

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY  
4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 AT 8.00 PM**

**Present:** Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), David Maughan (DM), Val Rubie (VR), Sarah Meaks (SaM), and Phil Dimmock (PD); Dorset Council Cllr Pauline Batstone (PB); Members of the public – 5

**Minutes:** Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk

**021/20 - Apologies:** Received from Martin Richards (MR) and Ken Huggins (KH)

**022/20 - Declarations of interest:** None

**023/20 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020:** The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman

**024/20 – Matters arising from these minutes:** MW reported that Highways insist that if you have two SID machines you need to have four sites and posts. Given the original analysis of all possible sites only revealed the 3 now in use to be suitable, we seem to be prohibited from getting a second machine, even if the parish council wanted one. It was agreed to use the existing machine mostly on the sites at Woodrow and Kingston, where motorists are entering the village.

**025/20 – Public open session:** No comments.

**026/20 – Finance: a) to approve accounts for payment: The following payments were approved:**

| Cheque | Payee |                  | Net                      | VAT    | Total   |
|--------|-------|------------------|--------------------------|--------|---------|
| SO     | Dec   | IK Services      | Dog bin emptying         | 126.50 | 126.50  |
| DD     | Dec   | Dorset Council   | Cemetery rates           | 21.00  | 21.00   |
| 1248   |       | JB Gardens       | Cemetery grass and hedge | 365.00 | 73.00   |
| 1249   |       | Wessex Photo     | Pavilion pictures        | 106.00 | 21.20   |
| 1250   |       | Hazelbury Timber | Rec ground bench         | 160.00 | 160.00  |
| 1251   |       | A Read           | Pavilion expenses        | 82.88  | 4.58    |
|        |       | M                |                          |        |         |
| 1252   |       | Wilson           | Feb pay                  | 341.83 | 341.83  |
| 1253   |       | L Harris         | Refund of ERB            | 60.00  | 60.00   |
|        |       | M                |                          |        |         |
| 1254   |       | Wilson           | Expenses                 | 79.87  | 6.21    |
|        |       |                  |                          |        |         |
|        |       |                  | Total                    |        | 1448.07 |

**b) to approve the bank reconciliation and financial summary as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019:** This had been circulated and was approved and signed by the Chairman

**027/20 – Planning: a) to consider any applications received:** None **b) updates on outstanding applications:**

Nothing to report. **c) update on outstanding appeals:** The Inspector considering the appeal relating to the proposed development in Churchfoot Lane rejected the appeal application. This is excellent news and the refusal letter gave some useful pointers and precedents which can be used when considering other applications in the future.

**028/20 – Neighbourhood Plan:** VR had attended a Dorset Council seminar on the new Local Plan which is likely to be in place in 2023. The session was aimed at getting parish council views on the methodologies and “settlement hierarchy” definitions to be used. Rural communities are to be rated by population size, facilities (school, doctor, shop, hall, work units, bank etc) and proximity to a defined town (DC apparently is unsure if Sturminster Newton is a town!). VR will summarise and we are asked to answer a brief questionnaire, ideally before 28<sup>th</sup> February. The session also highlighted Community Land Trusts as a route for building affordable housing. Dorset apparently leads the way nationally, even though only 3 or 4 developments have taken place. The process apparently is arduous and time consuming.

**029/20 - Footpath and highways matters – updates, including: i) Woodrow bridleways:** Sam reported that she had seen two dog walkers using the new bridge. She has also met a newly arrived resident who is happy to be involved with collecting data on usage by riders etc. Nothing concrete is likely to happen until late 2020/early 2021 **ii) school parking:** Nothing to report. SM will approach the PCC

**030/20 – The Keep – update:** Nothing to report.

**031/20 -Recreation Field i) to note any relevant Committee minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 had been circulated and were noted. ii) **update on other relevant matters:** Nothing to note

**032/20 – Emergency Planning – update and pilot project:** We are awaiting guidance from Dorset Council on how best to proceed, and when.

**033/20 – Village hall – report:** A “comedy night” is planned for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**034/20 – Village trust fund:** In the absence of MR there was no news although he hopes to provide an update at the next meeting.

**035/20 – Dorset Council Cllr Batstone:** The 4% increase in Council Tax should be approved at Cabinet later in the month. Each 1% increase yields £4.5m. Work on Climate Change Emergency policies and initiatives continues. County Farms are working on tree planting schemes. Sometimes matters are not so simple – Dorset Waste Partnership is looking to switch to electric vehicles but these cost £250k compared with £180k for petrol/diesel. Hydrogen vehicles are now also being considered.

**036/20 - Public open session:** The Ramblers are concerned that there will be encroachments into protected heathland to enable housing targets to be met. This is mainly in BCP Council. Ian Stevenson asked about improvements to the Barn End to Red Barn path. The Rangers were looking at this, MW will ask what is happening. All paths are very wet and muddy, not unexpected given the geology and the high rainfall

**037/20 – Correspondence to note:** None

**038/20 – Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 in the village hall at 8.00pm.

**039/20 – Close of meeting:** With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.