

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14th MARCH 2023 AT 7.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), Liz Stockley (LS), Val Rubie (VR), Martin Richards (MR), Phil Dimmock (PD) and Ken Huggins (KH); Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone (PB); Members of the public – 8; **Minutes:** Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk.

042/23 - Apologies: None

043/23 - Declarations of interest: MR declared a pecuniary interest in matters relating to the Neighbourhood Plan.

044/23 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2023: The minutes were approved as drafted.

045/23 – Matters arising from these minutes: Covered in the agenda

046/23 – Public open session: No comments

047/23 – 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
1445	J Cluett	Pavilion cleaning	£33.00		£33.00
1446	J Noades	Refund	£40.00		£40.00
1447	Parish Mag Printers	Bryan Bytes	£94.00		£94.00
1448	M Wilson	Expenses	£409.60	£47.31	£456.91
1449	M Wilson	March pay	£376.34		£376.34
1450	HMRC	Paye	£287.22		287.22
1451	Imperative Training	Defib battery	£305.00	£61.00	£366.00
		Total			£1,789.97

048/23 – Planning: a) to consider any applications received: i) P/HOU/2023/1322 – 11 Hill View, Kingston, DT10 2DU – remove hedge to from vehicle access and create hard standing – No objections but a request will be made for the hard standing to be porous to mitigate against surface water run-off from this sloping site **ii) 2/2018/0958/OUT – Land west (sic) of the Causeway, DT10 2BH – appeal on the refusal of application for 12 houses and 26 parking spaces:** It was agreed to re-state the parish council’s objections to the original application. In addition the following points will be made: the site is still wrongly described as “west” rather than “north-east” of the Causeway; the map shows houses having been built to the rear of the Antelope – this aspiration for the site never happened, but gives an incorrect visual sense that the proposed site is a natural extension of the village centre; the review of the Neighbourhood Plan including the latest Housing Needs Assessment shows there is no local need, nor any wider need to fit with the emerging Dorset Council Local Plan, for additional sites like this to be developed; the NPPF consultation currently underway seeks to give additional protection and longevity to Neighbourhood Plan policies. Jo Witherden has also been asked for comments to support the refusal.

b) Neighbourhood Plan Review – update: The first review group meeting has taken place. MW had circulated minutes as well as a revised Housing Need Assessment and a first review of the NP policies. The HNA indicates no need for additional sites and so it is likely that only a “light touch” review will be necessary. MW will seek confirmation from the owners of sites in policies 17 and 18 that they expect to bring forward development plans before the end of the Plan in 2031. A timetable has been developed which sees a revised Plan being presented to the parish council in May; this can then go to 6 week local and statutory consultation from end of May to early July. Potentially the revised Plan could be “made” by Dorset Council in the autumn. Next review group meeting is on Tuesday 28th March. MW was asked to explore with JW whether climate and environmental emergency mitigation objectives could be built into the revised Plan.

049/23 – Co-option of a new parish councillor – update: Seven residents have come forward to offer their services for the two vacancies. They had all written brief personal statements. It was agreed to fix a two-hour evening session to which all councillors and candidates would be invited. Each candidate attending will be given a fifteen-minute interview. Councillors can then vote at the next parish council meeting in May. Whilst it is recognised that not all councillors or candidates will be able to make the session, this seemed the fairest and most practical way to proceed, MW will organise.

050/23 - Climate and ecological emergency: i) update: The minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2023 had been circulated. KH commented the Dorset Council is really stepping up to the mark on climate and environmental issues.

051/23 - Footpath and highways matters, including i) school parking: PB reported that Paul Southen from DC had met with Jestyn Coke of the Governors and it was been agreed to make an approach to local landowners. Details are unknown about what, when and how. **ii) Poor Lands field path:** Ian Stevenson had met two of the trustees who explained their objections to a solid path across the field. They do not wish to divide the field with a hard path in case a future tenant wishes to plough the field for a crop. The idea of a matting path, which could be easily removed, if necessary, might be acceptable. IS thinks this will cost about £850, and might be laid by the Stile Council members. It was noted there are funds in the footpath reserve to more than cover this and IS was asked to continue discussions with the trustees. The trustees are happier with improvements being made at the entrances to the field **iii) Stile Council report:** This had been circulated. The group do a magnificent job and SM will e-mail a note of thanks to IS and he will forward to the members of the group, who value their low public profile **iv) other matters:** SM is awaiting a response from Simon Gibson regarding the white lines on the bend near the war memorial. He has chased several times,

052/23 – The Keep – update: i) update on meadow and future strategy for the land: Richard Bray has removed the pig and ended his licence to occupy. He was very grateful for the parish council's co-operation over the last few years. **ii) update on encroachment:** The Burrough's had acknowledged our solicitor's letter and were taking advice. As yet, nothing further. MW will chase and highlight the 30th April deadline for action.

053/23 - Recreation Field -) to note any relevant Committee minutes: The Committee had met on 9th February and MW had circulated the minutes. Key items to note are: i) The increase in the pavilion booking fee to £7.50 per hour was noted and agreed. ii) the Methodist "Encounter" project appears to be running out of steam and the youth club has ended iii) the search for a mower goes on. The soon to be dissolved village trust fund has confirmed it would be happy for the sum (£5.3k approx.) being given towards the playing field to be used towards a replacement mower. MW has had an indication that the supplier in Lancashire has just has a suitable mower come into stock. He will check the detail and price etc. MR has kindly offered that one of his trucks, returning empty from a delivery, would be able to pick up a mower, but this clearly depends on location and time iv) MW's proposal re the cycle track had been circulated and was approved, subject to the cost of materials and plant hire being in the region of £2.5k, plus labour of £3k. The bulk of the cost will be met from the Wonston club youth reserve.

ii) Coronation weekend plans, including the school request: Arrangements for the weekend are in hand, led by James Porter. A request from the headteacher to buy all the children a memorial badge at a cost of approx. £150 was approved.

054/23 – Village hall - report including i) decarbonisation project: SM and MW had met to undertake the initial stages of a due diligence exercise. They had identified five workstreams as follows: a) seek confirmation that the hall committee have a genuine appetite for the scheme b) investigate and take guidance on VAT issues; the legality of reclaiming VAT on the purchase if the hall makes a contribution to reflect the energy savings it will be making and the impact on the PC accounting systems and work if it has to register for VAT as a result of receiving significant invoiced income from the hall c) consider the costs and benefits of using a specialist consultant to review the numbers and cost savings d) discuss with Dorset Council the possibility of using some of the Section 106 monies from the Handley Cross development towards the project. MW reported that this amounts to £36k but DC has set new project protocols that make the money harder to get our hands on! e) one key element for DC is to ensure there is community support for any schemes where the S106 funding is to be used. This will certainly require some form of consultation, questionnaire etc to be devised, circulated and results analysis undertaken. MW felt this might give evidence that would help a revised application to the Lottery for funds for the project.

A further source of funds is anticipated by way of a payment of £5.3k from the village trust fund to the hall. This will need to be spent in the short term on a designated project and it could be used by the hall to pay for the heat pumps and decommissioning of the oil central heating system. This would leave the pv panels and battery to be funded by the parish council scheme.

ii) defibrillator cabinet and heater: No progress yet, MW will liaise with James Porter. It needs to be acquired and fitted before next winter. MR had reported that the hall committee were desperate not to set a precedent that meant they had some responsibility for funding the ongoing costs of the defibrillator.

055/23 – Village web site proposals: No volunteers came from the Bytes article but SM has approached Vanessa Weddell about the role. He and MW will meet to discuss it with her.

056/23 – Report from Dorset Council Cllr Batstone: PB reported that DC's budget has been agreed, and £2.5 million has been taken from reserves for a hardship fund. Work continues to better integrate social care and

health care. Hubs for families to access services are being created. County Farms will be prioritising regenerative farming policies. The roll-out of electric car charging points to villages is underway, led by Chris Whitehouse who should be in touch soon.

057/23 - Public open session: Bruce Marriott made the point in relation to the village hall that solar panels are less effective in the winter

058/23 – Correspondence to note: None

059/23 – Date of next meeting: This will be on Tuesday 11th April 2023 at 7.15pm in the village hall

062/23 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

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