

BRYANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

AGM 13 May 2026

PLANNING REPORT

For the first time in many years the last 12 months have been very quiet on the planning application front.

In 2025-26 there were only 3 applications reported, and then only in September:
2 related to the H&W Brewery site (Blandford St Mary PC);
1 was a Bryanston School proposal for one of the halls of residence.

There have been a number of tree applications largely relating to Bryanston School, but these are not included in the Planning Report. Dorset Council determine these without BPC consultation.

Taylor Wimpey Development:

The S106 10 year window commenced on 19 September 2025, when the first dwelling was occupied.

Approximately 2/3 of the 75 dwellings now appear to be under construction.

The level of streetlighting in New Road in the vicinity of the TW site frontage was a concern in summer 2025 but appears to have been resolved.

Environment Note:

The silage along the New Road frontage was resolved in April as this was spread across the fields on either side of New Road, then lightly ploughed in, rolled, harrowed, seeded, then rolled again. Following the recent, albeit light, rain the fields are now showing their first blush of green.

Cllr Frank Stocks
Planning Portfolio

Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan Report

The B+NP Monitoring Group's work on the next Neighbourhood Plan review, due by 2028, has been halted as funding for NPs has been withdrawn by the current government. Options for the future are being explored. The NP remains current, statutory and in use by DC to decide planning applications (in the B+ area).

Work on a Non-Designated Heritage Asset (NDHA) List for Blandford St Mary is almost complete. The B+NP NDHA lists will then be sent to Dorset Council for integration with theirs.

The Group continues to monitor planning applications for compliance with the B+NP policies.

Other work includes continuing to forge links with neighbouring councils, as we are one community, with Blandford as our hub. This will enable better liaison when all Dorset councils will be expected to respond to the next draft of the new Dorset Local Plan.

Carol Tompsett
Frank Stocks
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Bryanston Parish Council

May 13th 2026 Meeting

Cllr A Maxwell monthly report; Environment

Following the very wet winter and upto the January BCP meeting its been a very dry 2 months, a welcome relief for many.

As a result no repeated flooding issues in Walnut Avenue. Will be interesting to see how previous drainage maintenance performs as the year progresses. The mud on road issues at the bottom of New road from the development appear to be much reduced as well

Verge management has been carried out well and appropriately leaving late winter and early spring flowering plants especially around the island at forum view.

As noted in the Chairs report at least 2 possibly 3 hawthorns on the verges along Forum View have died and will need replacing at some point.

The manure piles at the top of New Road also appear to have been moved by the farmer.

Highlighted frequently on social media and in the Chairs report, dog poo appears to be an increasing issue in the village and on permissive routes through the Bryanston Estates woodland paths alongside the drive.

Litter doesn't appear to be a big issue in the village and 3 litters picks over the last 18 months has been effective in removing recently dropped but also older historic items.

Bryanston School are more visual on the village Facebook page this year, reporting in advance any works which could affect travel via their private school drive.

Tree works and resurfacing have been top of repairs lately, and the dates of firework displays in November on both sites were with advanced warning for those with pets and livestock.

Residents were thankful that the school allowed them to use their private drive during many road closures on New Road which meant a 5+ mile detour each way instead of the usual 2 mile trip. The building of Bryanston Holt is still ongoing so we could be expecting more of these detours.

Also the schools cinema offers something for all ages throughout the year and is great for our residents being a short walk/drive away, so do look up their events on [Coade Hall](#). There's ballet, opera, cinema showings for families and musicals, not to mention their huge sports offering during school holidays which is open to everyone.

Cllr. C. Moxham.

The year has gone by quick, so we must have been having fun!

With free to attend music events, a Bank Holiday family festival weekend, summer open days and inexpensive Xmas meals The Old Powerhouse has been a great host this last year to many new customers and has been the hub of activity that it should be.

Plans are in the pipeline for more daytime activities at The O.P, starting with weekly fitness clubs for various ages. Then soon we will introduce lunch club and talks.

If you have any proposals for events, please get in touch.

We'd like to thank all those residents who have volunteered for jobs this year, from tea making, to car parking, and hope you enjoy working as much as staff already do.....especially Jules our gardener, and Iain who looks after our Snooker Room both whom tend to their areas every week.

The secret to the businesses success is the friendly supportive staff and residents that customers see. It gets commented on a lot. Long may it continue.

The Jubbly group have hosted events over the year, welcoming families, serving our elder population and creating fundraisers. These events raise money for village groups so do attend when possible to help our community benefit from the things it needs. A big thank you to those who are part of the team, for all you do.

TOPIT are in full swing now getting surveys completed and quotes brought in to start the next process on improvements, the old building so desperately needs to grow. Massive thanks to the team of volunteers who frequently meet to discuss progress and engage with professionals who can also help within a budget. With these residents this project would not be happening and the S106 money unclaimed and lost back to the builders.

The additional amenities possible with this money will also improve the attractiveness of the venue for future bookings, better for access, family's entertainment and car parking, so if anyone has any expertise in this sort of project, we urge you to get in touch.

Fundraising has already started and the money pot will be added to with every charity event we offer from now on.

Continued smaller improvements are always happening within The O.P. and this year we are installing EPOS tills to help manage all parts of the business and make the working of it much more streamlined.

We have also installed a water softening system to our entire building which will help preserve our pipes, appliances and boilers.

New LED lighting has been installed and still *is* underway in certain areas where the old fittings have finally died, and a replacement is needed.

So we are getting there slowly.

Recently we have had many 'old members' of Bryanston Club return for birthdays and anniversaries who did not know we were no longer a Club. So word still hasn't reached everyone. A problem we are constantly working on eradicating.

Last but not least as representative of The O.P. on BPC and as a Director of The O.P. I would like to thank all our fabulous staff who tirelessly support all what we do at The O.P. and have the same vision that management, TOPIT, Jubbly group and BPC do. They go above and beyond and continue to relay that progress to customers, touring them around the many rooms and staying positive throughout the quiet times. This trade isn't an easy one in the current climate, but with everyone's support it will continue to succeed.

Cllr. C. Moxham.