been received from a recent event. Cllr C Moxham asked that the Charities constitution is amended to say The Old Powerhouse from Bryanston Club. Action Clerk

**Concerns of speeding, particularly when passing Horses –** this matter will be noted under Bryanston School update.

**Consider updating Welcome Pack for the Parish –** after debate Cllr W Cowling and Cllr B Stone will look at the existing Welcome Pack and report back with some proposals to improve and update it. Cllr Cowling & Cllr Stone

**Update Emergency Plan Response Team –** the Clerk reported that Iwerne Minster are holding a pop-up event to promote their emergency Plan. The Clerk will forward the dates and details on to Cllr C Moxham and Cllr M Bird once received.

**Update on current state & refurbishment of New Road benches and parish noticeboards –** Cllr Moxham will ask a local contractor if they could mend the broken bench. Cllr Moxham

**24/40. Report form representative of Dorset Council**

Dorset Councillor S Jespersen reported on the following:

* Dorset Council Chief Executive, Mike Prosser, has left Dorset to move to New Zealand. People have come forward to apply for the Chief Executive position for Dorset Council and it is hopeful that someone will be appointed on the 10th of April. Start date will be confirmed.
* Vale Family hub at Sturminster is up and running. This hub is to support families, with information and advice. More information is available on this link <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/news/the-vale-family-hub-opens-its-doors-to-families-in-north-dorset>.
* A new consultation about day opportunities, (used to be known as day care services). Concerns were raised that if these services are not used in North Dorset, they will be lost and funds used in South Dorset. Here is the link for more information and for you to have your say <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/news/towards-a-new-model-of-day-opportunities-consultation-goes-live#:~:text=The%20Hub%20and%20Spoke%20Day%20Opportunities%20model%20consultation%2C,county%20that%20will%20support%20activities%20within%20local%20communities>.
* Reported that the traffic disruption on Blandford bypass is due to the new Household recycling center being built.
* Dorset Council are commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE day, by lighting beacons.
* Some Dorset Councillors questioned the Dorset Council budget, as overnight parking charges had been included. As a result, Dorset Council have re-considered their decision and overnight parking charges have been removed at the moment. Normal parking charges will be increased from the 1st of April 2025.
* Dorset Council have produced a timetable for verge cutting in Dorset. The only way any additional cuts on verges will be considered, is if people report a problem with line of site for vehicles and request the verge is cut.
* Waiting for confirmation on New Road, road closure. The dates that have been published by Wessex Water from the 7th of April 2025 and could run up to the 17th of April 2025. The Parish Council has not had official notification from Dorset Council to date.

**24/41. Officers report**

**Vice-Chairman report –** The "on the odd occasion" early starts at Taylor Wimpy are of course a daily event and there is still queuing on the street as well as pre site opening staff parked outside new roadhouses. It was noted that the start times are not being abided too, as they have deliveries before 7.30am.

The street sweeper causes more of a hazard than the dust because the clay slip it creates is slippery, which has raised concerns over safety. When will the wheel wash be in place. Cllr Jesperson reported that they have no main water on site yet, which is holding up the wheel wash.

Concerns were also raised about the cracking in the road surface leading down from the site and also around a manhole cover outside number 51 New Road.

**Bryanston School** – Concerns have been raised over the safety of horse riders from speeding traffic, or inconsiderate drivers not slowing down and giving plenty of room to pass. PLEASE SLOW DOWN AROUND HORSES.

**Environmental Team & Highways** – the Chairman proposed a litter pick and tidy up day for the village. Cllr Moxham proposed the day should be planned to coincide with the New Road closure in April. It was also noted that anyone volunteering to do any jobs around the village, must ensure that Councillors are informed, who will then contact the Clerk to produce a risk assessment to ensure they are covered under the Parish Councils insurance. A date is to be confirmed. Action Chairman

**Planning** - **Cllr F Stocks reported the following:**

P/NMA/2025/00983 - Taylor Wimpy Site - Reduction in proposed number of affordable housing units from 23 to 22 – PC no objection

P/FUL/2025/00994 – Lower Bryanston Farm – replace riding arena – PC no objection

P/RES/2002/03733 - Land Northeast of Lower Bryanston Farm, Fair Mile Road - Off-Site Biodiversity Mitigation Planting for Greater Horseshoe Bats – a question as to why there is a gap of some 750m along the length of New Road, with no off-site planting to link to the development site. Information was tabled for Councillors to view.  
**DAPTC –** All communication had been circulated to the Councillors.  
**The Old Powerhouse –** Bryanston School have thankfully agreed to keep their gate open until midnight when the road closure along New Road is in place.  
**Bryanston Estate –** the Chairman and Clerk will be producing a letter to Bryanston Estate, as there are issues that need addressing, as they have a duty of care for their land/properties/ road/footpaths in their ownership.   
**Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan** - The minor (non-material) amendments made to the Design and Guidance Code of the B+NP were approved by the North Dorset Planning Committee, on 17th December.

Members of the B+NP Monitoring Group, including Cllrs. C Tompsett and F Stocks, met with Dorset Council officers compiling the DC Non-Designated Heritage Asset (NDHA) list.

Outcomes included:

* DC will consider merging the existing B+NP NDHA with the emerging Dorset Council NDHA List, with the long-term aim of producing one definitive list.
* The possible creation of a template for the input of Non-Designated Heritage Assets.

**24/42. Finance**

To consider grant awards for 2024-2025 – after debate the following was agreed:

* Blandford Town Council – public toilets £50.00
* Dorset Citizens’ advice £50.00
* St Nicholas, Bryanston an Durweston Church £100.00
* Bryanston Parish Community Charity £50.00
* Bryanston Newsletter £50.00

Cllr Tompsett proposed the total grant awards for 2024-2025 £300.00 as listed above, this was seconded by Cllr Moxham, all in favour.

**RESOLVED**: to award the organisations listed above grants from 2024-2025 budget. (24/42 grants)

The Clerk had circulated payment schedules for November, December and January, which were all approved via email.

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for February 2025 for the sum of £547.76. This was proposed by Cllr Tompsett and seconded by Cllr Moxham, all agreed, and signed by the Chairman. Details are as below:



**RESOLVED**: to pay the payment on the schedule for February 2025and agreed the bank reconciliation for October 2024 (24/42 current account).

**24/43. Chairman report**

The Chairman attended the virtual DAPTC AGM 0n 23rd November.

The Leader of Dorset Council, Nick Ireland, reported that Dorset Council:

* was exploring joining with Somerset & Wiltshire Councils (and BCP), in a devolution deal to create a new Wessex combined authority.

\*This has since been rejected by the government, with no clear steps for devolution, going forwards.

* wants to give parish and town councils more power, e.g. by taking over DC facilities in their areas.
* wants to build, and buy, more houses to increase its own housing stock to remove expensive B&B accommodation. DC has lots of DC-owned land available to build more affordable homes.
* wants to build more care homes.
* wants to grow the green economy to create more high-quality employment. Most opportunities are around the Bridport/Weymouth area where there is a port and the highest proportion of the population in Dorset.

An increase of 30% in the annual subscription for DAPTC was approved. Although DAPTC gives excellent support and advice to parish and town councils, I voted against this proposal as 30% represents a massive increase in the annual subscription for a small council like us to find.

The Chair also attended an update about the latest changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 23rd January.

**24/44. Clerk report – Correspondence.**

All correspondence had been circulated and noted

An email will be circulated with ideas of how the village could improve their road safety. This will be looked at in a future meeting, as this project would have to be funded by the Parish Council.

**24/45. Items for the next agenda and date of next meeting. AGM**

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8th of January 14th of May 2025, to be held at The Old 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 20.50pm.**