

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12th APRIL 2022 AT 7.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), Val Rubie (VR), Ken Huggins (KH), Liz Stockley (LS), Phil Dimmock (PD); Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone (PB); Members of the public – 6; **Minutes:** Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk.

058/22 - Apologies: Received from Martin Richards (MR) and Sarah Meeks (SaM))

059/22 - Declarations of interest: VR declared an interest in the flooding issue in minute 067/22

060/22 – Adoption of the minutes of the annual meeting held on 8th March 2022: The minutes were approved as drafted.

061/22 – Matters arising from these minutes: Covered in the agenda.

062/22 – Public open session: None.

063/22 – Finance i) to approve accounts for payment: The following payments were approved:

Cheque	Payee		Net	VAT	Total
SO	IK Services	Dog bin emptying	£136.50		£136.50
DD	Dorset Council	Cemetery rates	£22.01		£22.01
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1381	Goacher	Payroll admin	£162.17		£162.17
1382	HB Village Hall	Lunch club grant from DC	£500.00		£500.00
1383	GeoXphere	Mapping licence	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
1384	Dorset Council	ROW SLA	£407.88	£81.58	£489.46
1385	JB Gardens	Notice board repair	£98.00	£19.60	£117.60
1386	Louis Holman	Keep grass cutting	£180.00		£180.00
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1387	Wilson	Expenses	£99.02	£11.21	£110.23

064/22 – Planning: a) to consider any applications received: P/HOU/2022/01198 and 01635(LBC)- Rosemary Cottage, Silly Hill, DT10 2AR – demolish bay window and erect oak-framed lean-to: No objections

065/22 - Climate and ecological emergency: to note the minutes of the Hazelbury Climate Group on 5th April 2022 and the open day in March: The minutes of the meeting had been circulated. KH noted that about 40 non-committee villagers had attended the open day, full details are in the minutes. The village hall decarbonisation project is moving ahead and a visit is now scheduled for 25th April to visit a hall near Exeter with the same air source heat pump technology. LS hopes the full business case will be ready for the next parish council meeting.

066/22 – Neighbourhood Plan: VR has met with Ian Stephenson and it was agreed that they, together with KH and LS from the original N Plan committee, should meet to undertake an informal review.

063/22 - Footpath and highways matters, including i) flooding response from Dorset Highways: MW had circulated notes of a meeting with the DC flood risk team. Subsequent to that, a further camera survey has been undertaken which has not identified any blockages although there is some form of holding tank under the highway that needs special equipment, which DC does not have, to survey. MW will continue discussions with DC, **ii) school parking:** It seems the Playing fields Association are objecting to the loss of some of the playing field and may have some form of veto power in the process. PB is investigating the full technical process with officers at DC Planning. It might be an occasion for a pre-application discussion to take place. **iii) other related matters: a)** Ian Stephenson gave an update on the work of the volunteers and other matters. Dorset Council are taking legal action to remove “fly-grazers” from the land at Thickthorn Lane across which footpath 15 crosses. For the moment the gates across the path remain locked with DC’s approval, for public safety reasons. The Rangers are to take another look at possible solutions to the “mud slide” on the Barn

End to Red Barn path. The volunteers are doing excellent work but prefer to remain largely anonymous. b) PB reported on possible changes to the processes for having 20 mph speed limits in villages. These are being discussed by DC on 24th April at the Place and Resources Committee.

064/22 – The Keep – update: KH reported that the ponies have finished their grazing of the grass; some stubborn areas had to be brush-cut. The wildflowers should now have a better chance to germinate and flower. SM questioned the benefit of the area of brambles on the edge of the site, but these provide a useful habitat plus blackberries.

065/22 - Recreation Field i) to note any relevant Committee minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 15th March had been circulated and were noted, including the new grass cutting arrangements

066/22 – Speedwatch group: KH gave an update. The group has deployed 8 times. On average, about 100 vehicles an hour pass through and about 5% of drivers were going at more than 36 mph compared to the County-wide average of 2.8%. The Causeway is the “worst” site, The highest individual speed recorded was 48 mph. In general, the public have been supportive and there have been no cases of repeat offenders being sent a second letter. LS noted that the Police speed check camera has also been used recently in the village.

067/22 – Storm Eunice and village emergency planning: SM outlined the problems that can affect individuals and the whole community in emergency situations – power outage, flood, snow, storms etc. There are individuals with skill-sets, and facilities, within the village that could usefully be harnessed to strengthen community resilience. SM is prepared to host a meeting of some of those with practical skills to consider potential problems and solutions and the establishment of an ongoing “resilience group”. VR had been on a useful Dorset Council training day. She noted that vulnerable people can register with power companies for special support in an emergency.

068/22 – Platinum Jubilee events update: James Porter (JP) reported on plans i) trees: An idea is emerging of a tree planting scheme – seven trees, one for each decade of Queen Elizabeth’s reign. Selecting a suitable site as well as suitable trees, taking full account of the long-term impact of their growth, needs to be done carefully. Trees will cost about £70 each and JP will be approaching local businesses and organisations for support. The parish council agreed that a suitable site on the Keep or Alec’s Field would be acceptable. JP will discuss the type of tree with Geraldine Hobson who has acted as tree warden to the parish in recent times. ii) Jubilee celebrations: Arrangements are much in line with those described by SaM at the last meeting. Friday 3rd June will be for locally organised street parties; Saturday the Antelope is planning a hog roast and live music, plus marquees etc will be set up for Sunday; Sunday will be the main event, from 12.00 – 17.00, with a BBQ, bar, picnics etc, using tables from the hall, with activities and events planned for the afternoon. Publicity via Next Door and posters will try and recruit as many volunteer organisers as possible to spread the work load. The Jubilee committee is considering hiring portaloos, especially for the disabled, but it will be a significant cost given it will be a 5-day hire. Monday will be clear up day. SM confirmed the parish council would provide some financial support if required.

069/22 – Bryan Bytes: to consider topics for the next edition: Agreed topics to be covered include the plans for the de-carbonisation of the village hall, the climate open day, Jubilee plans, flooding, the status of the Neighbourhood Plan and upcoming village hall events, if space permits. The following space allocations and responsibilities – Chairman intro – SM, 200 words; De-carb of hall – KH, 300 words; Open day – KH, 200 words; N Plan – MW, 200 words; Jubilee – SaM, 200 words. Reports should be returned to MW by 23rd April, LS will also do a seasonal piece on farming.

070/22 – Village hall report: LS reported that the projector is broken and needs replacing. MW has heard nothing back from the land agent regarding the adjoining land.

071/22 – Report from Dorset Council Cllr Batstone: PB described her work with County Farms, which is becoming more effective with a newly appointed land agent. There are over 6.000 acres of land under management, with farms of different sizes let for different periods to try and help as many people as possible establish themselves in the important industry. She is also very involved in the continuing regeneration of Sturminster Newton.

072/22 - Public open session: Nothing to report.

073/22 – Correspondence to note: None

074/22 – Date of next meeting: This will be on Tuesday 10th May 2022 and will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council where a chairman will be elected for the next year.

075/22 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

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