



BROADMAYNE

P A R I S H C O U N C I L

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016–2017

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Meetings: The Parish Council normally meets on a Monday evening (generally the first Monday in the month) in the Methodist Church Hall, Main Street at 7.30 pm. Agendas and minutes are posted on the community website, www.broadmayne.org and on village notice boards. The public are always welcome to attend the Council meetings whether or not they have a specific issue to discuss. County Councillor Andy Canning and District Councillors Nigel Bundy and Alan Thacker also usually attend the meeting.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 7:30pm Monday May 15th – Village Hall, Cowleaze Road

We urge you to come to this meeting which is your annual opportunity to catch up with and to help shape what is going on in the village. The agenda is part of this report.

Review of the year by Cllr. Steve Diamond - Chairman

Another Annual Report - one week follows another so fast and even the months slip by so rapidly! However, reviews, assessments, appraisals, etc. do provide a breathing space to look back on past achievements and challenges. This Annual Report gives us the opportunity to review the last year in Broadmayne.

Unfortunately, the Council started and ended the year understrength, which adds to individual workloads and I am grateful to the hard-working Councillors who have supported me through the year. Not only do Councillors attend our regular Council Meetings and undertake the normal business of the Council but they also respond to many consultations, attend county-wide meetings, etc., feeding back to the Council valuable information about changes and challenges as well as best-practice experiences etc..

Since the last annual report, we gladly co-opted Peter Lamb to our number but also said goodbye to Bob Hatcher, who left us for personal reasons. We thank Bob for his time with us and particularly for undertaking the most recent iteration of the Parish Plan. If you or anyone you know would like to discuss our existing vacancy please do get in touch. Supporting the village as a Councillor is a rewarding and important role and the Parish Council will need to be at full strength to tackle future challenges.

During the year, the Council has, once more, been ably supported by our Clerk, Dr. Janet Davis who is to be thanked for her work on behalf of the village. I would also like to thank our County Councillor, Andy Canning and our two District Councillors, Alan Thacker and Nigel Bundy for their assistance during the year.

Meetings. Parish Council meetings are necessarily focused, whereas at the Annual Parish Meeting we consider wider aspects that impact on our way of life. I urge you to come to both. In particular, the Annual Parish Meeting gives you an opportunity to discuss whatever concerns, issues and ideas you have about life in Broadmayne.

D-Day Celebrations and the Queen's 90th

birthday. In June, the village hosted a very popular return of the D-Day celebrations. The council provided some financial support as well as putting on refreshments during the day, with the help of many cake bakers, culminating in a splendid cream tea celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday.

The Playing Field and Children's Play Area

The Broadmayne Playing Field Association were successful in obtaining grants from West Dorset District Council as well as our own Parish Council enabling them to replace the condemned Multiplay equipment with some much-appreciated new kit.

We have appointed new contractors to maintain the playing field and following their recommendations the quality of the grass is much improved.

The Parish Plan – Traffic and Road Safety

Many of the main issues that came out of the current Parish Plan concerned traffic and road safety and so far, it is this aspect of the plan that has received most of the Council's attention. We must accept that some problems are insurmountable, resulting from the nature of our rural roads and the geography of our development. However, meetings have been held with officers from Dorset County Council's Highways Department and they have offered to explore several options for improvements. Officers will be at the **Annual Parish Meeting** to explain and discuss the possibilities.

As a direct result of the Parish Plan the zebra crossing now has much brighter LED belisha beacons.

Allotments. The Parish Council owns and manages the allotments on Chalky Road and during the year has commissioned improvements to the entrance, making access for vehicles easier. We hope this will help with parking issues around the site.

Speed Watch. After a long hiatus following the suspension of most of the sites from which our Speed Watch volunteers operated, changes to the rules give us some hope that we may be able to restart this initiative, albeit in a reduced form.

The Parish Council Precept

The Parish Council is working against the background of uncertainty in the future of the upper levels of local government. It is quite likely that, in a few years, Dorset will be split between two unitary authorities in place of the existing nine councils at County and District levels. Exactly how this will impact Parish Councils is unclear but we believe that, coupled with continuing financial constraints, we will have to take on responsibility for providing more services. This year you may have noticed an increase in the Parish Council's precept (Broadmayne's share of your council tax) this increase is part of our forward planning aimed at securing the sustainability of our budgets in anticipation of increasing demands.

Village Hall Extension and Re-vitalisation Project

Last June we held a public meeting about financing the Village Hall Project and, having established community support for our funding plans, we went ahead with a tendering process. I was grateful to be supported through the tendering process by a small group drawn from the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee and the community. We were delighted to find that the tenders received were within the combined funding made available by the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. We appointed Spetisbury Construction as our principal contractor without the need to take out a previously anticipated loan.

We are delighted with the work, which is progressing well. If you come to the Annual Parish Meeting you should be able to explore the completed extension. Work on the new kitchen will continue during April, followed by the chair store - with anticipated completion of the project towards the end of June.

Planning Applications. Parish Councils are consulted by WDDC on planning applications in their area and their comments, as well as those submitted by members of the general public, are considered when the district prepare their decision.

This year we have looked at something like 20 applications as well as some requests concerning trees. Amongst other cases, solutions to the issues previously raised about building on Knighton Lane seem to have been found. Probably the most significant development currently under discussion is the development of the site of the closed garage in the middle of the village. This a challenging site and the first plans, which we opposed, have been rejected by WDDC. We have met with the newly appointed architect and hope to have some influence on the eventual outcome.

Grants. One of the rewarding aspects of working on the Parish Council is our ability to help financially with some aspects of village life. This year, **grants** went to: St. Martins to help with maintenance of the graveyard; the Village Hall for work on the Fire Exit to make it truly accessible and to the Scout Group to help buy camping equipment. Earlier in the year, with enthusiastic support from the Parish Council and the Playing Field Association, the expanding Scout Group had erected a new store in the corner of the playing field.

Resurfacing the A352.

After raising the condition of Main Street time and time again, resurfacing from Bramble Drove to the Warmwell roundabout is now scheduled for the autumn.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.30 PM MONDAY, 15 MAY 2017 at BROADMAYNE VILLAGE HALL

Agenda

- 1 Welcome from the Chairman of the Parish Council
- 2 Apologies for absence
- 3 Minutes of Parish Meeting held on Monday 23 May 2016
- 4 Presentation by Mike Potter,
Dorset County Council Highways Department
- 5 Parish Council Chairman's introduction to the Annual Report
- 6 Reports:
 - (a) Broadmayne First School: Mrs Melanie Austin, Head Teacher
 - (b) District Council: Cllrs Nigel Bundy and Alan Thacker
 - (c) County Council: Cllr Andy Canning
- 7 Update on the Village Hall project
- 8 Open Forum

**This Annual Report and Agenda was distributed to all households in Broadmayne.
Please bring it with you to the meeting.**

The draft accounts for the financial year 2016-2017 form part of this report. They have yet to be submitted to the internal auditor and will be confirmed at the June meeting of the Parish Council, prior to submission to the external auditor.

Included in the balances are the following reserves: £3,000 for asset maintenance, £1,000 for temporary staff cover, £75 in prize money and £1,000 in allotment deposits.

Note that the Business Reward Saver (BRS) account contains the money from the sale of 1 Crosstree Close plus the section 106 grant from West Dorset District Council. This is set aside solely for the hall project. For space reasons the detail of the expenditure is not shown on this version of the accounts but they include over £60,000 on the building works to date. Full details can be obtained from the Clerk and will be shown on the final audited version of the accounts.

BROADMAYNE PARISH COUNCIL: DRAFT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017									
			RECEIPTS	BUDGET				PAYMENTS	BUDGET
Income to main account for running of Parish Council						Administrative Expenses			
Precept			£ 20,083.00	£ 20,083.00	Advertisements				£ 150.00
Council tax support grant			£ 417.00	£ 417.00	Audit Fees		£ 510.00	£ 510.00	
<i>Rent</i>					Books & Periodicals		£ 12.00	£ 50.00	
Allotments inc.deposits held in reserve			£ 696.50	£ 500.00	Chair's Allow ance			£ 100.00	
Village Hall rent			£ 1.00	£ 1.00	Clerk's Salary & Income Tax		£ 5,528.64	£ 5,474.00	
Playing field rent			£ 1.00	£ 1.00	Clerk's expenses		£ 60.00	£ 60.00	
<i>Other income</i>					Insurance		£ 346.35	£ 360.00	
VAT Recovery			£ 6,203.88	£ 100.00	Meeting/Hall Room Hire		£ 92.50	£ 150.00	
Interest			£ 117.77	£ 150.00	Postage		£ 60.04	£ 70.00	
Photocopying			£ 3.45	£ 5.00	Printing & stationary		£ 257.17	£ 400.00	
Transfer from hall project			£ 10.56		Telephone/e-mail		£ 87.38	£ 60.00	
Refund from TalkTalk			£ 44.03		Training Courses & Conferences		£ 75.00	£ 150.00	
Total receipts excluding project account		Sub-total A	£ 27,578.19	£ 21,257.00	Travel & Subsistence		£ 6.70	£ 50.00	
					Grounds Maintenance & Allotments				
					Allotment expenses		£ 180.88	£ 500.00	
					Allotment deposit refund		£ 150.00		
Income to BRS Account for hall project						Grass & Hedge Cutting		£ 4,873.00	£ 5,000.00
Interest			£ 307.54	£ 800.00	Clearing rights of way (SLA with DCC)			£ 500.00	
VAT recovery			£ 6,102.11	£ 6,103.00	Subscriptions & Grants				
S.106 money (from WDDC)			£ 82,188.12	£ 80,000.00	SLCC		£ 103.00	£ 105.00	
Donation			£ 500.00		DAPTC subscription		£ 413.06	£ 410.00	
Total receipts project account only		Sub-total B	£ 89,097.77		Section 137		£ 1,009.60	£ 1,000.00	
					Grants under other powers		£ 7,924.05	£ 8,500.00	
					Asset Maintenance & Capital Items				
					Capital items/asset purchase			£ 200.00	
					Repairs & Maintenance		£ 1,024.40	£ 1,300.00	
					Replenishment salt bins			£ 300.00	
					Other				
					Information Commissioner Reg.fee		£ 35.00	£ 35.00	
					Transfer of relevant VAT to project account		£ 6,102.11		
					Copying tender documents		£ 10.56		
					Payments excluding hall project		Sub-total A	£ 28,861.44	£ 25,434.00
					Payments on hall project		Sub-total B	£ 61,606.56	
Total receipts		A+B	£ 116,675.96		Total payments		A+B	£ 90,468.00	
Balances brough forward 1 April 2016 represented by:						Balances carried forward as at 31 March 2017			
Santander Main Deposit Account			£ 22,801.20		Santander Main (deposit account)			£ 21,124.72	
Santander cheque account			£ 244.84		Santander current account		£ 3,618.49		
Santander BRS account			£ 109,038.60		Less four unrepresented cheques		£ 2,980.42	£ 638.07	
					Santander BRS account			£ 136,529.81	
		Sub-total C	£ 132,084.64				Sub-total C	£ 158,292.60	
Total (A+B+C)			£ 248,760.60		Total (A+B+C)			£ 248,760.60	