



BROADMAYNE

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

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015–2016

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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 - Monday May 23rd

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

Review of the year by Cllr. Steve Diamond - Chairman

The year under review has been a particularly challenging one for Broadmayne and for the Councillors who put themselves forward to help look after the village. Maybe not totally unscathed, Broadmayne got through the year thanks to a lot of hard work by various individuals, whether on the Council or not, and they are all to be thanked for their community spirit and dedication. Both in regular ongoing roles and during specific one off projects the village depends on its volunteers and, of course, we need more of them – please think about what more you could do.

Last May we had only five people volunteering to be your Councillors, which left two vacancies. We have co-opted Prof. Chris Griffith to fill one of the slots and I would be keen to talk to anyone else who thinks they might like to join us. The Council is ably supported by our Clerk, Dr. Janet Davis, by our County Councillor, Andy Canning and now by two District Councillors, Alan Thacker and Nigel Bundy and I would like to express thanks to all of them.

Changes and Challenges. Arguably the biggest issues for the village during the year have been the loss of the doctor's surgery, the loss of the garage and the potential closure of the shop.

But the future holds even more challenges. Discussions are underway about the structure of local government across Dorset and, combined with cuts in funding, it is inevitable that Parish Councils will have to take on the provision of some services currently supplied by the District or County Councils without further funding. Not only does this mean that the Parish Council needs to be stronger but also that it will need to raise more money in the future which will mean raising the precept and thus raising your Council Tax. Regrettably this is something we all need to be prepared for.

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.

The Surgery. Despite much lobbying we weren't, in the end, able to have much influence on the outcome. For whatever reasons, the NHS was unable to make any arrangements for the provision of any form of ongoing medical services from the Broadmayne Surgery. The dispersal of patients to various other practices has placed some strain on individuals and on our Patient Support Group, who continue to provide a very valuable service.

The Garage. This closure was basically a business decision totally beyond our influence. Of course we will miss having a local garage and we are concerned about the future of the site as it is so central to the village. It'll be a case of wait and see what is proposed.
It's good news that Chris Brown (who ran the workshop) is still in business and has stayed relatively local.

The Shop and Post Office. The potential loss of the shop was the most serious threat to the community as it provides a service that is vital to so many people. Following a meeting of over 100 villagers and during the period whilst the shop was on the market when there was little obvious interest from purchasers, a strong community group came together under Tim Clayton to investigate the viability of the business as a community shop and the potential for setting up such an operation. They worked very hard and with the support of many villagers launched what would have been a very useful Community Shares scheme. In the end, as we know, the shop is now under new management and running very successfully without our involvement. The team is to be thanked for all their work and thanks also to those who were prepared to invest in the project and volunteer their time.

Please make sure you use the shop whenever you can to ensure its ongoing success.

Parish Plan. During the year we have published, and circulated to each house, the plan that was drawn out of your responses to our questionnaire. This plan lays out the village's aspirations for the future. Under Cllr. Bob Hatcher a team has begun work on the topic that was of most concern – traffic and road safety. Although the structure of the village makes some problems insurmountable Bob's team will be putting ideas to the county Highways Department to see what can be tackled. Other actions from the plan will follow.

Speed Watch. Unfortunately a further official review of the sites being used by our Speed Watch volunteers ruled out most of them on safety and other grounds and, sadly, we have had to suspend this activity.

Community Emergency Plan. The plan is being updated and Cllr. Jury would love to hear from you if you could help in any way. Whether you can offer specialist skills such as first aid, act as a good neighbour, or help in some other way the time might just come when the village needs you.

Planning Matters. During the year the Council has been consulted on 19 applications (and 2 in neighbouring Parishes). At times we have been considerably frustrated in our dealings with WDDC's Development Control department.

In particular we have had ongoing exchanges over an extension where the application and approval process has proved so muddled that it is not clear what was actually approved by the District Council. WDDC have accepted that many mistakes were made but do not feel able to take any enforcement action. Unfortunately it now appears that there will be no satisfactory outcome to this issue.

Residents raised concern over two applications to take small amounts of Public Open Space into people's gardens; the Council objected and was represented at the Planning Committee meeting and the applications were refused.

Having objected to the specific details of plans to build on land on Knighton Lane we have been pleased to be invited by the architects and applicants to be involved in helping to develop a more acceptable scheme.

We are pleased to have made a gain from the development at Lytchetts. A footpath will be constructed to extend the existing pavement to the corner of Rectory Road.

Hall and Field Project. I am particularly pleased to report that the refurbishment of the Changing Room block was completed during the year and that the improvements have been much appreciated by the football teams that use the field. We are now able to turn our attention to the Village Hall extension and hope to have the money and builders' tenders in place before too long.

Scout Storage. The Council and the Playing Field Association have agreed to the principle of a storage facility being installed in a corner of the playing field. We are pleased to be able to support this active and expanding Scout Group.

Multi-Play Equipment. BPFA need to replace the climbing equipment in the children's' play area due to deterioration of the original frame. Please help with raising funds when you can.

Volunteering. Despite all the good voluntary work put in by some residents there is always more that could be done and which would benefit the community we all live in and enjoy. In particular the Playing Field Association and the Village Hall committee both need more members to share in the management of these vital village amenities. If our children are to go on playing and popular activities are to continue in the hall you can help.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.30 PM MONDAY, 23 MAY 2016 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 11 May 2015
- 4 Presentation by Margaret Locock of the Dorset Fire & Rescue Service
- 5 Parish Council Chairman's introduction to the Annual Report
- 6 Reports:
 - (a) Broadmayne First School: Mrs Melanie Austin, Head Teacher
 - (b) District Council: Cllr Nigel Bundy
 - (c) Police
- 7 Updates on Parish Council initiatives:
 - (a) The Village Hall and Playing Field project
 - (b) Revision of the Parish Plan
- 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 2015–2016 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.

Included in the balances are the following reserves: £3,000 for asset maintenance, £1000 for temporary staff cover, £75 in prize money, and £950 in allotment deposits.

Note that the Business Reward Saver (BRS) Account contains the money from the sale of 1 Crosstree Close, and is set aside solely for the hall and playing field project.

For space reasons the breakdown of the expenditure on the hall and playing field project is not shown on this version of the accounts but they are as follows:

Changing rooms refurbishment = £36,530.03; Building Control fee = £86.40.

BROADMAYNE PARISH COUNCIL: DRAFT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016									
				RECEIPTS	BUDGET				
								PAYMENTS	BUDGET
Income to main account for running of Parish Council						Administrative Expenses			
Precept				£ 17,874.00	£ 17,874.00	Advertisements			£ 150.00
Council tax support grant				£ 626.00	£ 626.00	Audit Fees		£ 390.00	£ 510.00
Rents						Books & Periodicals		£ 12.00	£ 100.00
Allotments inc. deposits to be held in reserve				£ 660.50	£ 500.00	Chair's Allow ance			£ 100.00
Village Hall rent				£ 1.00	£ 1.00	Clerk's Salary & Income Tax		£ 5,473.80	£ 5,390.00
Playing field rent				£ 1.00		Clerk's Expenses		£ 60.00	£ 60.00
Other income						Insurance		£ 349.43	£ 350.00
Donations, Grants and Prizes				£ 786.52		Meeting/Hall Room Hire		£ 90.00	£ 150.00
Vat Recovery				£ 3,300.95	£ 150.00	Postage		£ 67.65	£ 80.00
Interest				£ 146.82	£ 35.00	Printing & Stationery		£ 161.71	£ 600.00
Photocopying				£ 17.07	£ 5.00	Telephone/e-mail		£ 79.51	£ 100.00
Repayment bank charges/compensation for bank error				£ 276.01		Training Courses & Conferences		£ 230.00	£ 250.00
Total receipts excluding project account	Sub-total A			£ 23,689.87	£ 19,191.00	Travel & Subsistence		£ 5.50	£ 50.00
						Grounds Maintenance & Allotments			
						Allotment expenses		£ 595.14	£ 500.00
Income to BRS Account for hall and playing field project						Allotment deposit refund		£ 100.00	
Interest				£ 672.21		Grass & Hedge Cutting		£ 1,740.00	£ 3,000.00
VAT recovery				£ 2,973.68		Tree report			
Transfer from main account				£ 10,000.00		Subscriptions & Grants			
Total receipts project account only	Sub-total B			£ 13,645.89		SLCC		£ 103.00	£ 105.00
						DAPTC subscription		£ 401.52	£ 405.00
						Section 137		£ 733.13	£ 2,000.00
						Grants under other powers		£ 3,680.05	£ 3,700.00
						Asset Maintenance & Capital Items			
						Capital items/asset purchase		£ 555.86	£ 600.00
						Repairs & Maintenance		£ 344.00	£ 1,300.00
						Replenishment salt bins			£ 144.00
						Other			
						Information Commissioner Reg.fee		£ 35.00	£ 35.00
						Transfer of reserves to project account		£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00
						Transfer of relevant VAT to project account		£ 2,973.68	
						Bank charges		£ 96.00	
						Payments excluding hall/playing field project		Sub-total A	£ 28,276.98
						Payments on hall/playing field project		Sub-total B	£ 36,616.43
						Total payments			£ 64,893.41
Balances brought forward 1 April 2015 represented by:						Balances carried forward at 31 March 2016			
Santander Main (deposit account)				£ 27,483.02		Santander Main (deposit account)		£ 22,801.20	
Santander current account				£ 150.13		Santander current account		£2,075.20	
Santander BRS account				£ 132,009.14		Less five unrepresented cheques		£1,830.36	£ 244.84
			Sub-total C	£ 159,642.29		Santander BRS account		£ 109,038.60	
								Sub-total C	£ 132,084.64
Total (A+B+C)				£ 196,978.05		Total (A+B+C)			£ 196,978.05