***Bryanston Parish Council***

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

**9th of July 2025 at The Old Powerhouse (TOPH), Bryanston**

**Minutes are NOT verbatim**

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

**In attendance:** Nicola Phillips, 1 member of the public.

**Public consultation** – A member of the public asked if the Parish would have a new Welcome to Bryanston sign?

It was noted that the matter has been raised in the past, but the cost for Dorset Council to supply and fit a new sign, was over the Parish Council’s budget, it was not pursued. After debate it was agreed to re-visit this at a meeting in the near future.

**25/14. To receive and accept apologies of absence and declaration of interest and dispensations.**

Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen sent her apologies.

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

**25/15. Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated the 14th of May 2025.**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr C Tompsett 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 14th of May 2025 (25/15 – no budgetary requirements)

**Matters arising from the meeting dated the 14th of May 2025 and New Matters**

**Update on application for 20mph through village –** the Clerk had circulated the results from the traffic survey that was completed by Dorset Council. The results showed the criteria had been met to take this project forward. The next step is to once again to consult with residents as the Parish Council did not receive any negative responses from local residents for the previous consultation. The Parish Council has agreed to take this project forward and will ask again if anyone has any objections to a 20MPH scheme through the Village.

**Update road closure in Fairmile Road–** concerns were raised that if pedestrian access is prevented during the footpath construction and carriageway alterations are undertaken, this will be an issue for local people that use this route to and from Blandford. After debate, it was agreed for the Clerk to contact the necessary department at Dorset Council to obtain full details of the works and what can be done to protect pedestrian rights of way. **Action - Clerk**

**Update refurbishment of New Road bench and parish noticeboard –** Cllr Moxham reported that the bench has been taken away for painting the metal frame. The wood also needs to be painted/oiled, Cllr Bird offered to supply the oil for the woodwork. It was also noted that the old carved detail on the bench cannot be saved. A suggestion of a new brass plaque to be made up with the existing wording could be put on the bench. The cost for renovating the bench should come in around £1000.00, which was agreed by all, as it needs to be done for health and safety. No update on the notice boards.

**Update street lighting for New Road –** Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen send an email confirming that Dorset Council have agreed not to install street lighting along New Road. There will be some lighting installed, within and on the entrance of the new estate, which is compulsory.

**Update on repair of faulty light at Forum View Bungalows –** The Clerk had not heard any more from a local resident that lives in Forum View, so is hoping it has been repaired. The Clerk will contact the resident for confirmation.  **Action - Clerk**

**Update grit bin for Mews access road –** Patrick, Dorset Councils Highways Officers will be doing a site visit to check where the bin can be places. Once these details have been received, the Clerk will order a bin.

**Update on Fire Station and DC enforcement -** There has been no further update from the Bryanston Estate/Savills regarding the old Fire Station. If the Parish Council report it as a dangerous building to Dorset Council, they have the powers, section 77 of the Building Act 1984 (the 1984 Act) to deal with a building or structure which is in a dangerous condition. After debate, it was agreed for the Clerk to write to Dorset Council reporting the building is in a dangerous condition. **Action - Clerk**

**Update Welcome Pack –** Cllr Cowling has produced the draft for the welcome pack, and it was agreed that a few photos will be added and once completed will be placed on the village Facebook page and new residents to the Parish will receive a hard copy.

**Update Emergency Plan Response Team –** Cllr Moxham and Cllr Bird, along with volunteers are working on an emergency plan for the parish.

**Update on improving visibility by cutting back vegetation on the Island-** A quote of £120.00 plus vat has been received to complete these works. Cllr Moxham proposed that this quote is accepted, this was seconded by Cllr Stone, all in favour.

 **RESOLVED**: to instruct the contractor to complete the works to the Island (25/15 – grass cutting)

**Update on issues following Litter Pick –** On the latest litter pick, there was an issue that Dorset Waste Partnership did not remove the collected litter on the date they agreed to. This resulted in a report of fly tipping, which had to be investigated at great expense to Dorset Council. Dorset Council have suggested that a note, which they have supplied, is put on any future litter that is collected at a community event, to show it is not fly tipping.

**Update on issues related to Taylor Wimpey site –** this was covered earlier on the agenda.

**Update on filling of potholes in Walnut Avenue –** the potholes have still not been filled. It was noted that once the renovations of a property along Walnut Avenue are complete, the works will be done.

**Update on ivy on wall in New Road (to right) reducing visibility for motorists emerging from The Cliff –** Some of the ivy has been removed. The Clerk had reported this to Bryanston Estate and is waiting for the confirmation of when the rest of the ivy will be removed.

**Added matters arising:**

The Chairman suggested that the tree that will be planted for John Torry’s remembrance, should be planted October time. After debate, it was agreed it would be nice to plant it on the same day as the Harvest Supper, Saturday 27th September, and to invite John Tory’s wife along for the planting ceremony.

A resident has suggested that the phone box could be used as a recycling area. The council felt that this facility could be abused and would result in masses of items being left there for someone else to dispose of.

**25/16. Report form representative of Dorset Council**

Dorset Councillor S Jespersen sent in the following report:

Dorset Council have agreed not to install the five streetlights up New Road between the junction and the entrance to the new estate. There will still be streetlights through the estate and at the pedestrian access point because these are required by law.

Dorset Council confirmed that they will not close the Blandford Day Centre as previously planned. This follows a public campaign, which I have been supporting as have the Blandford Councillors and our MP. The council will now review what services should be based here in Blandford.

Dorset Council has also U-turned on proposals to introduce a booking system to use House Recycling Centres. They now intend to "pilot" the scheme in Shaftesbury and Sherborne. Blandford will not have booking at this time. This is also the result of a public outcry, but the campaign continues to stop the scheme in Shaftesbury until the council has consulted with the public and explained how booking will raise money and not increase fly tipping.

The A350 at Durweston bridge will be closed from 16 to 22 July for road resurfacing. – Concerns were raised over the road closure, and the Clerk was asked to contact Highway to ensure that sufficient signage is in place stating that no diverted traffic to go through Bryanston. **Action - Clerk**

**25/17. Officers report**

**Vice-Chairman report –** nothing further to report.

**Bryanston School** – nothing to report.

**Environmental Team & Highways** – Cllr Stone has been observing the village, have seen no issues with the area in regard to environmental issues. The verges look good at the S bend that have been trimmed back and are an improvement, although it looks like it has already started to grow back. NO fly tipping has been reported. Litter is very minimal, and the rubbish collections leave no visual waste on the roads after lifting the bins. Cllr Stone has not had any messages or emails from the Bryanston Enviro team mentioned in the village newsletter as of yet. The roads at the bottom of New Road are still very white with chalk dust.

**Planning** – Nothing to report.

**DAPTC –** All communication had been circulated to the Councillors.
**The Old Powerhouse –** Work has begun on producing a plan to renovate the Old Powerhouse, to enable the hall to be used separately to the club, this is a requirement set out in the S106 agreement.

**Bryanston Estate –** nothing to report.

**Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan** - The planned start of the next review of the B+NP (due October 2028) has been put on hold until the autumn as there are many too many unknown factors that will affect the NP, going forwards.

* The content of the new Dorset Local Plan, due to go to public consultation on August 18th for 8 weeks.
* The recent withdrawal of government funding for neighbourhood plans, and their reviews, which will probably see NPs phasing out as they will be too expensive to fund from council precepts.
* The introduction of National Development Management Policies (NDMPs) by the government, probably later this year. NDMPs are proposed new national planning policies that would apply across England, potentially taking precedence over local and neighbourhood plans in certain areas. Neighbourhood plans, like B+NP, on the other hand, are locally developed plans shaping development within a specific neighbourhood area. The relationship between these two types of plans is currently under review as part of planning reforms.

A meeting with the Dorset Council Leader, due to take place in July, has been postponed to the autumn.

***It is worth remembering that the B+ Neighbourhood Plan policies are still in place and will be operative until superseded by the adoption of the new Dorset Council Local Plan***

**25/18. Finance**

The Clerk had circulated payment schedules for May, which was approved via email.

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for June 2025 for the sum of £5058.61. This was proposed by Cllr Bird and seconded by Cllr Cowling, all agreed, and signed by the Chairman. Details are as below:



**RESOLVED**: to pay the payment on the schedule for June 2025and agreed the bank reconciliation for June 2025 (25/18 current account).

**25/19. Chairman report**

The Parish Council and our County Councillor, Cllr. Sherry Jespersen, have been applying pressure on Dorset Council to reverse the decision to install 5 streetlights at the bottom of New Road, as part of the Bryanston Holt development. This is a Dark Skies area, as we are with the Dorset National Landscape, and New Road is not a pedestrian route from the development.

It now seems that we have succeeded, with lighting still going ahead within the new development as planned, but only one streetlight at the entrance onto New Road, for safety.

**25/20. Clerk report – Correspondence.**

All correspondence had been circulated and noted

The Clerk was asked to contact Bryanston Estate/Savills to ask for the brambles on the left-hand side of the phone box been cut back. **Action - Clerk**

**25/21. Items for the next agenda and date of next meeting. TBC**

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10t of September 2025, to be held at The Old Powerhouse, Bryanston at 7.00pm.**

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**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.16pm.**