

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD BY THE MEANS OF A REMOTE  
CONFERENCING FACILITY USING ZOOM ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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 Meeks (SaM), Ken Huggins (KH), Phil Dimmock (PD), Martin Richards (MR); Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone (PB)  
Members of the public – 10

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

**142/20 - Apologies:** None

**143/20 - Declarations of interest:** None

**144/20 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020:** The minutes were approved as drafted.

**145/20 – Matters arising from these minutes:** Items are covered in the agenda.

**146/20 – Public open session:** Elisabeth Boivin had made contact with PB, SM and MW over speeding issues in Silly Hill. She would like the speed limit reduced to make it safer for residents, walkers, cyclists, horse riders etc. The potential difficulties and cost had been highlighted. She felt courier drivers and some regular “locals” were the main culprits. SM outlined the parish council’s preferred “carrot not stick” approach. He suggested that he arrange a meeting with Ms Boivin and the Community Highways Officer to talk through what might be possible.

**147/20 – Finance: i) to approve the following payments:** The following payments were approved:

Cheque	Payee	Purpose	Amount	VAT	Total
DD	Dorset Council	Cemetery business rates	£25.00		£25.00
SO	I Kerr	Dog bin emptying	£126.50		£126.50
1290	M Wilson	October pay and back pay	£408.20		£408.20
1291	SSE	Pavilion electricity	£149.42	£7.47	£156.89
1292	4D Signs	Covid/flu jab signs	£430.84	£86.16	£517.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>£1233.59</b>

**ii) insurance renewal:** The existing long-term agreement expires on 7<sup>th</sup> November. MW is in the process of getting renewal quotes for consideration at the next parish council meeting

**148/20 – Planning:** MW reported on changes to the way we interact with Dorset Council following system alterations to pull together all the legacy district council systems and records. Our dedicated “in-box” is no more and we now have to rely on the advanced search facility. We have been assured we will still be alerted to applications by e mail. Additional functionality might be available sometime in 2021. **a) to consider any**

**applications received:** None **b) updates on outstanding applications:** Nothing to report. **c) update on outstanding appeals:** Nothing to report. **d) to consider if any comments are necessary at this stage in respect**

**of the proposed Solar Farm at Pulham:** Colin Ramsay (BSR Energy) and Rachel Ness (BSR’s planning consultant) were in attendance and outlined the key features of the proposed scheme. Dorset Council has determined that a full Environmental Impact Assessment needs to be submitted with the full planning application. This will relate to the landscape impact and ecology. Other matters like flooding, noise, construction traffic, heritage and glint and glare have been deemed to be less significant in planning terms and will be dealt with as part of the assessment of the application, but BSR will be providing impact assessments voluntarily. This is a large site and it has been designed to avoid any areas that might be subject to flooding. Screening will be provided to mitigate landscape impact. Charlie Hindlip of Lydden House has major concerns over flooding issues, especially in the direction of Kings Stag. Parish councillors also expressed concerns over screening, construction traffic, lighting, glare etc. The impact on Policy HB4 of the Neighbourhood Plan will also need to be considered at the appropriate time. The idea of a site visit for parish councillors was mooted and CR will liaise with MW to arrange at some stage. The parish council has no formal comments to make at this stage. **e) Planning For The Future – to consider a response to the Government White Paper:** It was agreed the draft response should be submitted without alteration

**149/20 – Covid 19 – update on the current position:** SM reported the shop had no need of volunteer support at the current time. The High Sheriff will be visiting on 14<sup>th</sup> October for the presentation to Darren and Tara. At their request, it will be a low-key affair.

**150/20 - Climate and ecological emergency:** KH talked through the background to this issue in some detail. There followed a general discussion covering a wide range of issues before councillors considered the following proposals, namely: **To consider i) declaring a climate and ecological emergency:** This was agreed. Actions to be followed are set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes **ii) organising a live online session of the “Still heading for extinction?” presentation, open to both parish councillors and parishioners:** This was agreed. MW and KH will look at the detailed arrangements **iii) organising a small sub-committee (of councillors and non-councillors) to look at what other parish councils have done to address the CEE, and to make recommendations to the Parish Council of actions that it might take:** This was agreed, MW and KH will discuss the practicalities to move forward with this.

**151/20 - To consider the draft proposals to develop a social media policy:** SM’s paper had been circulated but it was agreed to defer consideration until November’s meeting

**152/20 - War memorial: i) to consider taking responsibility for public liability and maintenance of this village memorial:** MW has received confirmation from our insurers that the memorial can be added to our policy even if we are not the formal owners but have merely “adopted” the memorial. A valuation will be necessary and MW has spoken to a local stonemason who can undertake this task. **ii) to consider arrangements for the Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November:** James Porter outlined changes to this years arrangements necessitated by Covid. The church service will be led by Rev Gingell on Alec’s Field. MW has spoken to Bernie Flynn who has managed to move the Hazelbury Hornets game to be an away fixture. Nationally, the RBL has decided that responsibilities for the civic parade must not be undertaken by the local branch but be undertaken by parish councils. This involves matters like the road closure, liability insurance, marshalls, social distancing, contact details of attendees etc. MW will liaise with JP over what needs to be done and JP has very kindly offered to act as a hands-on “consultant” on the day and before.

**153/20 – Neighbourhood Plan:** Nothing to report at this stage

**154/20 - Footpath and highways matters:** Claire Willey has reported the blockage of the by-way running north from West Lane towards Kings Stag mill. MW has referred to the Rangers. The Rangers are also working on ensuring footpath N41/41 is re-opened by the new owners of the land over which it passes. Chris Peddar had raised a problem over a footpath diversion at Woodlands and MW referred him to the Rangers to look at the Definitive Map. Ian Stevenson asked if the gate on the footpath at the bottom of the field by the school could be replaced by the Rangers. MW will pursue.

**155/20 – The Keep – update:** Nothing to report

**156/20 -Recreation Field i) to note any relevant Committee minutes:** No meeting held **ii) update on other relevant matters:** MW had circulated an update for councillors. This will be considered more fully at November’s meeting, but the pitch improvements will go ahead asap.

**157/20 – Village hall – report:** The hall is re-opening for some users who sign up to the Covid secure rules

**158/20 – Dorset Council Cllr Batstone:** Covid has created significant funding challenges and although central Government has provided some relief, a budget shortfall of £11m is anticipated,

**159/20 - Public open session:** Bruce Marriott wondered what is the precise status of the by-way referred to in minute 154/20 above. He also mentioned footpath access problems across the site of the proposed solar farm. Ian Stevenson suggested that “welcome packs” might be delivered to new residents in the village, maybe giving local information and history. This was thought to be a potentially good idea or perhaps councillors could take responsibility for making contact with new residents close to them. Elisabeth Boivin and her partner would like to help with the CCE work and have a tree planting company engaged in carbon offsetting.

**160/20 – Correspondence to note:** Rupert Emerson has advised MW that he has sold his nature reserve to Phillip Perrett. It remains as a designated Local Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan.

**161/20 – Date of next meeting:** The next formal parish council meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 at 8.00pm. It will be another remote internet meeting

**162/20 – Close of meeting:** With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.

## **Appendix 1 to the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Hazelbury Parish Council hereby declares a Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) and resolves to:

1. Commit to becoming a carbon neutral organisation by 2030. To this end a carbon audit will be carried out and a plan of action created.
2. Include consideration of environmental implications when assessing any action proposed to be taken by the Parish Council or any planning application submitted by other parties.
3. Seek ways to encourage and facilitate our community in reducing direct and indirect CO2 emissions.
4. Increase our community's resilience to the effects of the changing climate.
5. Take active steps where possible to encourage:
  - (a) More sustainable use of transport
  - (b) Reductions in energy use
  - (c) Co-operation with organisations seeking to develop low carbon and community-led affordable housing
  - (d) Production and sale of locally sourced food
  - (e) Elimination of the use of pesticides
  - (f) Any other appropriate actions that may be identified from time to time.