

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present:** Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), Liz Stockley (LS), Val Rubie (VR), Sarah Meeks (SVM); Martin Richards (MR); Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone (PB); Members of the public – 6; **Minutes:** Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk.

**159/22 - Apologies:** Received from Ken Huggins (KH) and Phil Dimmock (PD)

**160/22 - Declarations of interest:** None

**161/22 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022:** The minutes were approved as drafted.

**162/22 – Matters arising from these minutes:** All covered in the agenda

**163/22 – Public open session:** None

**164/22 – Finance: i) to approve accounts for payment:** The following payments were approved:

| Cheque       | Payee               | Service                      | Net     | VAT    | Total            |
|--------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------|--------|------------------|
| SO           | IK Services         | Dog bin emptying             | £136.50 |        | £136.50          |
| DD           | Dorset Council      | Cemetery rates               | £25.00  |        | £25.00           |
| 1409         | Parish Mag Printers | Climate newsletter           | £120.00 |        | £120.00          |
| 1410         | M Wilson            | September pay                | £344.95 |        | £344.95          |
| 1411         | HMRC                | Paye - jul - sep             | £258.00 |        | £258.00          |
| 1412         | Fireline            | Pavilion safety certificates | £263.94 | £52.79 | £316.73          |
| 1413         | JB Gardens          | Grass cutting                | £390.00 | £76.00 | £468.00          |
| 1414         | J Cluett            | Pavilion cleaning            | £82.50  |        | £82.50           |
| 1415         | L Holman            | Grass cutting September      | £90.00  |        | £90.00           |
| 1416         | A Tenwick           | Village flowers              | £29.02  | £5.83  | £34.85           |
| <b>Total</b> |                     |                              |         |        | <b>£1,876.53</b> |

**165/22 – Planning: a) to consider any applications received: i) P/FUL/2022/04716 - Land at Wonston Farm, Thickthorn Lane, Hazelbury Bryan, DT10 2ED - Retain and utilise existing mobile home as a temporary agricultural worker's dwelling:** No objections **ii) P/HOU/2022/05361 and P/LBC/2022/05362 - Bryan Cottage, Partway to Churchfoot Lane, Wonston Hazelbury Bryan DT10 2EE - Erect rear extension to existing cottage:** No objections **iii) P/FUL/2021/01018 - North Dairy Farm Access To North Dairy Farm Pulham Dorset DT2 7EA - Install ground-mounted solar panel photovoltaic solar arrays, substation, inverter stations, transformer stations, security fencing, gates and CCTV; form vehicular access, internal access track, landscaping and other ancillary infrastructure:** Some relatively minor changes to the size, access arrangements for contractors and the life of the facility are proposed. The parish council saw no reason to alter the comments already submitted on the original application.

**166/22 - Climate and ecological emergency: i) to note the minutes of the Hazelbury Climate Group on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022:** The minutes had been circulated and were noted **ii) "Hazelbury Abuzz" – update on plans:** This is set for 2<sup>nd</sup> October between 2pm and 4pm., and the newsletter advertising the event is being delivered. The aim is to seek volunteers to create the "river of flowers" to help pollinators and hopefully volunteers will come forward to maintain and nurture their own stretch of the "river". There will be tea and coffee on offer. PB suggested engaging with the Rangers, especially with regard to grass verges being left in a more natural state.

**167/22 – Neighbourhood Plan:** VR had circulated the review groups report and recommendations and MW had added his own comments. SM proposed deferring a discussion on this until the next meeting when hopefully all councillors might be in attendance, plus Ian Stevenson as the main driver for the review,

**168/22 - Footpath and highways matters, including i) school parking:** PB is following up with the relevant officer at Dorset Council **ii) other matters:** Highways appear to have done a good job on resurfacing Water Knapp and Frizzell Hill. MR reported concerns from some HGV drivers that the new tarmac might be sinking in the places of old, deep potholes. It was agreed to monitor and report back to Highways if necessary.

**169/22 – The Keep – update: i) encroachment:** MW has not received a reply to his letter asking the Burrough's for their reflections on the situation following the site meeting. This is disappointing and it was agreed MW will now write setting out the parish council's position and asking them for comments and how the status quo can be restored. **ii) management strategy:** SM, KH and Nigel Spring met and have agreed on a strategy going forward. KH is preparing this document but in essence the land will be managed for nature conservation, the

worst of the brambles will be cleared and there will be a pedestrian access path mown through the area to allow easy access on foot through the site. Benches might be installed and explanatory information boards provided.

**170/22 - Recreation Field i) to note any relevant Committee minutes:** There had been no meeting in the last month and no significant matters of concern or action. MW will be organising a meeting in October. Jean Cluett is doing a fine job with the cleaning.

**171/22 – Village resilience planning:** SM had nothing specific to report. VR has had a food- bank referral, and there may be more to come. There is some discussion apparently that with Hazelbury post codes it would be the Gillingham, not Blandford, food-bank that should be used. The Pantry in Sturminster is also another useful place. It was agreed to just monitor the situation and see how it develops. Ivana Booker has had a quote of £750 to get a switch put into the village hall to allow a generator to be hooked-up in an emergency. MR thought this seemed expensive and will ask his business electrician for a quote.

**172/22 – Village hall - report including i) grant funding:** MW has not had any decisions yet **ii) discussions on a financial contribution from the hall towards the capital cost of the decarbonisation project:** The notes of a meeting between SM, MW, LS, James Porter and Clive Rance had been circulated. This had centred on the parish council's reluctance to incur costs which would be borne by the whole community whilst the benefit of the upgrade would accrue to the village hall. Subsequently, the hall committee has agreed with the principle of contributing towards the costs based on the energy savings it makes, although that was not a unanimous decision. MW was asked to contact JP to get a formal confirmation in writing. MW has had an initial report from the internal auditor which has highlighted some potential issues regarding VAT on any contribution made by the hall. Further investigation on the possible implications is required. **iii) wi-fi:** confusion reigns over who asked for it, who wants it, who is prepared to pay for it, and at present nothing is happening **iv) other hall matters:** SVM is now the parish council representative on the village hall committee. She reported on the grounding of a car on the rough ground adjacent to the hall's land which is used informally for parking. This is not really a matter for the parish council (our insurers have already confirmed neither the pc or the hall would be liable for any accident etc on land not owned by us; and in the unlikely event of either of us being deemed liable by a court then our liability cover would kick-in). Nevertheless, the hall committee are determined to write to the owner of the land – MR will provide an address to SVM.

**173/22 – Report from Dorset Council Cllr Batstone:** PB talked about her work with children's services, including the new facility of Coombe House near Shaftesbury, and County Farms.

**174/22 - Public open session:** Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, a book of condolence has been placed in the church. This will probably remain open until the period of Royal Mourning ends on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**175/22 – Correspondence to note:** None

**176/22 – Date of next meeting:** This will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.15pm in the village hall

**177/22 – Close of meeting:** With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.