

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD BY THE MEANS OF A REMOTE
CONFERENCING FACILITY USING ZOOM ON TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 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), Ken Huggins (KH), Phil Dimmock (PD); Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) Members of the public – 6

Minutes: Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk

185/20 - Apologies: Received from Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone; post meeting from Sarah Meeks

186/20 - Declarations of interest: None

187/20 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2020: The minutes were approved as drafted.

188/20 – Matters arising from these minutes: i) Text for the next edition of Bryan Bytes is awaited. MW needs to send the final version to the printers by 17th December to ensure return before Christmas. KH has arranged the climate change talk for Monday 11th January and to ensure the event doesn't slip people's memories the plan is to deliver to houses the preceding week. ii) The Royal British Legion has confirmed it would prefer the war memorial to remain in situ. Given it is now Grade 2 listed it will be harder to gain approval for any move – matter closed.

189/20 – Public open session: No comments at this stage

190/20 – Finance: i) to approve the following payments: 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 business rates	25.00		25.00
DD	Dec	PWLB	Loan repayment	924.22		924.22
	1299	Stryker	Defib pads at school	81.00	16.20	97.20
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	1300	Wilson	Dec pay	353.94		353.94
	1301	HMRC	Paye Oct-Dec	267.60		267.60
	1302	EUCAN	Keep work	225.00		225.00
	1303	C Rance	Village flowers	36.64	7.33	43.97
			Cemetery/play			
	1304	JB Gardens	area	600.00	120.00	720.00
				Total		2783.43

ii) to consider the draft budget and precept for 2021/22: MW had prepared and circulated in advance a draft budget with a precept increase of 3%. After a discussion the budget, including a precept of £20,468, was agreed.

191/20 – to review and agree the annual risk assessment for 2020: This had been prepared and circulated in advance, and included consideration of the impact of Covid 19. After a discussion the risk assessment was agreed.

192/20 – Planning: a) to consider any applications received: i) P/VOC/2020/00003 – Locketts Cottage, Locketts Farm, Droop – to allow alterations to window design and positioning: no objections ii)

2/2020/1331/OUT – Land south-west of Kingston Lane – develop land by the erection of 4 no. dwellings

(outline application with all matters reserved): This application is contrary to policies HB 13 and HB 15 in the Neighbourhood Plan. It is too large a development to be regarded as in-fill, it is outside the settlement

boundary and it is not a designated site for development. Approval by Dorset Council might set a dangerous precedent. The parish council agreed to object. **iii) P/HOU/2020/00012 – Laurel Cottage, Churchfoot Lane –**

erection of single storey extension: No objections **b) updates on outstanding applications:** Nothing to report.

c) update on outstanding appeals: Nothing to report. **d) Solar Farm at Pulham – preparations for**

commenting when the formal application is submitted: At SM's request, MW had prepared a brief review of the proposed solar farm and how its impact reflects on policies in the Neighbourhood Plan. Although there is

no application to consider at this point SM is keen councillors begin to weigh up the merits or otherwise of the likely development. MW had been approached by a representative from CPRE asking if HBPC would join a pressure group of other local parishes working to oppose the development. It was agreed this was inappropriate. HBPC will make its own independent decision on whether to support or oppose the proposal once an application is put forward for consideration

193/20 – Cemetery – update on recent car crash and damage: MW had appraised councillors of progress following the car crashing through the gates on Tuesday 1st December. The current position is as follows: a) the police are investigating and MW has provided contact details of a witness who spoke to the occupants of the car after the accident. Whether the car has an insurance policy against which we can claim remains to be seen b) our insurers have been advised and MW will provide information to them as requested c) the grit bin need to be replaced – MW will cover with Highways d) MW has arranged with a local farmer for the remains of the wall, pillars and gates to be removed. There is no charge, he will be able to use the rubble on the farm. MW was instructed to expedite this for safety reasons e) once the masonry is removed JB Gardens will clear and tidy the site as best they can f) MW will hire crowd control barriers to go across the entrance to ensure any roaming stock cannot get in; pedestrian access will be allowed g) the process of a permanent replacement can then begin. Quotes for a new wall and gates will probably be required by the insurers but the idea of a different, softer solution was discussed. An alternative might be a post and rail fence (stock-proofed) and a smart 5-bar Dorset gate for access. A hedge of native hedgerow plants – hazel, beech, hawthorn etc - would be planted in front of the fence. It was agreed this arrangement would be aesthetically more pleasing than the solid wall. h) MW will keep councillors informed as matters progress.

194/20 – Covid 19 – update on the current position: PB has met a Kingston resident who might require some support – VR will follow up. SM has delivered the latest sack of potatoes to the food bank, a very welcome contribution.

195/20 - 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. The planned date is Monday 11th January. An invitation to attend will be included in the forthcoming edition of Bryan Bytes which will be delivered in the week commencing 4th January. It will be mentioned on the web site and also “Next door”. **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.

196/20 - To consider the draft proposals to develop a social media policy: This will be carried forward

197/20 – Neighbourhood Plan: Nothing to report.

198/20 - Footpath and highways matters: MW will check with the Rangers over gate replacements. KH reported the arrival of a pile of wood chip for the path from Kingston Lane to Hazel Wood. This presumably is being done by the landowner? DM reported on the new volunteer working on repairing and refurbishing finger post signs. MW has already written thanking the gentleman and Sydenhams in Gillingham (who are providing materials for). KH asked if the badly corroded metal post for the sign by the Antelope might be replaced – MW will talk to Highways.

199/20 – The Keep – update: MW has arranged for Dorset Council to undertake a risk assessment of the trees around and on the Keep.

200/20 -Recreation Field i) to note any relevant Committee minutes: No meeting held **ii) update on other relevant matters:** Football can resume but the Hornet’s Nest café will be shut; it is too cold for adequate social distancing on the veranda; the vicar is arranging an outdoor Carol Service on 19th Dec using power from the pavilion.

201/20 – Village hall – report: The hall remains closed following the re-introduction of Covid lockdown.

202/20 – Dorset Council Cllr Batstone: In her absence there was no report

203/20 - Public open session: Clearance of the gulleys on the road from Woodrow to Kings Stag is long overdue – MW will raise with Highways

204/20 – Correspondence to note: None

205/20 – Resignation of Councillor David Maughan: DM submitted his resignation with immediate effect. The Maughans are moving from Hazelbury, probably in January. On behalf of everyone, SM thanked DM for his wonderful contribution over the last 7 years. As well as contributing wise counsel in meetings, he was always the first to volunteer for practical tasks and his presence will be greatly missed. MW will begin the formal process with Dorset Council to see if an election needs to be held. This is most unlikely to be required so in all probability a new councillor might be co-opted in February or March. SM is keen that anyone joining is aware of the need for parish councillors to contribute between meetings and not just regard attendance at parish council meeting as the limit of their involvement.

206/20 – Date of next meeting: The next formal parish council meeting will be on Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7.15pm. It will be another remote internet meeting

207/20 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.