

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11th APRIL 2023 AT 7.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), Liz Stockley (LS), Val Rubie (VR), Martin Richards (MR) and Ivana Booker (IB) from minute 070/23; Members of the public – 7; **Minutes:** Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk.

063/23 - Apologies: Received from Ken Huggins (KH) and Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone (PB)

064/23 - Declarations of interest: MR declared a pecuniary interest in matters relating to the Neighbourhood Plan.

065/23 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2023: The minutes were approved as drafted.

066/23 – Matters arising from these minutes: Covered in the agenda

067/23 – Public open session: No comments

068/23 – 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	£16.13		£16.13
1459	M Wilson	April pay	£376.34		£376.34
1453	DAPTC	Subscription	£421.32		£421.32
1454	Dorset Planning	N Plan review	£1,278.70	£255.74	£1,534.44
1455	GeoXphere	Mapping licence	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
1456	Dorset Council	ROW SLA	£407.88	£81.58	489.46
		Office expenses - Jul- Oct 2022	£60.00		£60.00
1457	M Wilson	Jubilee/Coronation trees and plaques	£354.51		£354.51
1458	J Porter				
		Total			£3,460.70

ii) to approve the bank reconciliation as at 31st March 2023: This had been circulated in advance and was approved and signed by the Chairman

iii) to consider taking VAT consultancy advice: MW had obtained a quote from Lavat & Co (recommended by the internal auditor as specialists in parish and town councils VAT matters). Given a changed situation regarding the payment for the new air-source heating in the village hall, and the possibility of being able to use Section 106 monies for the pv panels and batteries, it was decided to delay seeking advice at this stage.

069/23 – Planning: a) to consider any applications received: None.

b) Neighbourhood Plan Review – update: Work is progressing well as set out in the circulated minutes of the Review Group meeting of 28th March. The Group is due to meet next on 17th May by which time a final draft Plan should be agreed for submission to the parish council meeting in June. The goal of having the Plan brought into force in the Autumn is still achievable. All progress though depends on further funding being available from Locality from April 2023.

c) Application approval to note: It has been brought to the parish council's attention that planning application 2022/04665 for 5 houses in a pony paddock in Kingston was approved by Dorset Council despite the site not being in the Neighbourhood Plan and the parish council objecting. The case officer took account of the age of the Plan and other factors in making the decision. This confirms the need to refresh the current Plan as quickly as possible.

070/23 – Co-option of a new parish councillor – update: The original number of 7 candidates had reduced to 4 and these had been interviewed by councillors. At a vote at this meeting, Ivana Booker (IB) and Neil Robson (NR) were co-opted as parish councillors. IB signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the council for the rest of meeting. MW will arrange for all the formalities to be completed. SM thanked all those who had shown an interest in joining the parish council. No doubt there will be other opportunities going forward.

071/23 - Climate and ecological emergency: i) update: The minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2023 had been circulated and were noted.

072/23 - Footpath and highways matters, including i) school parking: No news in the absence of PB. **ii) Poor Lands field path:** Ian Stevenson has been in liaison with the Trustees and the Rangers. A joint site visit

including pariah council members is being considered. **iii) other matters:** SM is still awaiting a response from Simon Gibson regarding the white lines on the bend near the war memorial. He has chased several times. LS mentioned the Hall and Woodhouse owned hedge adjacent to the Causeway is overhanging the road. She and MW will report to Dorset Council.

073/23 – The Keep – update: **i) update on meadow and future strategy for the land:** The ponies from Alners Gorse have completed their two-week stay. **ii) update on encroachment:** Mr and Mrs Burroughs have agreed to move their fence back to the original boundary line and to restore the ditch by the end of April. They will need to get a digger in to clear the ditch so the ground will need to dry out first.

074/23 – Recreation Field -) to note any relevant Committee minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March had been circulated and were noted. IB asked if there could be an outside light in the car park area. MW noted that there is a movement activated outside light – he will check to see if it is working properly.

075/23 – Village hall - report including i) decarbonisation project: MR had attended the hall committee meeting on 3rd April. Given the funding coming from the village trust fund, they are minded to go ahead with the purchase of the heat pumps themselves and incur the VAT. The AGM has been moved to 5th June. SM and MW have been invited to the next committee meeting on 8th May to explain the position regarding VAT. There had been a discussion about the installation of a switch to enable the hall to be powered by a generator and become a community hub in the event of an emergency. The hall committee would be happy provided the parish council paid the full cost of about £750 plus vat.

ii) Section 106 money: A sum of £36k will be available towards community infrastructure project from the Handley Cross development. MW has drafted a letter to Matt Proser, Chief Executive of Dorset Council, outlining concerns over the new protocols introduced by DC to seemingly make it very difficult for parish councils to spend the money on what they need and want. Ideally, some of the money could be used for the pv panels and battery. Councillors have been asked to give any comments on the letter to MW by Friday 14th April.

iii) defibrillator cabinet and heater: MW still to talk to James Porter.

076/23 – Village web site proposals: SM and MW are still to meet with Vanessa Weddell.

077/23 – Report from Dorset Council Cllr Batstone: No report as she was away. It was noted she will be standing down as a Dorset Councillor in 2024. She will be much missed. She will remain as a Sturminster Newton town councillor.

078/23 - Public open session: Bruce Marriott gave an update on his pv panels.

079/23 – Correspondence to note: An e mail has been received concerning the poor condition of the entrance to Alec's field – could it be smartened up and the gates re-painted before the Coronation weekend? MR has offered to see if the gates can be removed; if they can he will sand blast them at his works, but this won't be before the Coronation.

080/23 – Date of next meeting: This will be on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7.15pm in the village hall

081/23 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 pm