

## THE PARISH AGM

The AGM preceded the May Parish Council meeting on 6 May 2009. Space precludes including the Minutes here but they may be seen on the Parish Council notice boards.

## WEBSITE NEWS

www.blandfordstmary.wordpress.com <<http://www.blandfordstmary.wordpress.com>>

The month of May brings with it longer evenings and (hopefully) sunnier and warmer days. What better way to enjoy time together than getting out and about into the countryside: have a look at the website's Local Walks page for the route for a springtime ramble from Spetisbury to Tarrant Crawford and back. There is also news on how to earn yourself a Wildlife Friendly Garden Award and a challenge to the kids to grow the tallest sunflower ever seen in the village! Don't have access to the web? Phone 01258.455113 for details on the junior competition pages.

## GARDEN COMPETITION

The Blandford St. Mary '**BEST GARDEN COMPETITION**' is to be revived. The judging will take place during the first week of September. This advance notice is to give gardeners the time to weed, feed and nature your gardens during the coming months. Either front or back gardens can be entered and – size doesn't matter!

Further details in the June edition.

## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We are planning an **Autumn Fayre** for 13<sup>th</sup> September with various stalls and attractions including delicious Cream Teas. Could you help by manning a stall? We also need a lively, energetic person to help organise races/fun activities for children.

Please phone for a chat; Mary 480384 or Anne 489100

## MARY GO ROUND DISTRIBUTION

Since resurrection eighteen months ago the Newsletter has been delivered by a small band of volunteers who are owed a large vote of thanks for their public-spirited support. Although the rounds are now fairly well covered it would be nice to add a few more volunteers so some of the rounds could be shortened. Even a couple more individuals would bring the average 'round' down to fifty, which in most cases takes no more than half an hour once a month.

If you would like to help please ring 01258 451114 or Email [Addisonthornleigh@supanet.com](mailto:Addisonthornleigh@supanet.com)

## REMINDER - PARISH PLAN – ANOTHER DATE FOR THE DIARY

The Parish Plan currently being drafted has the potential to radically affect the future direction of the community. Recommendations will be displayed at the Bryanston Court lounge from 10 am to 12 pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009. If you have any interest in knowing how the village may change in the future please come along and see for yourself.

# MARY-GO-ROUND

## BLANDFORD ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009** at Blandford St Mary Primary School.

**Present:** Cllr M Siwek Chairman  
Cllr D Addison Vice Chairman  
Cllr R Whitlock  
Cllr P Hill  
Cllr J Dallison  
Cllr A Lyth  
Cllr S Erim

**In attendance:** Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk)  
PC D Mullins (Dorset Police)  
There were seven members of the public present

The Chairman opened the meeting with the public consultation period.

Mrs Iredale reported on the website. It was reported that the website had received 330 views last month. Mr Iredale went on to express her disappointment on the responses for the children's competition that had not gone well.

A member of the public raised a question about allotments. The Clerk noted that the Parish do not have any allotments and that if any members of the Parish would like to apply for an allotment, to contact Blandford Town Council, as they do have allotments.

Mrs Riggs expressed concern over the post box on Bournemouth Road has not been replaced. The Clerk informed Mrs Riggs that the Council have written to the Post Office asking for its replacement, but as yet has not received a response.

### **2009/144 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Tomlinson and Cllr Cox

### **2009/145 Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Siwek, Cllr Dallison and Cllr Addison declared a personal interest in the Village Plan.

### **2009/146 Minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009**

There was one small amendment to the minutes then it was **AGREED** that they are a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

### **2009/147 Police report - Pact**

PC Mullins gave the Council the wards crime figures for April. Seven crimes had been reported and only two were in Blandford St Mary streets, the others were at Tesco Stores and Stour Meadows.

#### **2009/148 Planning**

The Council agreed to view two planning applications, which are as follows:

2/2009/0287/PLNG 16 Pigeon Close, Erect single Storey extension  
Blandford St Mary

No Objection

2/2009/0293/PLNG 23 Badger Sett Erect garden room, extend decking  
Blandford St Mary

No Objection

There were planning responses from NDDC for outline planning permission for the Hall & Woodhouse Site.

#### **2009/149 Finance**

The Payment Schedule was **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk circulated the financial update for the member's information.

#### **2009/150 Recreational Area**

The Clerk read out the report from the monthly Health & Safety report for the Play Area. It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to chase up the repairs needed.

**Action – Clerk**

#### **2009/151 Report from Dorset County and North Dorset District Councillors**

The Chairman read out the report from Cllr Cox. A copy will be placed on the Notice Board for the Publics information.

#### **2009/152 Officers Report**

Cllr Addison reported that a member of the public had expressed concern over the state of the land opposite Knights Close. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the person and ask to meet with a Councillor to confirm the piece of land in question.

Cllr Addison reported on the response from a meeting regarding dangerous junctions at Dorchester Hill, it was noted that a 20mph speed limit has been put forward to Dorset County Council Traffic Management team. This is an ongoing project.

Cllr Addison reported on the Stour Meadows and that an application for Liveability funding for a perimeter path is being completed by DT11 Forum. He went on to note that if anyone would like to look at the details that they are in the room to view after the meeting.

Cllr Addison expressed his disappointment in the response received for the children's competition through the Website. More notices will be put up advertising the competition.

Cllr Addison reported that there would be a public presentation on the Parish Plan recommendations on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009 between the hours of 10am and 12pm at Bryanston Court.

#### **2009/153 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had nothing to report.

#### **2009/154 Clerk Report**

The Clerk had nothing to report.

#### **2009/155 General Correspondence**

All correspondence was tabled and placed in the circulating file.

#### **2009/156 Any Other Business**

Cllr Whitlock reported that he had met with the Secretary of Blandford St Mary Church regarding tree work. He reported that some of the trees are in need of maintenance and asked the Clerk to obtain quotes and report back to the Council once received.

#### **2009/157 Press Release**

There was none.

#### **2009/158 Date of next meeting**

The next Council meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.35pm

Signed .....  
**Chairman of the Parish Council**