

## BRYANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2012 IN BRYANSTON CLUB AT 7.00pm

**Councillors:** Cllr D.Addison, MBE (Chair), Cllr C.Tompsett,  
Cllr J.Gregory, Cllr J.Baker

**Clerk:** Mrs. R. Dunn

**In attendance:** John Stayt (District Councillor), Sue Cooper (new  
Councillor), Mark Lilley (new councillor), Tony Tompsett  
(new councillor), and 2 members of the public.

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Cllr D.Addison welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (Rural South).

#### 2. Democratic Period

There were no points for discussion.

#### 3. Co-option of New Councillors

Cllr D.Addison asked each new councillor to introduce themselves and what they could bring to the Council. Cllr D.Addison then asked each of them if they would be prepared to take on certain responsibilities. These included:

Cllr S.Cooper – Liaison with Signpost

Cllr M.Lilley – Liaison with Bryanston School

Cllr T.Tompsett – Planning Officer (position previously held by Cllr D.Addison).

The new councillors all agreed to take on these roles.

The new councillors were then co-opted onto the Council and signed the Acceptance of Office form.

**Sue Cooper**

**Proposed Cllr J.Gregory/ Seconded Cllr Carol Tompsett/Unanimous**

**Mark Lilley**

**Proposed Cllr J.Gregory/ Seconded Cllr Carol Tompsett/Unanimous**

**Tony Tompsett**

**Proposed Cllr J.Gregory/ Seconded Cllr Carol Tompsett/Unanimous**

Cllr D.Addison thanked them for joining the Council and hoped that they would enjoy the experience.

#### 4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr C.Tompsett and Cllr T.Tompsett declared a Personal Interest in the Planning Application 2/2012/0695/PLNG. This property neighbours the property that they own.

#### 5. Minutes – Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were agreed and signed as correct.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

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#### **6. Report by Police Safer Neighbourhood Team**

The Safer Neighbourhood Team was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments. Apologies were sent and accepted.

#### **7. District Councillor's Report**

Cllr J.Stayt gave a short report to the Council. The main points included;

- Recently he has taken on the role of Chair of the Audit/Accounts Committee. He is starting to make fundamental changes.
- He gave an update on the Localism Bill and the Legal Policy Planning Framework. The proposed development at Deer Park has been reviewed and the numbers of proposed dwellings reduced. This will not be re-visited again until next year.
- The new Code of Conduct was explained in detail by the solicitor. There is a focus on pecuniary interests.
- Blandford St Mary Parish Council is keen to work with Bryanston Parish Council on the parking problems around Dorchester Hill and New Road.
- Cllr C.Tompsett asked for an update on the Asda application. Cllr J.Stayt said that he had spoken with representatives from Asda and they are still going ahead with the application. He thought that this may go before the committee in September.

Cllr D.Addison thanked Cllr J.Stayt for attending the meeting and giving his report.

#### **8. Footpath Officer's Report**

Cllr J.Baker informed the Council that he was unable to look at any of the footpaths since the last meeting. He is hoping to rectify this, ready for the next meeting.

Cllr J.Gregory asked if it would be possible to produce a hand drawn map of all the footpaths in the Parish. Cllr J.Baker agreed that he could. Cllr C.Tompsett and Cllr T.Tompsett volunteered to help with this and give these out to all residents with the newsletter.

Cllr J.Stayt suggested putting them in the Tourist Information Office and putting a note in the Forum Focus.

Cllr C.Tompsett reminded the Council that Walnut Avenue was not an official footpath.

#### **9. Tree Officer's Report**

Item 12.iii was covered in this report.

Cllr C.Tompsett reported to the Council that the Horse Chestnut trees are looking better this year than previous years.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2012, the Hawthorns were officially planted for the Jubilee. Cllr C.Tompsett thanked the villagers, councillors and officials from NDDC for all of their help and support. She suggested an 'adopt or foster a tree' scheme, where a resident takes on the responsibility for looking after a tree. This will help to make sure that they are maintained. She is to put this in the newsletter to see if anyone is interested in taking this on.

Cllr C.Tompsett asked the Council if they would consider buying two more trees, as there is a couple of gaps to fill. Cllr D.Addison said that the Council had had quite a lot of expenditure over the last few months, so were now having to be careful. He asked Cllr C.Tompsett to confirm the cost and present this at the next meeting. Cllr J.Baker brought to the attention of the Council that one of the trees is not looking happy and obviously if

it dies, there will be a gap. He asked Cllr C.Tompsett if the nursery that supplied the trees would be happy to replace any trees that die within a certain period of time. She thought that they would but would contact the nursery to find out.

Cllr C.Tompsett and Cllr T.Tompsett have photographed all of the labels and have put this together with the plans and other information. The Clerk is to keep this on file, as a record of the event. Cllr C.Tompsett thanked Cllr J.Baker for supplying the equipment to dig the holes. The Council thanked Cllr C.Tompsett for all of her time and effort in making this a very successful project.

The condemned Sycamore tree situated outside Woodburyside has still not been felled. Cllr C.Tompsett has been chasing this and she has been informed that letters have been sent to Bryanston School. Cllr M.Lilley is to ask John Mortimer (Estates Bursar, Bryanston School) what is happening with the tree.

Cllr C.Tompsett and Cllr J.Gregory had a meeting with Alice Rawdon Mogg (Smiths Gore). During the meeting, the maintenance of the trees owned by The Crown Estate was discussed. Smiths Gore has inspected their trees and there should be some action soon.

#### **10. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **11. Finance**

i. Balance at bank at 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012 was £5,438.28

ii. The following payments were agreed,

Clerk's salary £240.58 and expenses £42.95

DAPTC Annual Subscription 2012/2013 £171.49

Cutting of grass at recreation field by Mr. D.Hurst £10.00 (payment to be made to Cllr D.Addison).

New lock for recreation field £15.00 (payment to be made to Cllr D.Addison).

Trees for Jubilee and tree straps £510.20 (payment to be made to Cllr C.Tompsett)

Strimmer Service £28;80 (payment to be made to Cllr D.Addison).

Cllr J.Baker has produced a safety manual for the strimmer. Training must be carried out before it can be used by a Council member. The Clerk has contacted the insurance and the use of it is covered, as long as these procedures are adhered to. Cllr D.Addison asked Cllr J.Baker what will be the cost of running the strimmer. Cllr J.Baker estimated about £25.00. He is to work out a more precise figure and report this back at the next meeting.

Cllr C.Tompsett informed the Council that at the meeting with Alice Rawdon Mogg (Smiths Gore), she said that they might be prepared to employ someone to maintain their verges. Cllr S.Cooper highlighted that there was a need for the outer area of the recreation field to be strimmed back. Cllr D.Addison suggested that those who use the field could help to maintain it. Cllr J.Baker is to have a look at the field and decide if it is possible to strim back.

The Council also decided that they would find how much it would cost to have the verges owned by The Crown Estate cut four times a year. They will then present this to The Crown Estate and see what the response is.

Donation towards cost of refreshments for Jubilee tree planting (payment to be made to Cllr C.Tompsett)

Cllr C.Tompsett decided not to ask for a donation towards the cost of the refreshments for the Jubilee tree planting.

A Tree Planting Grant of £500.00 was received from NDDC.

iii. Any other payments received before the meeting.

This payment was also agreed, DAPTC: New Chairman's Seminar £20.00.

## **12. Information for Councillors**

### **i. Code of Conduct & New Register of Interests**

The NALC Code of Conduct Template and Appendix A only was agreed and adopted by the Council.

**Proposed Cllr C.Tompsett/ Seconded Cllr T.Tompsett**

**Vote: 5 For/ 2 Abstentions.**

The new Register of Interest forms were collected by the Clerk and she is to hand these into NDDC before the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

### **ii. Update on Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr D.Addison gave an update on the development of a Neighbourhood Plan to the Council. The questionnaires have been collated and the analysis of these is about to begin. Cllr D.Addison hopes to be able to feedback the findings at the next meeting. Cllr D.Addison and Cllr J.Gregory attended a Draft Core Strategy Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012. The aim of the meeting was to formulate a joint response from Blandford Town Council, Bryanston Parish Council, Blandford St Mary Council and Pimperne Parish Council to NDDC's consultation on the Draft Core Strategy. Cllr J.Gregory advised the Council, that as a group of parishes, they would have a stronger voice. Also, by working together they will have more of a say on how much and how many dwellings can be built on particular areas. It would also help with funding.

Cllr D.Addison proposed that Bryanston Parish Council join this bigger group.

**Proposed Cllr D.Addison/ Seconded Cllr J.Baker/Unanimous**

Cllr J.Gregory is to circulate all of the documents and she asked councillors to feedback any comments to her.

Cllr J.Gregory also advised the Council that the 'Interim Neighbourhood Planning Guidance Notes' published by Eastherts is available to download in a PDF format from their website.

Cllr J.Stayt left the meeting at 8.05pm.

### **iii. Feedback from the Jubilee Tree Planting and Future Plan.**

This item was covered in item 9: Tree Officer's Report

### **iv. Press Releases**

Cllr C.Tompsett informed the Council that the article about the Jubilee Tree Planting in the Blackmore Vale Magazine was inaccurate. She proposed that in future all press releases be drafted and agreed by the Council first. The Council agreed to this.

### **v. Update on Recreation Field**

Cllr J.Baker has managed to get The Crown Estate to make some small amendments to the initial agreement. The Council now has 28 days grace to clear any equipment belonging to them or the community, if the land should be retracted. However, The Crown Estate would not entertain the idea of allowing a parish event to be held there. Cllr J.Baker is to try and find out the reasons for this decision.

Cllr D.Addison added that the Council has now established a good liaison with The Crown Estate and advised accepting this agreement. He also informed the Council that the second cutting of the grass is to be carried out shortly, when it is dry. He thought that a few children were using it on a regular basis.

Cllr M.Lilley informed the Council that previously a few older children had been using the field to race their mini motorcycles around. The police had been called and they were stopped. Cllr D.Addison highlighted that there were strict rules e.g. no fires, barbeques, or events. Only ball games were allowed. He encouraged the Council members to intercept if they saw the area being misused; otherwise The Crown Estate could retract it. Cllr S.Cooper asked where the correct access was to the field, as it was not clear. She also informed the Council that there was barbed wire present near the access. Cllr J.Baker volunteered to check the route with Cllr S.Cooper and cut back any hazards. They will also identify what maintenance is required and see where the Council can help with this. It was decided that the area does require opening up, making it safer for younger children to use. The Council advised parents and its members to visit the area occasionally. They also decided that a notice was required, listing the rules of use.

**Cllr M.Lilley is to publish the notice and Cllr T.Tompsett is to organise the board and stake for displaying it.**

vi. Dangerous Parking at New Road/Dorchester Hill/ Fairmile Junction.

Cllr C.Tompsett informed the Council that she had not written a letter, as it has now become a lot bigger problem.

Cllr D.Addison told the Council that Martin Francis, a resident from the affected area has come up with some suggestions. Cllr D.Addison summarised his plan,

- The road along by the Bryanston School entrance, opposite The Stour to become restricted time limit parking. This would stop people parking from 8am-5pm.
- No parking from the bend up to the corner. This can only be achieved with double yellow lines. However, the residents who live there will not find this acceptable.
- The land owned by Bryanston School, in front of The Stour is to become an area for parking.

Martin Francis then made a few more suggestions, as he had spoken to tenants of The Stour and a lady who is also a resident of the area. These included,

- A sticker system. This involves showing a sticker obtained from The Stour to show that the vehicle owner is visiting the inn and that they have a 2hr parking slot.
- A cutting off of the green area owned by Bryanston School for additional parking. However Hall & Woodhouse Ltd who own The Stour are against this idea.
- A joint appeal from both Bryanston and Blandford St Mary Councils against paying to park at the Stour Valley carpark.

Cllr D.Addison proposed listing all the positive suggestions for this area and then taking these to the residents for their views. Then incorporate all this into a final document and send it to the surrounding Councils, NDDC, DCC and Hilary Cox.

**Proposed Cllr D.Addison/ Seconded Cllr Carol Tompsett/Unanimous**

**Cllr D.Addison asked Martin Francis if he would be happy to assist with the door knocking, he said yes he would.**

vii. Parking Bays at Forum View Bungalows

Cllr C.Tompsett showed the council a sketch diagram showing the angled parking bays at the Forum View bungalows. Cllr C.Tompsett then asked a member of the public, a resident of this area if she had any comments. She suggested that the parking bays should be kept to one side only, as an area would need to be kept clear, to allow people to come in and out.

Cllr D.Addison said that he had tried to contact Kerry Harvey (Signpost) but she was unavailable. Cllr D.Addison decided to email the details to Cllr S.Cooper and she is to work with Kerry and move this forward.

#### viii. Future Plans

Cllr D.Addison outlined four projects that the Council could take on.

1. **Village Website** – Cllr M.Lilley is a part time web designer. He has offered to build a website for the village, cost free for 12 months. This would enable the Council to see how much maintenance of the site is required and how often things need to be changed. The Council asked Cllr M.Lilley what the cost would be after the 12 month period. He was unable to give an answer; he said it would depend on the maintenance required.

Cllr C.Tompsett informed the Council that the village newsletter has just recently decided to go ahead with a website. Cllr D.Addison suggested the Council defer any decision. He suggested inviting Tom Cosgrove (Chair of the Residents Association) to attend the next meeting and ask him to explain how their website is going to run.

Cllr D.Addison is to meet with Cllr M.Lilley and gain an understanding of what he is proposing and the costs involved. The Council will then make a decision.

**The Clerk is to invite Tom Cosgrove to attend the next meeting.**

2. **Island at The Cliff** – The island belongs to Bryanston School and is in need of maintenance. This would involve getting the vegetation down to ground level. The Council decided that it was too big a task for them to take on, but perhaps Bryanston School would be prepared to do it. Cllr J.Baker brought to the attention of the Council, that if the School did sort it, then it would probably be down to the Council to then keep it maintained.

Cllr D.Addison proposed writing a formal letter to Bryanston School from the Council, asking them what might be done here and how the Council could support them to move this forward. Cllr M.Lilley is to deliver the letter, by hand to the school.

3. **Fire Station** – The old fire station is situated outside Bryanston Club on land owned by The Crown Estate. Grants would be required to help restore it to its former glory and advice needed from a conservation officer.

Cllr D.Addison recommended the Council continue researching the historical value and grants available before taking this any further.

4. **Area around Telephone Box** – Cllr J.Gregory informed the Council, that at the site meeting with Alice Rawdon Mogg (Smiths Gore), they had discussed clearing the area around the telephone box. Alice said that she would look into getting a price for tidying this area and then inform the Council of their decision.

Cllr J.Gregory suggested the Council could provide a seat for the area.

Cllr D.Addison suggested that these were the projects that the Council could take on over the next twelve months.

### 13. Highways

#### i. Roundabout Sponsorship

The Council decided not to discuss this item, as there are no roundabouts within the parish.

#### ii. Grit Bins

Cllr J.Gregory has been approached by a resident, asking for a grit bin to be positioned past Home Farm near Walnut Avenue. Cllr D.Addison asked if those living in this area thought that there was a need. Cllr J.Gregory informed the Council, that this area was

very bad in icy conditions and the nearest grit bin was half way up the hill past Bryanston Club. The Council agreed to purchase a new grit bin.

**Proposed Cllr J.Gregory/ Seconded Cllr J.Baker**

**Cllr J.Gregory is to investigate where the best location for the grit bin is and then establish who owns the land. She is to report back at the next meeting.**

Cllr M.Lilley asked if any container could be used to store the grit, as Bryanston School has some suitable empty containers. **The Clerk is to contact DCC and find out if it needs to be a proper grit bin or if any substantial container can be used.**

#### **14. Reports of Meetings**

##### **i. DT11 Forum**

Cllr J.Gregory attended this meeting and gave a short report. The main points included,

- Updates on Blandford Community Hospital (Doc Addison) – Good news, a few services are returning to Dorchester but new services will be introduced to Blandford before the end of the summer.
- Report on Broadband (Steve Adamson) – An Economic Impact Survey is due to start. 30% of premises need to sign up for the project to take off commercially. Bryanston could be included in phase 2 of the project.
- Regeneration Company (Jo Rose) – The formal structure of the Regeneration Company is just about complete and ready to be submitted. When the document has been approved a summary will be circulated and will be available on the DT11's website.
- Dorset Popp (Jackie Bolton) – There has been a change in management structure and both are now combined under Health & Care, who are responsible for both the Wayfinders and Community leaders who are called Champions.
- Forum Focus (Nicci Brown) – The website for the magazine will be up and running by the end of the month. There is to be a link with the DT11.

A full version of the minutes can be found on the DT11 website.

##### **ii. Others**

There were no other meeting reports.

#### **15. Planning**

##### **i. Planning Register**

The Planning Register had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Council discussed the Planning Application 2/2012/0695/PLNG. Cllr C.Tompsett and Cllr T.Tompsett had already declared a Personal Interest in this application, as the property neighbours the property that they own. Cllr S.Cooper and Cllr M.Lilley were unable to vote, as they had not seen the application.

Cllr D.Addison asked if there were any objections to the Planning Application 2/2012/0695/PLNG. There were no objections.

**The Clerk is to complete the form and return it to NDDC by the 20th July 2012.**

#### **16. Correspondence**

Cllr D.Addison stated that most of the correspondence listed below had been circulated prior to the meeting. He asked if the Council had any questions about the correspondence received. There were no questions.

##### **i. Briefing from Angus Campbell**

##### **ii. Water Rates Review**

iii. Charges for Administering Town & Parish By- Elections

iv. Homewatch Newsletters.

v. DAPTC Circulars & Newsletter

vi. Any other correspondence received since last meeting.

Pre-Submission Draft Minerals Core Strategy Consultation

Localisation of Council Tax Support

Cllr D.Addison asked Cllr J.Baker to summarise this document. He said in essence, the bill proposes a cut of at least 10% in government support paid to billing authorities (district councils) for those claiming benefit which reduces or exempts them from paying council tax.

The Council decided not to participate in this consultation, as not enough facts and figures have been supplied.

**17. Matters for future agenda and invitations**

- Tom Cosgrove, Chair of the Residents Association to talk about the village website.
- Donation towards the costs of publishing the newsletter.

**18. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Chairman..... Date.....