

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY
5th MARCH 2019 AT 8.00 PM**

Present: Councillors Ken Huggins (KH) (Chair), Val Rubie (VR), Martin Richards (MR), Sarah Meeks (SaM) and Phil Dimmock (PD); DCC/NDDC Cllr Pauline Batstone (PB); Members of the public – 8

Minutes: Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk

040/19 - Apologies: Steve Murcer (SM) and David Maughan (DM)

041/19 - Declarations of interest: None

042/19 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2019: The minutes of the meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman

043/19 – Matters arising from these minutes: MW has nearly completed the next edition of Bryan Bytes which covers a range of topics earmarked for inclusion

044/19 – Public open session: Mr has had two road signs – “cows crossing” and “left-hand bend” – and a damaged pole thrown into his field. MW will tell DCC Highways. A question was asked about road re-surfacing from the village centre to Rivers Corner and Kings Stag – has DCC been given a pot of money to do this work, if so when is it happening? MW will explore with DCC.

045/19 - Finance

a) approve accounts for payment: The following payments were approved:

Cheque	Payee	Service	Net	VAT	Total
	M				
1180	Wilson	Expenses	41.52		41.52
1181	Parish mag printers	Bytes	43.00		43.00
1182	DCC	SID poles	540.00	108.00	648.00
1183	HB Village hall	Hire	38.00		38.00
	M				
1184	Wilson	March pay	250.34		250.34
1185	HMRC	Jan-Mar PAYE	499.20		499.20
SO	IK Services	Dog bin emptying	110.00		110.00
			Total		1630.06

046/19 – Planning

a) to consider planning applications received: None received **b) updates on outstanding applications, including recent approvals:** Nothing to report on outstanding applications. MW noted that the Neighbourhood Plan will be “made” at the next meeting of North Dorset District Council on 8th March 2019. He has also spoken to the planning policy team about the recent approved outline planning application for 1,595 homes in Gillingham and its potentially positive impact on the 3 and 5 year housing supply figures. Unfortunately, government policy is to exclude outline applications from the supply calculation.

047/19 – Local elections 2nd May 2019 – to note the timetable and arrangements: MW will be taking completed forms to the Returning Officer on 28th March.

048/19 - Footpath and highways matters – update: i) Antelope to Coney Lane footpath – update: This work is imminent, and the landowner was meeting the contractor this morning to discuss access arrangements. It was suggested that as the hedge in Coney Lane has been laid it might be possible for vehicles to get to site that way? **ii) bridleways:** SaM reported on a meeting earlier in the day with Graham Stanley and Stuart Caldwell of DCC Rangers and Carol Shoopman from the British Horse Society concerning the bridleway from Woodrow to Ridge Farm below Alners Gorse, O/S ref 740098 to 731106. This has been impassable for some time – mud, puddles, and overhanging vegetation etc. GS thinks the work to make it usable for walkers, cyclists and horse riders would be £15k – £17.5k and DCC’s annual budget for footpaths across the whole county was only £25k. The British Horse Society does help fund projects like this. Whilst landowners have responsibilities to keep side vegetation from encroaching and DCC has responsibility for ensuring paths are not obstructed the question of drainage is a grey area. SaM is planning to walk the whole route with GS on 18th March. Drainage will be a key issue – how will it be done, who will do it, where will the water go, what impact will it have on other adjacent areas, part of which might be a SSSI etc? SaM hopes that funding might come from DCC, the BHS and potentially the village charity fund. Might the parish council also be able to help – at this stage clearly no commitment is possible? SaM also hopes adjacent landowning farmers might make a time and equipment

contribution to clear ditches etc in lieu of a financial contribution. SaM hopes a meeting of all potentially interested parties might be convened in the near future to look in more detail at costs and realistic funding sources.

(subsequent to the meeting MW has advised that the Ridge Drove track part of the route is the boundary with Lydlynch Parish Council; the OS map also shows the track to be in Lydlynch parish, but this might be for printing expediency, the Rangers should be able to clarify))

049/19 – The Keep - update: Developing the wild flowers is proving challenging. Nigel Spring is to explore bringing some of the ponies from Alners Gorse for a period to try and clear the grass tussocks through grazing. KH will liaise over the practicalities of fencing, electrical supply etc. SaM wondered if sheep might be a better option. KH will mention to Nigel Spring.

050/19 - Recreation Field : The minutes of the meeting of 11th February 219 were noted. The next meeting has been delayed for a week. MW reported that maintenance work – scarifying, rolling, seeding etc – was need for the football pitch. The football club will be making a contribution and there is £200 in the 2019/20 parish council budget for this work.

051/19 – Village trust fund: MR reported he had delegated to SM and DM the job of finding a bank where a new account for the charitable trust can be opened. Once this is done a cheque can be drawn on the old account to transfer the money across. Only at this stage will the amount of the fund be made known.

052/19 – Village hall – report: The next village lunch is at the end of the month.

053/19 – DCC/NDDC Cllr Batstone: PB's report has been delayed but will be circulated, but activities are very much winding down. The new unitary authority, Dorset Council, begins on 1st April and elections are on 2nd May.

054/19 - Public open session: A question was asked of PB – how could the 4.9% increase in council tax for North Dorset residents be allowable without a local referendum. PB explained the government had approved it as part of the re-organisation. The overall increase across the whole new County authority was not that high.

055/19 – Correspondence to note: None

056/19 – Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 in the village hall. SaM gave her apologies

057/19 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss KH closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.