

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD BY THE MEANS OF A REMOTE
CONFERENCING FACILITY USING ZOOM ON TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2020 AT 8.00 PM UNDER THE LOCAL
AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS (CORONAVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF AUTHORITY AND POLICE
AND CRIME PANEL MEETINGS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2020.**

Present: Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), David Maughan (DM), Val Rubie (VR), Sarah Meaks (SaM), Ken Huggins (KH) and Martin Richards (MR); Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) Members of the public – 4

Minutes: Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk

061/20 - Apologies: Received from Phil Dimmock

062/20 - Declarations of interest: None

063/20 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2020: Subject to amending minute 045/20/(ii) to read “internal auditor” rather than “external auditor”, the minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman

064/20 – Matters arising from these minutes: These are covered in the agenda.

065/20 – Public open session: The parish council was congratulated on the speed of the arrangements for organising community volunteers to provide support for those vulnerable people shielding at home in the Coronavirus epidemic.

Dog waste bins have been discussed on the village web forum, Next Door. Apparently there have been a couple of incidents in Military Lane and this widened to some moaning about the parish council and its lacklustre response to requests for more bins. MW had circulated a map showing the 8 bins installed and maintained by the parish council. There are 2 in Kingston, 1 in Droop, 1 in The Causeway, 1 in Pidney and 3 in Wonston. Each bin costs just over £100 and we pay £1,518 a year for the emptying. This is 6.8% of our total expenditure but rises to 13.8% after removing fixed, non-discretionary costs. How do the 75% of residents who don't have dogs feel about this? Councillors discussed whether more bins are the answer to any problems or is it more a question of education to encourage the right behaviour? KH noted had had picked up three dog poops deposited within 20 yards of the dog waste bin near the allotments. Councillors were asked to consider the matter which will be on the agenda for July's meeting. In the meantime, SM will chat with a few key figures in Kingston.

A discussion about interaction with the community and how the parish council might better communicate with the village followed on. There are pitfalls for councillors engaging in social media – are they making their own views or those of the parish council, it is easy for members of the public to be unclear. PB thought we did well in communicating with Bryan Bytes compared to other parish councils locally. Members of the public attending were less than complimentary about much of the content on the Next Door site and felt that contributors were unlikely to read anything formal and informative, like meeting minutes, that the parish council might publish. Minutes could be posted on notice boards rather than just the web site. Councillors will give some thought to this in advance of the next meeting.

066/20 – Finance

i) to approve the following payments, including retrospectively those made in April and May: The following payments were approved:

Cheque		Payee		Net	VAT	Total
SO	Apr	IK Services	Dog bin emptying	126.50		126.50
DD	Apr	Dorset Council	Cemetery business rates	22.01		22.01
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1261		Goacher	Payroll admin	130.92		130.92
1262		SSE	Pavilion electricity	147.87	7.39	155.26
1263		Water2Business	Pavilion water	26.53		26.53
		M				
1264		Wilson	April pay	341.83		341.83
		M				
1265		Wilson	Expenses	97.95	8.61	106.56
1266		GeoXphere	Mapping licence	60.00	12.00	72.00
				Total		981.61

SO	May	IK Services	Dog bin emptying	126.50		126.50
DD	May	Dorset Council	Cemetery business rates	25.00		25.00
1267		T D Fielding Red Barn	Foodbank donation	100.00		100.00
1268		Darkin Miller Ltd	Internal audit	269.36	53.87	323.23
1269		JB Gardens	Allotment grass and hedge	310.00	62.00	372.00
1270		M Wilson	May pay	341.83		341.83
1271		S Murcer	Zoom Pro	119.90	23.98	143.88
				Total		1432.44
SO	June	IK Services	Dog bin emptying	126.50		126.50
DD	June	Dorset Council	Cemetery business rates	25.00		25.00
DD	June	PWLB	Loan repayment	924.22		924.22
1272		HB Village Hall	Hall hire	9.50		9.50
1273		HMRC	Paye	256.20		256.20
1274		M Wilson	June pay	341.83		341.83
				Total		1683.25

ii) to approve the Annual Governance Statement (page 4 of the AGAR) as at 31st March 2020: The Annual Governance Statement was approved.

iii) to approve the Accounting Statement (page 5 of the AGAR) as at 31st March 2020: The Accounting Statement was approved.

iv) to note the final report of the internal auditor and the actions recommended: The report of the internal auditor was noted and the recommendations for actions approved.

067/20 – Planning: a) to consider any applications received: None **b) updates on outstanding applications:** Nothing to report. **c) update on outstanding appeals:** Nothing to report.

068/20 – Covid 19 – community support update: SM estimates that over 400 deliveries of supplies from the shop have been made, plus prescriptions. To give Tara and Darren a break, there is the possibility of the shop being closed on Sundays. About 30 newspapers are collected and 30 delivered on a Sunday and SM & DM have offered to manage this. Jackie Wragg is co-ordinating a Sturminster Newton community support group that has access to funds for car repairs, fridges, cash and the like for those in need. VR will touch base in case the Blandford foodbank are limited in the support they can give. MR will speak with VR to see if the village trust fund might be able to help some families.

069/20 – To resolve to adopt the General Power of Competence for the coming year: It was resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence for the coming year.

070/20 – Neighbourhood Plan: Nothing to report.

071/20 - Footpath and highways matters: MW reported that the Rangers ROW team had been redeployed to other duties in the Corona crisis but were now beginning to get back to their key role. The footpath emerging near the shop has some new fencing on one side which is topped with barbed wire. This is probably in breach of regulations given the narrowness of the path and MW will ask the Rangers to take a look.

072/20 – The Keep – update: KH had circulated pictures showing the great work done by the grazing horses and the fine crop of native wild flowers. The creation of the wild flower meadow is making steady progress.

073/20 -Recreation Field i) to note any relevant Committee minutes: Nothing to report. **ii) update on other relevant matters:** KH reported that the gates to the play area had been opened and the “Closed” signs removed. These will be replaced by MW and the gates secured with heavy duty cable ties provided by MR.

074/20 – Village hall – report: The hall remains closed but the car park has been re-surfaced. A rate rebate has been secured and also a community grant. 3 take-away vans are operating from the site in the evenings.

075/20 – Dorset Council Cllr Batstone: She continues to circulate reports from Dorset Council. There is concern about the number of visitors coming to the Jurassic Coast in the fine weather, but it is unlikely Government will be willing or able to prevent this. DC is forecasting a £60m deficit due to Coronavirus and

promises of central Government support are currently just that, although a separate ring fenced £9m has been received for Highways maintenance work.

076/20 - Public open session: The new format was thought to be good as everything that was said could be clearly heard. The school has re-opened, about a 50% attendance of those eligible.

077/20 – Correspondence to note: None

078/20 – Other matters: None

079/20 – Date of next meeting: The next formal parish council meeting will be on Tuesday 14th July 2020 at 8.00pm, format and venue to be determined but most likely it will be another remote internet meeting

080/20 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 9.05 pm.

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