

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD BY THE MEANS OF A REMOTE
CONFERENCING FACILITY USING ZOOM ON TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 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), Martin Richards (MR); Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) Members of the public – 5

Minutes: Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk

163/20 - Apologies: Received from Phil Dimmock

164/20 - Declarations of interest: None

165/20 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2020: The minutes were approved as drafted.

166/20 – Matters arising from these minutes: Items are covered in the agenda.

167/20 – Public open session: No comments at this stage

168/20 – Finance: i) to approve the following payments: The following payments were approved:

Cheque		Payee		Net	VAT	Total
SO	Sep	IK Services	Dog bin emptying	126.50		126.50
DD	Sep	Dorset Council	Cemetery business rates	25.00		25.00
		M				
1293		Wilson	Expenses July - November	104.67	10.05	114.72
		M				
1294		Wilson	Nov pay	353.74		353.74
1295		Play Inspection Co	Annual safety inspection	130.00	26.00	156.00
1296		W2B	Pavilion water	206.88		206.88
1297		Came & Co	Insurance	2690.94		2690.94
1298		S Murcer	Flowers for Red Barn shop	27.25		27.25
			Total			3701.03

ii) insurance renewal: Three quotes have been received and it was agreed to accept the 3-year deal with Hiscox at an annual premium of £2,690.94. This includes an additional premium to reflect an updated valuation of the war memorial.

169/20 – Planning: a) to consider any applications received: 2/2020/1245/House – Brewery Farm, Wonston, DT10 2EE – install 8 dormer windows, erect first floor balcony and convert garage into a habitable space: No objections **b) updates on outstanding applications:** Nothing to report. **c) update on outstanding appeals:** Nothing to report. **d) to consider comments following the site visit to the proposed Solar Farm at Pulham:** Members had found the site visit to be of great value. As yet there is no formal application on which to comment but the expectation is that this will come forward in the next couple of months. Although there will clearly be specific matters that might require clarification or to which the parish council might seek changes, there was a broad feeling that the development was in the long-term best interest of Dorset and the nation as it seeks to embrace sustainable power generation. The development is likely to significantly increase the biodiversity of the site which is mainly mono-cultural grassland fields and species poor. Concerns which might arise include the scale of the 170 acre site (although the largest in the UK in Kent is apparently is about 900 acres), the impact on views from parts of HB (it was too wet to appreciate this on the day), the route for construction traffic, any community gain for HB and the burying of cabling. Others may arise when the application is submitted.

170/20 – Covid 19 – update on the current position: i) The Deputy Lieutenant of Dorset had presented a formal Certificate to Tara and Darren at the Red Barn Shop in appreciation of their efforts to keep the community supplied in the lockdown period and beyond. The parish council also gave a bouquet of flowers. A pleasant surprise was the presentation of a Certificate of Commendation to the community for the efforts it made to support vulnerable residents. ii) With the re-introduction of lockdown from 5th November, the shop are monitoring the situation to see if volunteer deliveries might need to re-start. iii) There have been some isolated incidents of people not complying with Covid safety measures in the shop and the PCSO's contact

details have been provided. iv) Working on behalf of the parish council, James Porter has done a magnificent job organising a Covid-secure Remembrance Day event which meets all Government Covid guidelines.

171/20 - Climate and ecological emergency: Update on: i) organising a live online session of the “Still heading for extinction?” presentation, open to both parish councillors and parishioners: This presentation will last about 45 minutes with a Q & A to follow, so it won't easily fit with a parish council meeting. KH and MW will liaise over a date. It was agreed that an edition of Bytes will be produced majoring on the CEE. KH will write the necessary text. The potential difficulties of observing new Covid restriction imposed by the Government were discussed but it was agreed to hand-deliver to every house as usual. **ii) 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:** After the presentation KH will seek volunteers to join the sub-committee. VR has already agreed to join as has Keith Wheaton-Green; MW will act as clerk to the sub-committee.

172/20 - To consider the draft proposals to develop a social media policy: SM's summary paper had been circulated and there was a wide-ranging discussion. It was agreed that keeping the status quo was not a realistic option. It was agreed that i) the web site should be upgraded and updated as much as possible on a regular basis ii) the e mails of those who would like regular parish council update information using “Mail Chimp” will be gathered and then managed in accordance with GDPR protocols. SM will include a request for e mails in his Chairman's Introduction to the next edition of Bryan Bytes iii) a facebook page might be created. Councillors had mixed views on the benefits of this channel and SM suggested that SaM develop a facebook page to be used for a trial period. SaM agreed this might be a possibility.

173/20 – To consider moving the start date of meetings to 7.15 pm and switching the day to the second Tuesday in the month: Although the normal dining arrangements of some individuals might need slight adjustment, it was agreed to trial the new arrangements for 3 months, starting on 8th December.

174/20 - War memorial – update on ownership: An estimate for a rebuilding cost had been received from a local stonemason – around £70k plus vat. It was decided to increase the insured valuation to this figure with an increase in the insurance premium of approx. £225 per annum. It was agreed the asset shouldn't be under-insured. There was a brief discussion on whether it might be moved, possibly to the green in front of the bungalows at the start of Partway Lane. VR will float the idea to the British Legion

175/20 – Neighbourhood Plan: The consultation period for the Government Planning White Paper has ended. There is no need to look at refreshing the NP until the results of the White Paper are known.

176/20 - Footpath and highways matters: The Rangers have contacted the landowner (J Romans) over the muddy state of the footpath emerging at the Red Barn shop, and also the barbed wire on top of the fence. The Rangers have explained his obligations and responsibilities for the surface now he has fenced the path and no practical alternative route avoiding the slippery mud can be created. Mr Romans will be putting down a loose surfacing material to help. The Rangers are also due to look at the gate onto the footpath opposite the school.

177/20 – The Keep – update: MW has been approached by a tree surgeon about having access across the Keep to the rear of Wazwats Cottage. KH has offered to liaise with the contractor to ensure the wildflower regeneration areas are not disturbed.

178/20 -Recreation Field i) to note any relevant Committee minutes: No meeting held **ii) to consider a request from Hazelbury Hornets FC to open its take-away café on match days:** Given the re-imposed lockdown this matter will be on hold until sometime in 2021 **iii) update on other relevant matters:** The play inspection report has been received. No urgent issues but the report has mentioned the fact that much of the area is pretty “tired”. MW is hopeful that some S 106 funding will come forward in the next year or two.

179/20 – Village hall – report: The hall is closed following the re-introduction of Covid lockdown.

180/20 – Dorset Council Cllr Batstone: She is working on local response to the solar farm (she may have a different view to HBPC councillors) and helping local businesses with Covid action, particularly as she feels after chatting with Simon Hoare MP that the new lockdown will last longer than a month.

181/20 - Public open session: In response to a question, PB said the bank of the River Stour at Sturminster Newton Bridge need piling to protect it and the collapsed pavement won't be repaired until this work is done

182/20 – Correspondence to note: MW has been advised that the Census 2021 will be a “digital first” event. A potential need has been identified in helping “Older People lacking Digital Skills” complete the Census on-line. Parish councils are asked to help. A ONS handbook will be forwarded to parish councillors.

183/20 – Date of next meeting: The next formal parish council meeting will be on Tuesday 8th December 2020 at 7.15pm. It will be another remote internet meeting

184/20 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.

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