

51. TO CONSIDER RESPONDING TO THE BLANDFORD + DRAFT PLAN CONSULTATION

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

The Assistant Town Clerk explained that visits to Pimperne Parish Council and Bryanston Parish have taken place since the start of the consultation. Residents were very welcoming in Bryanston and commended the group for trying to improve the area. Concerns were raised regarding the designation of an open space in Bryanston, but the comments will be taken on board by the group, as with any other comments received throughout the consultation period.

There is some confusion that it is the same questionnaire as last time, but it is not. Councillors were urged to fill the questionnaire in.

Councillors commended the amount of work carried out in regards to the project.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lindsay, SECONDED by Cllr Jackie Stayt and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objections to the plan.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

52. TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A FORMAL TRAINING POLICY

The paper was noted (see Appendix D).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Barnaby, SECONDED by Cllr White and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council adopts Appendix D as a formal Training policy.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

53. TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A FORMAL EQUALITY POLICY

The paper was noted (see Appendix E).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Lindsay and AGREED unanimously (7 in favour, 3 against) that

The Town Council adopts Appendix E as a formal Equality policy, and revisits the content at the Annual Meeting in May 2015.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

54. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

54.1 Boundary changes – The Local Government Boundary Commission has written to the Town Council to inform that the electoral arrangements for the Town has changed as a result of the electoral review of Dorset. These changes is hoped to be implemented at the local elections in 2017 and includes going back to 5 wards for Blandford Forum comprising of 16 councillors, Blandford Badbury Heights represented by one member, Blandford Central, represented by six members, Blandford Hilltop, represented by two members, Blandford Langton St Leonards represented by four members and Blandford Old Town, represented by three members. Councillors requested that the Town Clerk writes to the MP and Boundary Commission highlighting its concern that boundary changes to the town have been made with no consultation.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK