

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8th AUGUST 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), Ivana Booker (IB) and Neil Robson (NR); Members of the public – 12; **Minutes:** Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk.

148/23 - Apologies: None received

149/23 - Declarations of interest: MR declared a pecuniary interest in matters relating to the Neighbourhood Plan.

150/23 – Adoption of the minutes of the meetings held on 11th July and 2nd August 2023: The minutes were approved as drafted.

151/23 – Matters arising from these minutes: Covered in the agenda

152/23 – Public open session: The footpath behind Honeybun Meadow is overgrown – MW will report to the Rangers

153/23 – 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	£19.00		£19.00
DD	SSE	Pavilion electricity	£302.11	£15.10	£317.21
1486	M Wilson	August pay	£376.34		£376.34
1487	L Holman	Grass cutting	£200.00		£200.00
		Total			£1,049.05

154/23 – Planning:

a) to consider any applications received: None. However, MR had received a complaint from a person whose name he was not at liberty to reveal concerning application P/FUL/2023/02164 for the Ferns Industrial Estate site. This had not appeared on the agenda last month due to a clerical error, but the matter had been discussed and comments in support submitted after the deadline for comments has passed, so these comments would have no real weight in the officer's decision. The complainant had comments about the height and usage of the existing units, and complaints about the process of considering the application for the new units. With regard to the existing units, the complainant should make comments direct to Dorset Council's enforcement team, Comments can be made anonymously on-line. With regard to the new application, any complaint about the process should be sent in writing to the parish council. The person's identity can be kept out of the public domain.

b) Neighbourhood Plan – update: Good progress has been made in recent weeks. The Locality grant scheme re-opened on 25th July, an application was submitted on 27th July and this was approved today. Arrangements for the pre-consultation consultation are in hand. Forms have been received back from the printers today and will be delivered to households before the Friday 18th August deadline. The new Plan, the consultation form and the link to Survey Monkey are all live on the web site. There are also ballot boxes and spare forms at the village hall and the Red Barn shop. Statutory consultees will be e-mailed by MW this week.

c) Section 106 money: MW had had a very useful meeting with the team leader at Dorset Council. In reality, DC will take a more pragmatic approach than its guidelines might suggest eg, it will not require matched funding from other sources, and once the results of the consultation noted above (which includes a section on S 106 funding) are received to gauge public support for the play area and the hall pv panels, then work can begin on applications to DC.

d) Dorset Council's housing strategy consultation: It was agreed that the parish council would not make a single response. Individuals can reply as they see fit.

155/23 – Website and social media – update: MW and Vanessa Weddell's meeting with Jamie Forster had been postponed due to an incident between Jamie and the inhabitants of a wasp's nest! VW has continued to update the site in the interim. The next edition of Bryan Bytes will have a big focus on the site.

156/23 - Climate and ecological emergency update: The chair, Keith Wheaton-Green, re-capped the group's involvement in the new heating and pv panel initiatives at the hall, as well as other past initiatives – the river of flowers (sadly disappointing lack of germination from the wildflower seeds) and the infra-red camera to identify heat loss from houses. Dorset Council has funding for nature recovery schemes and the group will be meeting with Geraldine Hobson and Chris Eyres, historic tree wardens, to consider plans in Hazelbury.

IB suggested that Dorset CAN might have funds for pv panel schemes. KWG suggested there ought to be community contributions available from the solar site at Pulham.

157/23 - Footpath and highways matters: SM still to hear from DC about the white lines at the war memorial from Councillor Ray Bryan, portfolio holder for Highways. Ian Stevenson has suggested purchasing two dumpy bags of scalpings to put down on the Keep side of the Poor Lands path. This was agreed, cost about £70. IS will liaise with MW over purchase and delivery. IS will spread, KN offered to help. Churchfoot Lane has been top-dressed but the promised road sweeper has not yet appeared so the loose gravel is starting to disappear down the drains, which will become more blocked than usual. Residents have complained on-line to DC. There was an inconclusive discussion about how residents and businesses will be affected by the long-term Wessex Water road closure at Wonston

158/23 – The Keep – update on meadow and future strategy for the land: KH noted that the grass cutting has been delayed due to the wet weather.

159/23 - Recreation Field - to note the Committee minutes: Next meeting due 15th August. MW noted the enthusiasm from the new football club. The cycle track remains popular. There is some puddling after the recent heavy rain and MW will ask Chris Rose to visit see if any adjustments might be necessary. Still no response from 4D Signs, an alternative might need to be found for the safety signs.

160/23 – Village Hall – report: Financial information has been provided but it lacks the detail for it to be of any real benefit. SM hopes this might be improved. The hall committee is hopeful work on the new heat pumps will start on 2nd October. If it does, then the de-commissioning of the old oil system will be done in the preceding week.

161/23 – Report from Dorset Council Cllr Batstone: Nothing to report in her absence. A question was asked about her objection to the solar farm application, and whether Dorset will gain any direct benefit in terms of energy generation. Clarification will be sought at the next meeting.

162/23 - Public open session: No comments

163/23 – Correspondence to note: None

164/23 – Date of next meeting: This will be on Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 7.15pm in the village hall

165/23 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm