

Durweston Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 2nd March 2022 at Durweston Village Hall starting at 1900 hours.

Present: Councillors: P Cook (Chairman), H Galpin, T Marks, C Newton, S Spiller.

In Attendance: Mrs J Fairman (Clerk).

- 1. Apologises for absence**
 - Dorset: Cllr S Jespersen, Cllr E Corry, T Hewson.
- 2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests**
 - None received.
- 3. Approve minutes from meeting of 2nd February 2022**
 - These were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr T Marks/ Seconded Cllr Newton.
- 4. Matters Arising from previous minutes**
 - None.
- 5. Chairman's matters**
 - None.
- 6. Democratic Period**
 - There were no members of the public present.
- 7. Report from Dorset Councillor**
 - None received
- 8. Response to the Community Governance Review:**
 - The CGR is conducted every 15 years to establish whether parish boundaries or Parish Councils need to be altered. Blandford Forum Town Council had put forward a proposal that the following parishes should be incorporated into Blandford's boundary: Bryanston, Blandford St Mary, Langton Long, and part of Pimperne Parish. This has been strongly opposed by the parishes concerned and rejected at the initial stages by Dorset Council. The CGR is now out for public consultation for 12 weeks, it is feasible that Blandford Forum Town Council will come forward with an alternative proposal. Cllr Jespersen has requested that Durweston PC prepare a response to the consultation supporting Bryanston's objections. The Clerk has prepared a response which all Durweston Cllrs have seen and approved.
- 9. To receive a financial report to include payments for authorisation.**
 - Bank balance as at 28/02/2022: £21,287.49
 - The mandate changes to the HSBC Bank account had not been accepted as the requested the minutes from September meeting where the clerk was appointed. They refer to the clerk as The Secretary in the application.
- 10. To adopt the following updated policies.**
 - a) Standing Orders.
 - b) Code of Conduct.
 - c) Financial Regulations.
 - d) Complaints Procedure.
 - e) Social Media Procedure.

Policies had been updated and approved by DPC.

11. Planning

-No new planning applications.

12. To receive a report on the following areas in the parish and to agree actions in response to proposals or repairs

Bryanston Estate - No update on leases.

- Date for the allotment AGM to be confirmed.

- Clerk to write to Alice for an update on the leases for the allotment.

Footpaths and Environmental

-The recent storms had caused Bryanston village to lose power Friday-Sunday.

-Thank you to the Durweston villagers who made soup which was provided at the village hall on the Saturday and delivered in flasks to residents on the Sunday.

-We would also like to thank the Village Hall Committee for allowing the use of their kitchen.

Highways.

-Finger Post in Water Lane needs refurbishing – Cllr Spiller to get a quote.

-Enford Farm advisory speed signage - One sign has been put up; Cllr Marks had thought that there would be a sign for each direction. Clerk to clarify with Highways

-The traffic lights at Durweston Bridge appear to be synced in favour of traffic coming into Durweston causing traffic tail backs into the village in the mornings.

- Clerk to raise with DC- to check the traffic light synchronisation.

Playing Field –

- Cllr Newton- is still to order the new benches.

- The Playing Field Working Group had held an excellent maintenance day, the following work was carried out - A new ramp/rails/pole basketball hoop/ tennis net put up/signs & ramps washed. Thank you to all who helped.

- Another maintenance day to be scheduled later in March.

- A big thank you to all of the working party for their hard work including Kumar and Tom. A special thanks also to Gary Sutherland for all his help over the years with the upkeep and maintenance of the Playing Field.

13. Village Hall

- The pub nights at the Village Hall have been very successful.

-Scheduled Pub Nights- Friday March 25th / Friday April 29th.

14. DAPTC

- Meeting Monday 7th Sturminster Council Chamber, Cllr Galpin to attend.

15. Planning - No new applications received.

16. Task tracker.

-The task tracker was reviewed and updated.

17. Leases for Allotment and Playing Field.

Action: Cllr Newton to email Alice Rawson-Mogg for update.

18. Update on Speed Guns.

- Chairman to contact Speed Team to establish frequency of sessions.

19. Capital Projects:

- BT Box Refurbishment- Painter due to start work on the BT Box – It was suggested that the box should be ready to be officially opened at the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

- It is still undecided whether a second defibrillator in the village is needed, and if so where it should be situated.

20. Queens Platinum Jubilee:

- Bryanston Village had accepted our invitation to join in with the Durweston Jubilee celebrations, Cllr Galpin had attended a meeting with Bryanston's Jubilee Celebration working group on 21/02/2022. An additional 70 coins to be given out to the children of the villages at the celebrations had been ordered on behalf of Bryanston who will pay for their share and split the delivery cost.

- Plans were discussed regarding having a village party on Saturday 4th June. The venue is to be decided as the VH is already booked.

21. Any Other Business.

- Litter Pick – Sunday 3rd April- 12.30pm meet at Bus Stop

- St Nick's Café serving Food 8.30am – 12pm every Thursday morning.

Items for the next Agenda

To confirm the next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 6th April 2022 in the Village Hall starting at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed _____ Dated _____