

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

**Present:** Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), David Maughan (DM), Val Rubie (VR), Sarah Meaks (SaM), Ken Huggins (KH) and Martin Richards (MR); Members of the public – 8

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

**040/20 - Apologies:** Received from Phil Dimmock and DC Cllr Pauline Batstone (PB)

**041/20 - Declarations of interest:** None

**042/20 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020:** The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman

**043/20 – Matters arising from these minutes:** MW reported that, as expected, it is not possible to get any meaningful data on speeding habits from the SID machine

**044/20 – Public open session:** A question over a footpath from Kingston to the village shop was deferred to the rights of way item – see minute 048/20/iv).

**045/20 – Finance**

**i) to approve the following payments:**

|              |                 |                      |        |       |                |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------|-------|----------------|
| SO           | IK Services     | Dog bin emptying     | 126.50 |       | 126.50         |
| 1255         | HMRC            | PAYE Jan - Mar       | 256.20 |       | 256.20         |
| 1256         | M Wilson        | Mar pay              | 341.83 |       | 341.83         |
| 1257         | A Maughan       | Cemetery waste sacks | 89.00  |       | 89.00          |
| 1258         | EuCAN           | Keep brushcutting    | 230.00 |       | 230.00         |
| 1259         | HB Village hall | Hire                 | 28.50  |       | 28.50          |
| 1260         | SSE             | Pavilion electricity | 232.04 | 11.60 | 243.64         |
| <b>Total</b> |                 |                      |        |       | <b>1315.67</b> |

**ii) to agree the appointment of Rosie Darkin-Miller as external auditor for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020:** It was agreed to the re-appointment on the terms proposed.

**046/20 – Planning: a) to consider any applications received: 2/2020/0146/House – Windsong, Pleck, DT10 2EG – erect garage and garden store – no objections b) updates on outstanding applications:** Nothing to report. **c) update on outstanding appeals:** Nothing to report.

**047/20 – Neighbourhood Plan:** VR's summary on Dorset Council's seminar on the new Local Plan had been circulated.

**048/20 - Footpath and highways matters – updates, including: i) school parking:** SM and DM had met with Jestyn Coke and Jill Noades from the PCC and updated them on SM's relatively informal meeting with the Community Highways Officer about making school drop off and pick up safer. The idea of altering the car park will be impacted by the work on creating the new parish room which is imminent. This will reduce the car parking spaces and indeed the whole car park will be out of commission during the construction period. However, the PCC is open to looking at any possible improvements and indeed will raise the matter at a forthcoming meeting with neighbours who might have some usable land in the vicinity. SM will work with MW to prepare a more formal approach to DC Highways about the problem and any solutions. **ii) dog waste bins:** A request has been received asking for another dog bin on the footpath from Kingston Lane through Hazel Wood to Water Knapp. In setting the budget for 2020/21 the number and location of the bins was thoroughly discussed. All are well used according to our contractor. Standing Orders make it clear that if a policy on a matter already decided is to be changed within 6 months then a special motion has to be proposed by two councillors for consideration at the next meeting. After a discussion it was decided to stick with the status quo. **iii) fencing of footpath N41/21:** A complaint has been received following the installation by the tenant of the field through which this path runs of an electrified fence on either side of the path. The concentration of foot traffic means the path is muddy and the complainant has concerns over danger from the electric fence. There are clear National/Dorset Council rules about the width of paths and the Rangers have advised that provided the path meets these rules then they cannot take any action. The parish council has neither the will nor the resources to make the surfaces of footpaths in the parish mud free. **iv) path from Kingston to the village shop:** Keith Wheaton-Green asked if efforts might be made to create a formal right of way from Hazel Wood, passed the sewage works and out onto the Causeway. This would give a traffic free route from Kingston to the

shop. Ownership of the land is uncertain but KW-G will provide a plan for MW so that ownership can be checked and relevant approaches made. The idea has merit but the practicalities of landowners allowing even permissive rights of way over their land must be doubtful.

**049/20 – The Keep – update:** Two horses are in place grazing the long grass.

**050/20 -Recreation Field i) to note any relevant Committee minutes:** Nothing to report. **ii) update on other relevant matters:** It was reported that a sightscreen had fallen into the play area in the recent stormy weather. MW will arrange removal.

**051/20 – Emergency Planning – update and pilot project:** We are awaiting guidance from Dorset Council on how best to proceed, and when.

**052/20 – To consider declaring a climate and ecological emergency:** KH described the climate and ecological challenges facing the world and proposed a motion that the parish council declare a climate and ecological disaster and set up a sub-committee to devise an action plan for the parish council to take forward. He volunteered to chair such a sub-committee. Ideas, both big and small, were highlighted in a discussion and it is clear there might well be support from the village for such an initiative. The ability of the parish council or Dorset Council to demand higher environmental standards from new housing developments is unclear. Given the complexity and importance of this issue, SM suggested that the matter should be formally considered at the next parish council meeting and KH agreed to prepare a short paper setting out the key issues and possible actions. This would be circulated to councillors in advance to allow for proper consideration before a vote.

**053/20 – Village hall – report:** The “comedy night” has been cancelled due to lack of support. The drive and approach to the hall is to be resurfaced – users will be advised directly about possible closure dates. There has been no progress on the hearing loop.

**054/20 – Village trust fund:** MR is meeting Mr Ellis in the next couple of weeks to finalise the transfer of trust funds to the new account. The amount involved remains a mystery.

**055/20 – Dorset Council Cllr Batstone:** PB had sent her apologies.

**056/20 - Public open session:** In response to a question it was noted that maps showing most of the individually named properties in the village are available on the web site. Emergency services all have their own plans. An edition of Bryan Bytes is expected in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

**057/20 – Correspondence to note:** None

**058/20 – Other matters:** SM encouraged people to report potholes to Highways via the Dorsetforyou web site; VR reported on the planned RBL VE Day celebration party on Alec’s field on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May; KH and SaM wondered if the defibrillator was disconnected from the electrical supply as the plug was switched off – this plug actually powers the old doorbell; hedge contractors continue to leave debris in the roads which blocks the drains and causes punctures. In reality there is nothing that can be done; SaM reported the BHS is to run training for volunteers in data gathering on usage of bridleways.

**059/20 – Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020 in the village hall at 8.00pm.

**060/20 – Close of meeting:** With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.