***Bryanston Parish Council***

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

**10th of September 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, 2 members of the public and Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen

**Public consultation** – A member of the public asked if there is any update regarding the gate made into the curtilage wall at the rear of Home Farm, as this is a list building. The Clerk reported that this matter had been reported to Dorset Council and will ask for any update from them.  **Action – Clerk**

**25/22. To receive and accept apologies of absence and declaration of interest and dispensations.**

There were none.

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

**25/23. Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated the 9th of July 2025.**

The minutes were amended for ‘Update on 20mph through Village’ for “*did not receive any negative responses’* to ‘*only* *received few negative responses*”. The minutes were proposed by Cllr M Bird and seconded by Cllr W Cowling that the contents were a true and accurate record, all agreed, and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes dated the 9th of July 2025 (25/23 – no budgetary requirements)

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

**Update on application for 20mph through village and other speed limits –**. The Parish Council instructed the Clerk to formally write to Dorset Council requesting that Fair Mile Road at the pedestrian crossing point (from Bryanston Holt) to the junction with New Road has a reduced speed limit of 20MPH and to request that New Road is restricted to 40MPH from house no 54 New Road down to the 30MPH at the vehicular entrance to Bryanston Holt. **Action - Clerk**

**Update road closures in Fairmile and parking triangle –** The Chairman tabled information that had been circulated to Councillors, with the new layout for the footpath at Fairmile. It was reported that the footpath will now surround the whole of the triangle, with a drop-down kerb, to allow residents to continue using this area for parking.

**Update refurbishment of New Road bench and parish noticeboard –** Cllr Moxham showed Councillors the wooden rail from the bench (bottom New Road), with carved lettering for Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee1977. The wooden rail has rotted and can no longer be used. It was suggested that a plaque with the same wording is on the refurbished bench. After debate, it was agreed for Cllr Moxham to obtain quotes for the plaque and report back.  **Action – Cllr Moxham**

**Update grit bin for Mews access road & refilling of all grit bins for winter** – It was noted that the land, where the Councillors would like to position a new grit bin, belongs to the Bryanston Estate. The Clerk will contact the Estate for the necessary permission. Cllr Cowling will send details of the recommended position to the Clerk. Action – Vice-Chair & Clerk

**Update Welcome Pack –** Cllr Cowling had circulated the finished Welcome Pack. The Councillors are pleased with the pack and thanked all those involved in producing it. The Chairman requested that 40 copies are printed to give to new residents of the Parish. It was agreed the Parish Council will cover the cost of the printing. The Welcome Pack will also be on the Parish Council website for all to view.

**Update Emergency Plan Response Team –** There are now 16 volunteers within the village that have come forward to join the team. There are a few areas within the Parish that do not have any volunteers - Higher Barn and Walnut Avenue. Cllr Moxham will speak to residents in these areas to invite them to join. Cllr Bird reported that he requires more details to produce the plan. The Clerk will provide maps, and Cllr Moxham will investigate how many people need Hi-Viz vests, grab bags, first aid kit and snow shovels. **Action – Clerk, Cllr Moxham, Cllr Bird**

**Update on improving visibility by cutting back vegetation on the Island –** some of the vegetation on the Island had been cut back, but it has now grown over again. It was agreed to instruct Langers to do the works that had already been approved to cut back the vegetation. **Action - Clerk**

**Update on issues related to Taylor Wimpey site –** Cllr Bird reported that he is hopeful that most of the disturbance to local residents from the site has now reduced, but monitoring will continue.

**Update streetlight at Forum View Bungalows –** The light is now working.

**Update on filling of potholes in Walnut Avenue –** Cllr Cowling will check to see if these have been filled. If not, he will report back to the Clerk for action.  **Action – Cllr Cowling**

**Update on memorial tree for John Tory & position regarding damaged Jubilee Tree –** the proposed tree planting for the before the Harvest festival dinner, is no longer going ahead. After debate, it was agreed to hold the tree planting ceremony at the next Village Tidy Event.

**DC Local Plan public consultation –** The Chairman reported that Dorset Council draft Local Plan for site allocations is out for consultation and residents of the Parish are encouraged to look at the proposals, send in their comments to the Clerk (for BPC comment) and to complete the consultation as an individual. Dorset Councillor S Jespersen reported that the draft plan that is out for consultation, is only a part of the whole plan which will be out for consultation this time next year. Cllr Jespersen reported the present consultation is mainly for site allocations and transport. It was also noted that on the proposed plan, there has been no allocation of sites for development within Bryanston parish. As this is only a draft plan, this could change. The link below is for the consultation, [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/dorset-council-local-plan](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/dorset-council-local-plan). There are links on the Parish Council website and if you do not have access to the internet, you can also view the Consultation documents at Blandford Library. Details of the Plan will also be published in the Bryanston Newsletter.

**Update on removal of ivy on wall in New Road (to right) and damage following vehicle collision –** The Clerk has not received any update from Bryanston Estate regarding removing the Ivy. The Clerk will report the damaged wall to Bryanston Estate. **Action – Clerk**

**25/24. Report form representative of Dorset Council**

Cllr S Jespersen reminded Councillors that she is holding a meeting to discuss the proposed Dorset Council draft Local Plan on the 11th of September at 18.30 to 20.30 at Stourpaine Village Hall, this is for Councillors only.

**25/25. Officers report**

**Vice-Chairman report –** Signage at entrance to Portman Mews car park, the two ‘keep clear’ signs procured by the Clerk have been erected adjacent to the upper car park access road. No further issues have been brought to Cllr Cowling’s attention regarding inconsiderate parking, restricting access to The Mews**.**

**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 next Village Tidy Up event will take place on the Sunday 16th of November 2025 at 10.30am, to meet at the phone box. It was also noted that the book exchange in the phone box does not seem to invite any interest anymore, so it was agreed to remove the old books. It was noted that a resident of the Parish, suggested that the phone box could be used as a drop off point for specific items needed by charities. After debate, it was agreed to give permission to the resident to trial this for one month. More information will be available in the Bryanston Newsletter.

It was reported that there is a damaged services cover in New Road, near to the ‘Bug Hotel’, by the first house to Bryanston Holt. Cllr Bird will find out what services the cover belongs too and report back to the Clerk. **Action -Cllr Bird**

**Planning** –   
**P/FUL/2024/00233** - Lot 2, Blandford Brewery, Blandford St. Mary - Convert building into 24 dwellings and erect 17 dwellings, and parking – AMENDED PLANS - No issues for the parish. GRANTED 21.8.25  
**P/FUL/2025/04719** - Lot 4, Blandford Brewery, Blandford St. Mary - Erect 21 dwellings – Bryanston PC has no objections.  
**P/FUL/2025/02418** - Beechwood House, Bryanston School - Extensions to boarding house, including replacement windows, solar panels on existing roof, air source heat pump, and hard and soft landscaping - The proposals raise no issues for the parish. GRANTED: 23.7.25  
**DAPTC –** All communication had been circulated to the Councillors.  
**The Old Powerhouse –** The summer saw the children’s end of season music & dance show, an end of year school

teachers social, a wedding, many birthdays, and 3 separate fundraisers in the form of skittles, bingo, and a family fun day. Money raised at these events are stated on our Facebook page. Bike Nights were not very successful, but strangely the two car meets were! So, there has been a lot of networking going on there with regards to another vehicle meets like

Land rovers and sports cars. All in the pipeline for next summer. The function room bookings have increased yet again, and we had our AGM a couple of weeks ago. Cllr Moxham reported that turnover has risen by over 15% so the business is growing. Our new A0 board by the gates has been commented on non-stop, with new customers

finally finding us after reading it. And TOPIT are waiting on final drawings this week from Mark the Architect that we will

share with everyone and host a public meeting with very soon. We hope our vision is to everyone’s taste but up for discussion. It will provide the Portman Room with its own, more direct and much prettier entrance, better insulated entrance hall and function room, and generally energy efficient all round which it is not right now. The main bar will not be affected too much, and as the work will be progressed in stages, The Old Powerhouse will continue to operate whilst works are underway. Very exciting times ahead.

**Bryanston Estate –** nothing to report.

**Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan** – The B+ Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group is meeting on 15th September to formulate a response to the Dorset Council Draft Local Plan Consultation, which will be shared with the 3 member councils as well as other parish councils in the surrounding area. It will be vital to make sure the B+NP vision is taken into full account in the new Local Plan, as NPs are likely to fade out following the withdrawal for NP support funding in the government’s last spending review.

The group is also:

* meeting with Cllr Ireland, Dorset Council Leader, on 1st October to discuss support for our area on a number of matters:
* working to add/integrate the B+NP lists of Non-designated Heritage Assets in Bryanston, Blandford Forum and Blandford St Mary with Dorset Council’s list.
* inviting neighbouring parish councils to a Christmas get-together with our MP, Mr Simon Hoare as guest speaker, on 27th November.

**25/26. Finance**

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

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and Financial statement for August 2025 for the sum of £758.55. This was proposed by Cllr Bird and seconded by Cllr Stone, all agreed, and signed by the Chairman. Details are as below:





**RESOLVED**: to pay the payment on the schedule for August 2025 and agreed the bank reconciliation for August 2025 (25/26 current account).

**25/27. Chairman report**

Dorset Council has launched the new Local Plan for Dorset, site allocations, till 2043 – information here: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/documents/d/guest/dorset-council-local-plan-options-consultation-document-2025-printweb-final>. At present development sites have not been allocated in Bryanston Parish, but this could change – this is a consultation. Sites have been allocated in Blandford, including more homes on land behind Sunrise Business Park/Letton Close and employment facilities beyond the bypass, between Langton Long and Wimborne turn-offs.

All residents are urged to complete the online survey (paper copies also available from the Blandford Library), here:

<https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/spatial-planning/dorset-council-local-plan-consultation-2025/> .

If you want to make your views clear about the allocation of sites for housing, employment & travellers, transport provision, infrastructure etc, both for Bryanston and the wider area for the future, please have your say. The consultation ends on 13th October. Once the Local Plan becomes statutory, it will be difficult to change and too late.

**25/28. Clerk report – Correspondence.**

All correspondence had been circulated and noted

**25/29. Items for the next agenda and date of next meeting. Budget, 20MPH scheme, other TBC**

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 12th of November 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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***Website - www.bryanston-pc.gov.uk***

**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.53pm.**