

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

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

125/23 - Apologies: Received from Neil Robson (NR)

126/23 - Declarations of interest: MR declared a pecuniary interest in matters relating to the Neighbourhood Plan.

127/23 – Adoption of the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 13th June 2023: The minutes were approved as drafted.

128/23 – Matters arising from these minutes: Covered in the agenda

129/23 – Public open session: The issue of long commercial vehicles using Silly Hill was highlighted; whether an “Unsuitable for HGV’s” sign would have an impact is a moot point. MR mentioned poor signage at Hunts and the Ferns Industrial estate created problem with lorries arriving at his yard and having to turn and be re-directed. Serendipity intervened as the owner of the Ferns was at the meeting and has agreed to put up some better signage. MR will forward details to MW so he can make Hunts aware.

See below, minute 131/23/a/ii for comments from David Williamson-Jones regarding the Ferns industrial estate.

130/23 – Finance: i) to approve accounts for payment: The following payments were approved:

SO	IKServices	Dog bin emptying	£136.50		£136.50
DD	Dorset Council	Cemetery rates	£19.00		£19.00
1482	M Wilson	Expenses	£322.40	£51.10	£373.50
1483	M Wilson	July pay	£376.34		£376.34
1484	J Cluett	Replace chq 1445	£33.00		£33.00
1485	L Holman	Grass cutting	£150.00		£150.00
		Total			£1,088.34

ii) to agree the bank reconciliation and financial summary as at ed of June 2023: These had been circulated in advance and were approved and signed by the Chairman.

131/23 – Planning:

a) to consider any applications received:

i) P/FUL/2023/03621 – Wonston Farm, Thickthorn Lane, DT11 2ED – erect one dwelling and car port for agricultural worker: Although in-fill developments are envisaged in the Neighbourhood Plan, this is only expected within the Settlement Boundary. This is a remote rural site but the need for on-site accommodation 24 x 7 for the dairy herd workers is accepted. Provided the development has an agricultural tie, and features such a permeable hard standing and pv panels and other items from Dorset Council’s new sustainability check-list are included, then there were no objections.

ii) P/FUL/2023/02164 - The Ferns Industrial Estate – develop new building for small business units:

This application had been sent by Dorset Council to the parish council on 13th June with comments due by 4th July. Due to an administrative error, the notification had not been circulated to councillors. David Williamson-Jones explained the application and SM accessed the details on his lap-top. New sites for employment are supported within our Neighbourhood Plan; it will provide useful local employment and/or facilities for people to develop their own businesses; the location and footprint and height of the proposed new workshop are appropriate for the site and match what is already there; there seems to be adequate space for commercial vehicles entering the site to turn and exit safely; the working hours seem appropriate for the type of businesses likely to use the facility. Parish councillors supported the application and MW was asked to write direct to the case officer, Jim Bennett, explaining why the deadline for comments had been missed.

b) Neighbourhood Plan - to agree how to finance the progress of the Plan: Jo Witherden had not yet provided a detailed breakdown of her future costs, so there is still only the rough estimate of £6k. Given continuing delays in Locality being able to offer grant money, MW had taken a detailed look at the financial implications of moving ahead without grant money. Leaving earmarked reserves of £21,897 and the contingency reserve of £7,150 untouched it would be feasible to fund normal budgeted expenditure for the remainder of the financial year and £6k for the N Plan by making an early re-claim of VAT of approx. £2,432 and using the general reserve of £8,895.

If the Locality grant scheme does open then it will be possible to claim grant money for any work still to be done from that date. MW expects that he and Ian Stevenson will be able to undertake some of the tasks that involve time rather than planning expertise. It is highly likely that the amount actually paid by HBPC will be below £6k.

MR questioned whether the community would support this expenditure. Feedback from the public attending showed strong support.

It was agreed to fund expenditure up to a maximum limit of £6k to move the Plan forward as quickly as possible to minimise the number of unwelcome planning developments that might slip through the net before the Plan regains full planning weight.

c) Section 106 money: MW has a meeting with the team leader from Dorset Council on 13th July.

132/23 – Website and social media – update: Vanessa Weddell (VW) reported on the excellent progress made on the web site. She and MW are meeting Jamie Forster of Motley on Monday 24th July to discuss further enhancements.

133/23 - Climate and ecological emergency update: KH reported that the Climate Group met on Tuesday 4th July, minutes will be issued in due course. Discussions are due with the Woodland Trust contractors who maintain Millenium Wood about extending the river of flowers. He will liaise with VW over the Groups presence on the web site, as well as the Keep. Next Group meeting is 19th September.

134/23 - Footpath and highways matters, including i) Poor Lands field path: No action likely ii) **other matters:** SM still to hear from DC about the white lines at the war memorial. MW has been advised that Wessex Water will be replacing the water main along the Causeway and The Common. The road will be closed from August to November with a big diversion via Sturminster Newton. Residents will be given access at all times.

135/23 – The Keep – update: i) update on meadow and future strategy for the land: The river of flowers is making some progress and the yellow rattle on the Keep is well established and more will be planted soon to help reduce the rampant grass. The path will be widened and simple, flexible laminated signs will provide information to the public. The grass will be cut and removed at the end of July, after seeding. Brambles will probably be cut next spring. They provide a safe habitat for small birds at this time of year. The ponies are also expected back in the spring.

136/23 - Recreation Field - to note the Committee minutes: Draft minutes of the meeting held on 10th July had been circulated by MW, and were noted and agreed. The key item is the revived football club and the parish council agreed that the annual fee of £300 could be paid in instalments of £50 per month starting on 31st October. This will give the club time to generate some funds. The cycle track is proving very popular. The temporary safety signs remain in situ (amazingly) and MW will chase 4D Signs over more permanent signs for the site. Plans for the youth shelter were noted and quotes are awaited for the work.

137/23 – Village Hall – report: Year to date financials indicate a surplus of income over expenditure, but details are sketchy. The strategy paper is delayed. The heat pump contractors hope to start work in September at the earliest. The hall committee is putting up a small plaque to recognise the donation from the Recreation and General Trust. These will also be given to the school and for the pavilion. MW will contact James Porter about a new defibrillator cabinet.

138/23 – Report from Dorset Council Cllr Batstone: Her report had been circulated. She is hoping the developer and Dorset council can agree a commemorative information plaque at the Violet Cross

development in memory of said lady and her many achievements in WW2 and after for the community.

139/23 - Public open session: Ian Stevenson enquired about a community welcome pack for new arrivals. SM made contact when delivering Bryan Bytes with many new residents in Violet Cross and will re-visit others in due course.

140/23 – Correspondence to note: None

141/23 – Date of next meeting: This will be on Tuesday 8th August 2023 at 7.15pm in the village hall

142/23 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm

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