

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2021
AT 7.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present: Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), Ken Huggins (KH), Val Rubie (VR), Liz Stockley (LS) and Sarah Meeks (SaM); Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) Members of the public – 9

Minutes: Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk.

134/21 - Apologies: Received from Martin Richards (MR) and Phil Dimmock (PD)

135/21 - Declarations of interest: SaM declared a possible financial interest in relation to minute 139/21(ii)

136/21 – Adoption of the minutes of the annual meeting held on 10th August 2021: The minutes were approved as drafted.

137/21 – Matters arising from these minutes: None

138/22 – Public open session: The possible revision of the Neighbourhood Plan as noted in the minutes of the last meeting was raised. VR explained that a brief review of the current relevance of policies in the Plan, including housing numbers and allocated sites, had been undertaken and no changes were needed, or indeed possible at this stage. MW had met the Leader of Dorset Council who had confirmed no changes to any Neighbourhood Plans would be desirable or possible until the new Local Plan had been agreed, probably towards the end of 2023.

139/21 – Finance: i) to approve the following payments: The following payments were approved:

Cheque	Payee		Net	VAT	Total
SO	IK Services	Dog bin emptying	126.50		126.50
DD	Dorset Council	Cemetery business rates	25.00		25.00
	M				
1345	Wilson	Expenses	142.05		142.05
	M				
1346	Wilson	Sep pay	353.74		353.74
1347	HMRC	Paye - Jul - Sep	254.20		254.20
1348	Fireline	Pavilion fire checks	208.56	41.72	250.28
1349	DAPTC	Training			£50.00
1350	A Read	Pavilion sundries	£50.00		£28.00
			£28.00		
Total					1229.77

ii) to consider allocating an earmarked sum for use by the CEE working group: KH had produced some proposals just before the meeting started. It was agreed that the sum of £246 would be made available for the production of 3 newsletters between now and March 2022. The proposed Open Day (probably in November) on climate and ecological matters will not involve any costs, KH's initial discussions with Motley had led to a quote of £2,120 to produce a more engaging and interesting web site for the HB CAN group. This is a significant sum, particularly for a topic on which there is little evidence of wide interest and engagement locally, and it was felt more research into alternatives is needed. SaM is a project manager with Microsoft FreeCell and she suggested discussing potentially free or lower cost alternatives with KH before any decision is made. This was agreed. **iii) to note the insurance renewal on 8th November 2021:** The renewal quote will be agreed at October's meeting **iv) to consider making a donation to the Pantry in Sturminster Newton:** In the early days of the pandemic some support had been provided to the Blandford foodbank. With the opening of The Pantry in Sturminster Newton a more local food support facility is now available and it was agreed to make a donation of £250. This sum will provide food support for a family for one year. SM will consider any publicity opportunities with the manager of The Pantry.

140/21 – Planning: a) to consider any applications received: i) P/FUL/2021/01472 – The Ferns, Back Lane, DT10 2DT – change of use from redundant poultry shed and erection of building for E, B2 and B8 use (retrospective): No objections **ii) P/HOU/2021/02095 – Primrose House, The Causeway, DT10 2BH – erect**

single storey rear extension: No objections iii) **P/HOU/2021/02186 – Roseland House, Pidney Hill, DT10 2EB – erect garden shed:** No objections

141/21 - Climate and ecological emergency: to note the minutes of the Hazelbury CAN working group on 31st August 2021 and any actions arising: The minutes had been circulated in advance of this meeting. KH

expanded on the possibility fitting solar panels on the roof of the village hall. Ivana Booker has been very active getting quotes from potential suppliers and the pre-VAT cost is around £5-7k. If a battery is installed to store surplus electricity the cost is about £8k and an electric vehicle charging point a further £1k. If approved by the parish council, it will be an opportunity for the parish council to lead by example and emphasise the importance of taking positive steps to reduce carbon emissions. (See minute 147/21 below for comments from the hall committee). KH also explained in more details how he envisioned the Open Day working

142/21 – New Code of Conduct training: Some councillors and MW had completed training sessions on the potential new Code of Conduct. MW will produce a paper proposing its adoption in a forthcoming meeting. New digital Register of Interests forms will be available for completion in the next few days. Councillors will have to complete these on-line before 31st October 2021. Failure to do so is a criminal offence.

143/21 – Neighbourhood Plan: See minute 138/21 above

144/21 - Footpath and highways matters: i) to consider application to divert right of way 41 on the definitive map at Woodlands: This application was supported ii) **other matters:** Any blocked or overgrown footpaths or untidy non-suburban verges should be reported to the Rangers using the Dorsetforyou web site; any issues with crumbling banks should be reported the same way to Highways.

145/21 – The Keep – update: KH reported that wildflower, including yellow rattle, are becoming increasingly well established and the area is a haven for butterflies and other insects, particularly in the spring. An offer of a transplanted oak sapling was declined.

146/21 - Recreation Field i) to note any relevant Committee minutes: Draft minutes of the meeting on 13th September 2021 had been circulated and were noted ii) **update on other relevant matters:** Nothing more to report.

147/21 – Village hall – report: LS reported that the hall committee will re-commence meetings in October. Most activities are getting going although Zumba has moved away and circuit training hasn't re-started. The possibility of a "re-boot" of the hall is possible – engaging with the community to see what it wants and needs from the hall, particularly the younger generations. Informally, the committee support the proposed solar panel installation provided there is no cost, they benefit from reduced electricity bills and the installation in no way undermined the weatherproof integrity of the roof. A review of heating arrangements might be on the cards.

148/21 – Report from Dorset Council Cllr Batstone: Locally she has been dealing with bonfires, white tailed eagles and the village charity; more widely it's been County Farms, re-cycling and the Sturminster charity shop enterprises. A new plaque has been installed on Salkeld Bridge, on the route from HB to Sturminster, in memory of Philp Salkeld VC, the first posthumous recipient of the VC during the Indian Mutiny in 1857.

149/21 - Public open session: Solutions to issues raised are given in minute 144/21/(ii) above. It was noted that many people prefer their verges to be un-cut to support bio-diversity in insects and other species. As PB noted, HB is in the country, not suburbia.

150/21 – Correspondence to note: i) Churchfoot Lane will be closed for part re-surfacing from 27th September to 1st October. The usual notices will be in place. ii) DWP has driver and crew shortages and some collections, especially garden waste, may be cancelled with no notice. Guidance on what to do will be put on the web site

151/21 – Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 7.15pm in the village hall.

152/21 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.