

Hazelbury Bryan Bytes

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Chairman's introduction

With plenty of news in the main pages the editor has severely reduced the space available to me. My main plea is that you read about the Neighbourhood Plan and come along to one of the two consultation events. It is your chance to have some real influence on where future housing development will be located in Hazelbury Bryan. And if you are at a loose end in the evening on the first Tuesday of each month do come along at 8pm to the monthly parish council meeting – we'd love to see and hear you!

Steve Murcer, Chairman, Hazelbury Bryan Parish Council

Alec's Field Pavilion

At long last the builders have handed over the new community building, or Alec's Field Pavilion to give it its proper title. This is not the right place to go into the detail about the final stages but it was very frustrating to miss out on virtually a whole summer of events where it could have been used. There are still some snagging matters to be resolved but we do now have a magnificent building that will be a great community asset; it is not just a cricket or football changing room. The work done by local tradesmen and volunteers on the internal fittings and decoration has been fantastic. We've had generous donations towards these costs and are hopeful of some grant money coming through soon from Tesco's "Bags of Help" scheme. Once complete and properly kitted-out the building will be available for all sorts of events – meetings, parties (especially for children), presentations, exhibitions etc. Anyone who has tried to book an event at the village hall will know how little free time is available. The new pavilion will complement rather than compete with the village hall. The Recreation Ground Committee, under the Chairmanship of Alun Read, will be responsible for managing the building including bookings.

Fifty Shades of Brown

We've invested in dog waste bins around the village and would ask people to "scoop the poop". Please also educate your children to do the same. Our rambling correspondent has noticed over the school holidays, with more children walking dogs on their own, that there has been more dog mess on the footpaths. This has also been the case on Alec's Field and by the children's play area. So please, SCOOP THAT POOP and put it in a dog waste bin, or take it home.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Good progress is being made on the Plan. The process involves a series of consultations with the village. The views expressed by you all are taken into account in developing the planning policies within the Plan. As we make progress the intention is to produce a final Plan that has majority support and will be supported by your votes at the final referendum.

We first consulted the residents by way of an open day at the Village Hall on 8th October 2016. It was a “stick-it note” event covering the likes, dislikes and hopes of the residents for the Village. The section most relevant to the Plan resulted in the majority of those attending wanting to see:

1. Smaller sized developments,
2. No more housing estates,
3. Houses designed to be sympathetic to the Village character,
4. Affordability for both young and old.

The second consultation last December was by way of questionnaire, which looked at more detail in respect of future housing and provided the Plan Committee with prime objectives to target.

These were:

1. 87% of respondents felt future build should be sufficient for local need,
2. 91% believed that this should not exceed 50 over the next 15 years,
3. 50% said it should concentrate on small starter homes and a further 30% on 2 to 3 bedroom houses,
4. 95% agreed that new properties should reflect local character,
5. When asked where new development should be, 29% wanted new developments to be on brownfield sites, 11% on the Kingston margins and 8% on The Antelope site.

Current indications suggest that North Dorset District Council may well accept a target number in the region of 50. (cont)

A third consultation is being held shortly. We recently invited all local landowners and their representatives to offer potential sites for development and have assessed all 26 in the light of the Residents' apparent wishes, the implied needs of the Village and the inevitable negative factors potentially resulting from new developments. The results will be on display for all to see. In particular you will see details on the top 15 sites as scored by the Committee on matters of access, site suitability, likely impact on the surrounding area and potential to fulfil the results of previous consultations, including the amount of housing needed.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITES – DON'T MISS IT.

The events are being held on Saturday 23rd September in the village hall from 10.00 – 16.00 and on Friday 6th October in the skittle alley at the Antelope from 18.00 – 21.30.

Potential Vodaphone mast in Wonston

The planning application mentioned in the last edition (North Dorset DC ref 2/2017/0269) was turned down by NDDC. Another application – 2/2017/1012 – was submitted but this too has been refused by NDDC. We understand that the applicants have formally appealed against the refusal of application 0269 and this will be considered by the Planning Inspectorate in due course. Local residents should be consulted as part of the process but we'll see – NDDC's complete failure to communicate with the parish council on this matter leaves us somewhat sceptical.

Like to become involved in a community project for the village?

A volunteer group is looking at the possibility of starting a monthly, lunchtime get together for the village which would be open to all age groups. We would be serving a light lunch, cakes and beverages and whether you come alone, with family or with friends – you would be sure of a warm welcome.

One of the first steps in turning this idea into reality is to find some willing helpers to run this lunchtime gathering every month. Do you think this might be you? If so, we would love to hear from you and would ask you to contact either Carol (817391) or Sue (817986) to find out more.

The Keep – what’s happening? Sadly the plans to graze the area with fell ponies were scuppered by local children throwing stones at the ponies for their amusement. The owner, understandably, took the ponies off the site. We’re therefore relying on Nigel Spring and his volunteers strimming small areas (a laborious task) and sowing wild-flower seed. This will take much longer but progress is being made as seen by the fine display of butterflies and other insects this summer.

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