

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD BY THE MEANS OF A REMOTE CONFERENCING FACILITY USING ZOOM ON TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2021 AT 7.15 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), Martin Richards (MR), Val Rubie (VR), Ken Huggins (KH), Phil Dimmock (PD); Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) Members of the public – 10

Minutes: Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk.

046/21 - Apologies: Received from Sarah Meeks

047/21 - Declarations of interest: None

048/21 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2021: The minutes were approved as drafted.

049/21 – Matters arising from these minutes: All covered in the agenda

050/22 – Public open session: Apparently there has been some damage to cars in Kingston and also some minor vandalism outside the village hall. PB had also received information about the suspicion of drug dealing at a house in Kingston. Some of the damage has been reported to the Police apparently. MW will check with Sergeant Francis about the Police response and PB will share the drug information with him too.

051/21 – Finance: i) to approve the following payments: The following payments were approved:

Cheque no.	Payee	Service	Amount	VAT	Total - £
SO	I Kerr	Dog bins	126.50		126.50
1313	M Wilson	March pay	353.74		353.74
1314	M Wilson	Expenses	137.82	19.20	157.02
1315	HMRC	PAYE	254.20		254.20
1316	JB Gardens	Cemetery works	250.00	50.00	300.00
1317	JB Gardens	Allotment works	280.00	56.00	336.00
1318	A Peters	PPG grant refund	91.80		91.80
1319	Dorset Council	Rangers SLA	407.89	81.58	489.46
Total					2108.72

ii) to agree to waive football and cricket club annual payments due to impact of Covid on 2020/21 season: It was agreed to waive the annual payments of £300 per club due at this time due to the disruption to the club's activities over the last 12 months

iii) to re-appoint Rosie Darkin-Miller as internal auditor for 2021 year-end: It was agreed to re-appoint her for the next three years at the agreed fee rate and with a discount for the long-term arrangement.

052/21 – Planning: a) to consider any applications received: i)) P/FUL/2020/00475 – Land at St Mary and ST James, Droop – erection of a parish office/meeting room , together with an accessible toilet: It was agreed to object to the application. The loss of several car parking spaces to accommodate the building will greatly exacerbate the parking problems which affect this area at school start and end times, and at funerals. The car park is used by school staff and parents collecting and delivering children and even now there is insufficient capacity. This leads to some terribly dangerous parking - to lose these spaces will only make matters worse. ii)

TPO/2021/0010 – 5 The Old Dairy Farm, Wonston, DT10 2ES – new tree preservation order for 2 oak trees:

No objection iii) **P/HOU/2020/00484 – 3 Kingston Lane, Kingston, DT10 2DY – erect single storey conservatory:** No objection c) **Street naming – comments on proposal for Handley Cross development to be called Violet Cross:** PB explained the relevance of this volunteer nursing hero of two World Wars who was awarded the Croix de Guerre and is buried in the churchyard. With this background, the name seems very fitting. d) **to consider a response to the Dorset Council's new Local Plan consultation:** It was agreed that the revised draft response circulated by MW should be submitted as the council's response.

053/21 – Co-option of a new parish councillor: Both candidates had submitted a personal statement, as requested. It was agreed to co-opt Liz Stockley to be a parish councillor. SM will inform her and MW will sort out the formalities. Jill Noades was thanked by SM for her interest.

054/21 – Cemetery – i) update on recent car crash and damage: MW had received authority from the loss adjuster to proceed with the new fence, hedge and gate plus a grit bin and supply of grit. The bills for temporary repairs and tidying will also be covered. JB Gardens have been instructed and the work should start

in mid-March, and be complete for Easter. **ii) update on the review of the cemetery:** MW has completed his research and a paper will be circulated shortly.

055/21 – Covid 19 – to review the current situation and any action required locally: The shop seems to be coping well and there have not been any more food-bank referrals, The hall will open as soon as the rules allow.

056/21 - Climate and ecological emergency: to note the minutes of the first CEE working group on 2nd

February 2020 and any actions arising: KH has been pleasantly surprised at the ambition being shown by the group. The ideas brought forward are being worked through. Some instant, more down to earth tasks could be done to help the local environment like litter picking in the lanes. It was agreed the parish council will purchase some proper “pickers” for loan to individuals to use. PB said that the DWP Shaftesbury depot will collect bags of waste if required. She will provide a contact number.

057/21 – Neighbourhood Plan: Nothing to report.

058/21 - Footpath and highways matters: i) meeting with the Rangers: MR had forgotten to attend the meeting organised by Ian Stevenson (IS). His note of the meeting and proposals for action had been circulated in advance to councillors. MW had also provided councillors with information on the financial implications of the proposals. Councillors had no immediate comments or views on IS’s proposal to allocate a sum each year for footpath work with any sum unspent going to a footpath reserve for future years. He thought about £2,000 per annum would be ideal, especially if matched funding from DC can be obtained. This concept was agreed. If there was insufficient scope in the expenditure budget for 2021 then reserves can be used. For 2022 the precept can be raised if necessary, probably just a general increase rather than a specific hypothecated increase for footpaths.

IS thanked James and Sally Rogers for the volunteer work they were doing on rights of way under the guidance of the Rangers. KH wonders if the CEE group members might be keen to get involved?

The Kingston to Pidney Green footpath will be temporarily closed while the housing development takes place.

IS has asked the Rangers if they might persuade Wessex Water to allow a path across the sewage plant to allow a pedestrian route from Hazel Wood to the Causeway. Access to the Causeway might be an issue as the land adjacent to the Causeway is not owned by Wessex Water

ii) fingerpost: The post opposite the Antelope is rotten and although the wooden arms have been re-painted a new post is required. MR has kindly offered to provide a steel post. As a first step, MW will get a quote from the AONB fingerpost specialist, Roger Bond, as the brackets for the arms are badly corroded.

iii) Park Gate: SM has a meeting with Highways scheduled for early April.

059/21 – The Keep – update: i) the meadow: KH reported that two fell ponies from Alners Gorse were moving to the site. An electric fence has been installed. The grazing off the grass will help the wild flowers. People are welcome to take the pony poop away so it doesn’t enrich the soil. **ii) allotment parking:** The allotment society are considering whether they are prepared to make a contribution.

060/21 -Recreation Field i) to note any relevant Committee minutes: No meeting held **ii) update on other relevant matters:** MW will be meeting with the Rec Cttee to discuss when and how the playing field and pavilion can safely re-open

061/21 – Village hall – report: Nothing more to add to previous comments in the minutes.

062/21 – Report from Dorset Council Cllr Batstone: PB mentioned we have a new Community Highways officer, Adam Steel. Because of Covid, she had not been able to take a trip road the area with him to point out areas on concern – pot holes, over-hanging trees and the like. The recent spate of road closures for water mains replacements etc have created difficulties for non-locals as the diversion routes mingle leading to the potential for huge confusion. Repairs made to the Trailway near Sturminster Newton are sub-standard and the work is to be re-done. Dorset Council is planning how best to cope with a summer influx of “staycationers” looking to wild-camp.

063/21 - Public open session: Ian Bryan reported that the application for the solar farm at Pulham is expected to be submitted before the end of March. The area to be covered with panels has been reduced to 151 acres.

064/21 – Correspondence to note: None

065/21 – Date of next meeting: The next formal parish council meeting will be on Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7.15pm.

066/21 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

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