

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2023 AT 7.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), Liz Stockley (LS), Phil Dimmock (PD), Val Rubie (VR) and Ken Huggins (KH); Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone (PB); Members of the public – 7; **Minutes:** Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk.

001/23 - Apologies: None received

002/23 - Declarations of interest: None

003/23 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2022: Subject to two additional points suggested by KH regarding minute 227/22/iii, the minutes were approved as drafted.

004/23 – Matters arising from these minutes: Covered in the agenda

005/23 – Public open session: Jan Marriott was very complimentary about the appearance of the allotments.

006/23 – Neighbourhood Plan – presentation from Jo Witherden, planning consultant, on the merits of revising the Neighbourhood Plan: JW had been invited to give some guidance on the merits, or otherwise, of reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan. This currently runs from 2018 to 2031. JW's key points were as follows:

- a) The NP is still valid but has lost some planning "weight" over time as per paragraph 14 of the NPPF regulations. A Government consultation is underway looking to change the current 2-year period of full "weight" to 5 years. For HB this would be to 2024.
- b) There are two types of review. Option 1 is a "light touch" review. This would leave the end date as 2031 and, assuming a housing needs analysis did not lead to additional sites being allocated for development, after any minor changes it would go out for consultation and Examination of the evidence. A new referendum would not be necessary. Any changes to policies in the NP would need to be in line with over-arching Government planning regulations so we could not force any climate change conditions on new development beyond those in the planning and building control legislation. Option 2 would be a full review, with an extended end date and potentially additional sites. This is tantamount to an entire new NP.
- c) JW said Option 1 would take 12 – 15 months based her experience of working with Holwell and Pimperne.
- d) The first step would be to undertake a housing needs analysis. This would look at the "need" data using information from Dorset Council. The "supply" analysis will look at completions and future expected developments. This would take a couple of days and grant funding will be available from Locality, provided an application is made in the near future.
- e) JW will need a small group – 2 or 3 people - of volunteers to help with the consultations and other details.

It was agreed to proceed with a housing needs review as an initial step, using JW. If, as expected, this does not lead to a need for additional sites for development then an Option 1, light touch review will be undertaken. This also assumes that grant funding will be available from Locality after March 2023.

007/23 – Finance: i) to approve accounts for payment: The following payments were approved:

Cheque	Payee		Net	VAT	Total
SO	IKServices	Dog bin emptying	£136.50		£136.50
DD	Dorset Council	Cemetery rates	£25.00		£25.00
1439	M Wilson	January pay			£376.34
1440	Motley	Web hosting	£144.00	£28.80	£172.80
Total					£710.64

008/23 – Planning: a) to consider any applications received: None received.

009/23 – Co-option of a new parish councillor – update: Sarah Meeks has resigned and Phil Dimmock will leave at the end of March. The Notices giving electors the chance to call for a formal election have been posted. Assuming there is no call for an election from 10 voters then the parish council will be able to co-opt replacements from the end of January. The vacancies must be filled. There is no formal process, the council can choose any mechanism it likes, provided each potential new councillor is treated equally. Candidates can be asked to apply; write a personal statement of perhaps 150 words; attend an interview etc before a final

vote is taken at a parish council meeting, perhaps in March. It was agreed that SM would write piece for the next edition of Bryan Bytes advertising the vacancies and the qualities needed to be a councillor.

010/23 – Allocation of parish councillor responsibilities, including Bryan Bytes distribution rounds: Allocation of responsibilities is on hold pending the arrival of new councillors. There are only 4 deliverers for Bytes – SM, KH, LS and MW. MW will review the rounds to ensure an equitable distribution. For the next edition SM will write about the vacancies and the web site, KH will write on climate issues, MW will cover the Neighbourhood Plan review and LS will write a farming piece. If space permits, details of forthcoming film nights will be included. All copy should be sent to MW by the end of January for printing and delivery early in February.

011/23 - Climate and ecological emergency: i) update: The minutes of the meeting on 3rd January 2023 had been circulated. Keth Wheaton-Green is taking over as Chairman and informal meetings to discuss future initiatives are scheduled.

012/23 - Footpath and highways matters, including i) school parking: Nothing to report **ii) Poor Lands field path:** The Trustees have refused permission for the footpath to be improved, even though the tenant (Susan Richards) has no problem with the idea. SM will ask for a rationale, and a change of mind **iii) other matters:** The issue of white lines near the war memorial has not been progressed by DC. SM will chase up. KH noted the poor state of Partway Lane, with pot holes and surface erosion. The later is not helped given the parked cars on the western edge cause all through traffic to use the eastern half of the carriageway. MW will write to DC asking for repair or renewal.

013/23 – The Keep – update: i) update on meadow and future strategy for the land: KH will meet with Nigel Spring in the next month or so. **ii) update on encroachment:** A draft solicitor's letter had been circulated for comment before dispatch. SM thought it was too confrontational and aggressive. MW was asked to get it re-written in softer tones.

014/23 - Recreation Field i) to note any relevant Committee minutes: Next meeting is on Tuesday 17th January

015/23 – Village hall - report including i) grant funding: The SW Trains grant application has been rejected. SM plans to go through the quotes and paperwork to undertake due diligence on the contractors and pricing etc and also the options for a village hall contribution to reflect their reduced running costs with the new heating system and pv panels. He will organise with MW **ii) warm hub ideas:** Nothing to consider at this stage.

016/23 – Village web site proposals: In his Bryan Bytes article SM will ask for a volunteer to come forward to maintain the web site with details of clubs and societies and also news and information updates. In the meantime, VR is collating a list of clubs and societies with contact details etc.

017/23 – Report from Dorset Council Cllr Batstone: Adverse comments on working arrangements reported in the Blackmore Vale are 6 months out of date and the school is much improved. A 4.9% increase in council tax is likely. DC is working on smarter integrated care procedures to free up hospital spaces. Initiatives are underway to boost tourism in the North Dorset market towns. Consideration of the Pulham solar farm planning application has been deferred for 3 months.

018/23 - Public open session: Ivana Booker asked if the dates of village hall film nights could go in the next edition of Bytes. MW will see what space is available.

019/23 – Correspondence to note: There was a concern over the defibrillator in the recent cold snap. A new heated cabinet might be needed. MW will add to the agenda for the next meeting.

020/23 – Date of next meeting: This will be on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.15pm, venue to be decided

021/23 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm