

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present:** Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), Ken Huggins (KH), Val Rubie (VR), Phil Dimmock (PD), Sarah Meeks (SaM); Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone (PB) Members of the public – 5; **Minutes:** Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk.

**172/21 - Apologies:** Received from Martin Richards (MR) and Liz Stockley (LS)

**173/21 - Declarations of interest:** None

**174/21 – Adoption of the minutes of the annual meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021:** The minutes were approved as drafted.

**175/21 – Matters arising from these minutes:** None

**176/22 – Public open session:** No comments.

**177/21 – 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          |
| 1355         | J Hampstead         | Hedgehog grant          | 160.00 |       | 160.00         |
| 1356         | M Wilson            | November pay            | 353.74 |       | 353.74         |
|              | Huck                |                         |        |       |                |
| 1357         | Nets                | 5 a side nets           | 98.99  | 19.80 | 118.79         |
| 1358         | destroyed           |                         | 0.00   |       | 0.00           |
| 1359         | Play Inspection Co  | Play inspection         | 139.00 | 27.80 | 166.80         |
| 1360         | Parish mag printers | CEE newsletter          | £96.00 |       | £96.00         |
| 1361         | M Wilson            | Expenses                | 120.02 | 9.67  | 129.69         |
| <b>Total</b> |                     |                         |        |       | <b>1176.52</b> |

**ii) to consider a first draft budget and Precept for 2022/13:** MW had prepared and circulated a first draft of a potential budget for the financial year 2022/23. Mostly, it is business as usual, with some increases in costs incorporated to reflect inflationary pressures in the wider economy. The big uncertainty concerns the cost of grass cutting on the recreation ground, including the football pitch and cricket outfield. Mr Cluett, who has cut these areas with his own tractor for many years, has decided to take a break. MW is working on potential replacement contractors but there will inevitably be a significant increase in cost. Given the value of the entire area to the community, and the fragile finances of the sports clubs, there is no intention to try and re-coup any of the price increase from the clubs.

On the income side, pavilion hiring is recovering very slowly, post pandemic. A 4% increase in the Precept has been assumed in the draft budget. This would increase the Precept for a Band D property by £1.70 per annum. There is no allowance for any funding of the village hall decarbonisation project. Expenditure is unlikely before the early summer and if a Public Works Loan Board loan is used then only one half-yearly repayment would be made in the financial year 2022/23. This would be in the region of £600, so could be met from reserves and a full funding programme built into the 2023/24 budget.

The Precept request has to be submitted to Dorset Council before the end of January. The matter will be considered further at the next meeting. MW hopes to have some more detailed information on grass cutting costs by then.

**178/21 – Planning: a) to consider any applications received: i) P/FUL/2021/03149 – Land north of barn (behind Woodbury Farm), - erect 1 dwelling (amendment to approval 2/2017/1547/FUL):** No objections ii) **P/LBC/2021/03338 – Middle Cottage, Wonston, DT10 2EE – stud partitions for new bathroom and conservatory roof light:** No objections iii) **P/FUL/2021/02292 – Broad Oaks Farm, The Common, DT10 2AU – conversion of workshop to 1 residential unit:** This application is in line with policies in the Neighbourhood Plan and was supported.

**179/21 - Climate and ecological emergency: to note the minutes of the Hazelbury CAN working group on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 and any actions arising:** MW had circulated the draft minutes which were noted. The latest newsletter has largely been delivered. It was noted that the font was quite small – necessarily so given the content, but the next edition might have less content to maximise the visual impact. MW will ask the printers if recycled paper is an option; also, vegetable dye ink. KH and SaM hope to meet within the next couple of weeks to look at web site improvements. Ivana Booker has joined the village hall committee. She has been given a usb stick which has much information on the 2011 hall upgrade. This might help provide information on energy usage and enable an epc energy certificate to be provided. KH has stood down as Chairman. A new Chairman will be appointed every three months, with Allan Peters the first to take on the role from December. It was agreed to become an associate member of the Dorset CAN group. MW will complete and submit the application.

**180/21 – Neighbourhood Plan:** Nothing to report

**181/21 - Footpath and highways matters, including i) establishment of a Speedwatch group:** Ian Hayle reported that a group of seven volunteers had received Police training and would begin operations shortly. More volunteers would be welcome to spread the load. A team of four is needed each time the group deploys. All the equipment is provided by Dorset Police. KH, also a volunteer, understands the Speed Indicator Device can provide some information that might help identify trends and times when serial offenders might be out and about. MW will check with the SID team at Dorset Council Highways. SM wished the group well and hoped they will report back on their experiences in due course **ii) flooding on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021:** Ground and surface water affected properties in Partway very badly and other local spots too. Some properties were flooded for the first time. Problems have been reported by the parish council and residents to Dorset Council using the on-line system. Hopefully some inspections and remedial action will result. The long drain from the Keep to the rear of Nos 5 and 6 Partway runs for about 80 metres under houses on both sides of Partway and under the road itself. This was shown to be inadequate given the flooding of The Willows and No 1 Partway. Nos 5 and 6 Partway had back-up from the foul water drain and sewage pipes, so again one questions the adequacy of the infrastructure. The drain on the Keep might benefit from some clearance but unless the drain under the road is clear, it will not help. KH mentioned an Environment Agency flood warden initiative – this will be on the agenda for the next meeting. **iii) accident at Droop:** The fatal road accident involving a large lorry and a pedestrian was discussed. It was outside the school (but not at pick-up or drop-off time). From the reports it sounds like a tragic accident with no blame attached to the driver of the vehicle. Highways has always rejected any plans to provide more lay-by or off-road parking as it might actually allow traffic to go faster and create more danger for children being picked up or dropped off. SM will discuss with the head teacher.

**182/21 – The Keep – update:** Nothing to report.

**183/21 - Recreation Field i) to note any relevant Committee minutes:** No meeting held, next due end November/early December. **ii) update on other relevant matters:** Play inspection report received, no major issues but some minor repairs required. MW is getting a price to refresh the wood chip safety surface.

**184/21 – Village hall report:** Nothing to report

**185/21 – Report from Dorset Council Cllr Batstone:** DC is still working on bringing the 6 former authorities into a coherent being. Social and adult social care continue to take the bulk of financial resources. The old St Mary's School will re-open for vulnerable local children in the spring, initially with 60 children rising to 280. Frizzell Hill is due to be assessed for a proper repair in 2022/23, with patching as needed in the interim.

**186/21 - Public open session:** The poor surface of the piece of land adjacent to the village hall car park was mentioned. The landowner has historically not been keen to engage on improvements etc. MW will take a look in the daylight.

**187/21 – Correspondence to note:** None

**188/21 – Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.15pm in the village hall

**189/21 – Close of meeting:** With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 8.27 pm.