

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11th MAY 2022 AT 7.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), Ken Huggins (KH), Liz Stockley (LS), Sarah Meeks (SVM); Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone (PB); Members of the public – 5; **Minutes:** Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk.

076/22 – To elect a Chairman for the coming year: Steve Murcer was elected as Chairman for the next year.

077/22 - Apologies: Received from VR and PD

078/22 - Declarations of interest: None declared

079/22 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2021: The minutes were approved as drafted.

080/22 – Matters arising from these minutes: All covered in the agenda

081/22 – Public open session: It asked if the parish council would cover the cost of £35 for the printing of the Jubilee leaflets – MW has agreed this.

082/22 – To elect a Vice-Chairman for the coming year: Val Rubie was elected as Vice-chairman for the next year

083/22 – To resolve to take the General Power of Competence for the coming year: It was agreed to take the General Power of Competence for the next year.

084/22 – To appoint members of the Recreation Ground Committee for the coming year: Alun Read, Jim Bettie, Helen Fry, Neil Robson, Barry Thompson and Bernie Flynn were re-appointed for the next year. The Chairman and Vice-chairman of the parish council remain as ex-officio members.

085/22 – To appoint a representative to the Village Hall Committee: Liz Stockley was appointed for the next year.

086/22 – To assign responsibilities for the next year on the following matters: These were agreed for the next year as follows i) **rights of way** – Martin Richards and Sarah Meeks; ii) **allotments** – Ken Huggins; iii) **transport** – Martin Richards

087/22 – Finance: i) to approve accounts for payment: The following payments were approved:

Cheque	Payee	Service	Net	VAT	Total
SO	IK Services	Dog bins	£136.50		£136.50
DD	Dorset Council	Cemetery rates	£25.00		£25.00
1388	L Holman	Grass cutting	£180.00		£180.00
1399	A Tenwick	Village flowers	£45.78	£9.16	£54.94
1390	Darkin Miller	Internal audit	£244.53	£48.91	£293.44

ii) **to note the report of the internal auditor on the annual accounts and governance and agree action**

following the recommendations in the report: The report, together with formal responses on remedial action, had been circulated and was approved iii) **year-end accounts – to approve the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022 and authorise the Chairman to sign a) the Governance Statement and b) the Accounting Statement:** These had all been circulated in advance and the Chairman was authorised to approve and sign all the necessary documents.

088/22 – Planning: a) to consider any applications received: None received.

089/22 - Climate and ecological emergency: to note the minutes of the Hazelbury Climate Group on 3rd May 2022: The minutes of the meeting had been circulated. They highlight the successful visit to Exeter to see a large church hall with air source heat pumps. These seem so efficient the village hall committee are minded to remove the existing oil heating system at the same time as the new pumps are installed. SM is concerned that it might be foolhardy to remove the legacy contingency back-up. LS will incorporate consideration of this into her business case paper, which might be ready for the next parish council meeting. The community group being managed by Keith Wheaton-Green now has 35 households looking to piggy-back the group discount. A new potential supplier, Empower, is being brought in as a possible supplier.

090/22 – Neighbourhood Plan: The review group is still to meet by Zoom.

091/22 - Footpath and highways matters, including i) flooding response from Dorset Highways: MW has heard nothing further from DC – he will chase. ii) **school parking:** PB is still investigating policies relating to the loss of playing fields. iii) **other matters:** In the second public session Ian Stevenson gave the following update on ROW matters a) footpath posts in Drum Lane and Marsh Lane have been fixed and the one by the school will be done soon b) the “mud slide” on the path between Barn

End and the Red Barn is near the top of the Rangers list for an upgrade, possible the installation of steps. c) He asked if the PC would be minded to undertake other improvements, given the Rangers resource is so stretched. In particular, he asked about the Coney Lane to the Antelope path, and whether the surface could be improved across the "poor lands" field. MW confirmed funds had been added to the footpath reserve after the financial year end for such purposes. MW will investigate ownership of the field and possible quotes from contractors.

092/22 – The Keep – update: An e-mail from Nigel Spring had been circulated. Dumping of grass cuttings by neighbours is not acceptable and MW will write to the houses backing onto the Keep. The culprits live in a property which is for sale, so the problem might solve itself. The parish council is happy that the license to occupy given for the Bray's pig does not raise the risk of a claim for ownership into the future.

093/22 - Recreation Field i) to note any relevant Committee minutes: The next Committee meeting is on 17th May 2022 **ii) other matters:** SVM has asked if a steam tractor can come onto Alec's field on the Jubilee weekend. The parish council is happy and MW will bring to the attention of the Committee at its next meeting.

094/22 – Village resilience planning: SM is hosting a first informal meeting of a possible steering group on 11th May.

095/22 – Platinum Jubilee events update: Events are as outlined in the April PC minutes. A leaflet will be dropped through every house shortly. More volunteers for the day to help organise and manage events are needed. SM has been asked to approach Simon Hoare, MP, about opening the event. Failing that, SM would be a more than adequate replacement,

096/22 – Bryan Bytes: to consider topics for the next edition: The latest edition is complete barring the Chairman's introduction.

097/22 – Village hall report: LS reported the new projector is installed and operational. The visit to Exeter was covered in minute 089/22 above. The hall is considering installing wi-fi. This would bring benefits to users and hirers and should increase revenue. However, the parish council is being asked to pay. SM has asked how much this might be before any decision is made.

098/22 – Report from Dorset Council Cllr Batstone: County Farms has appointed three new tenants to farms. Adult social care, having previously been out-sourced, is now coming back in-house. 75% of the council's budget goes on social care. Officers had presented a paper following possible new guidelines for 20 mph speed limits in villages. This was thought to be inadequate for Dorset and they have been asked to think again about a better solution.

099/22 - Public open session: See ROW minutes above 091/22

100/22 – Correspondence to note: Chris Ayres has written to SM concerning the use of the donation to Alec's field from Sue Reynolds. MW will acknowledge and explain the funds have already been earmarked for the new bin store, to the complete satisfaction of Mrs Reynolds. SVM raised the possibility of spare allotment produce being donated to the Pantry in Sturminster. (In the past, the Blandford food bank has declined home grown produce). PB thought this offer would be gratefully accepted by Carol Jones at the Pantry. MW will write to Angela Chatters highlighting this opportunity.

101/22 – Date of next meeting: This will be on Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 7.15pm in the village hall.

101/22 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.