

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

Present: Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), Val Rubie (VR), Liz Stockley (LS), Ivana Booker (IB), Ken Huggins (KH) and Neil Robson (NR); Dorset Council councillor Pauline Batstone (PB); Members of the public – 21; **Minutes:** Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk.

184/23 - Apologies: Received from Martin Richards (MR)

185/23 - Declarations of interest: None declared

186/23 – Adoption of the minutes of the meetings held on 12th September 2023: The minutes were approved as drafted.

187/23 – Matters arising from these minutes: Covered in the agenda

188/23 – Public open session: No comments

189/23 – 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
1501	A J Gallagher	Insurance for track	92.95		92.95
1502	M Wilson	October pay	£376.34		£376.34
1503	HMRC	Paye	£186.80		£186.80
1504	M Wilson	Defibrillator cabinet	£495.00	£99.00	£594.00
1505	J Bettle	Grass seed	£75.82	£1.17	£76.99
1506	Dorset Planning	Neighbourhood Plan	£829.85	165.97	£995.82
1507	A J Gallagher	Insurance renewal	£3,658.27		£3,658.27
1508	Cancelled		£0.00		£0.00
1509	C Rose	Cycle track final work	£495.00		£495.00
1510	N Robson	Pavilion electrical repairs	£56.59		£56.59
1511	J Cluett	Pavilion cleaning	£115.50		£115.50
1512	J Bettle JB	Aggregate	£67.92	£13.59	£81.51
1513	Gardens	Grass cutting	£592.00	£118.40	£710.40

ii) to agree the bank reconciliation as at the end of September 2023: The reconciliation had been circulated in advance and was approved and signed by the Chairman

iii) to consider the Section 106 community feedback and consider a way forward: The provisional summary of responses indicates strong support for both the pv panels and the playground. Following the meeting to discuss the full details of the community consultation on 12th September (see minute 190/23/b below) the matter will be considered at the next parish council meeting.

iv) review of Financial Regulations: The internal auditor had recommended updating our Financial Regulations. MW had attempted to obtain the latest generic template from NALC but this is currently being updated. It was agreed to postpone the review until the new NALC document is available.

190/23 – Planning:

a) to consider any applications received: P/PIT/2023/04394 – Land west of Kingston Row – erect 5 dwellings: Approval in principle for this development has been granted previously by Dorset Council against the recommendations of the parish council and the Neighbourhood Plan. This application

gives the detail of the 5 dwellings but these are contrary to policy HB 16 of the Plan. This requires new development to be for “lower cost/smaller (2 – 3 bedroom) houses”.....Larger homes (with the equivalent space for four or more bedrooms) are only likely to be accepted where the characteristics of the plot and surrounding area lend themselves to such larger dwellings”. Two of the five are 4-bedroom houses in small plots; and the 3-bedroom bungalows are unlikely to be “low cost”. There is also considerable local unhappiness about the practicalities of construction traffic accessing the site along the very narrow Kingston Lane. The parish council therefore agreed to object to the proposed detailed development plans.

b) Neighbourhood Plan – update: The consultation has closed. There has been a significant response from the community and the overall message is one of support. MW and Ian Stevenson (IS) are meeting with Jo Witherden on 12th September to review the feedback and prepare documentation, including a final revised Plan, for consideration at parish council in November.

191/23 – Website and social media – update: Vanessa Weddell encouraged people with events, clubs etc to publicise to send her details for the web site. The Neighbourhood Plan consultation had been well managed with “Next Door” being used to highlight how information could be found on the website with no option to engage in direct communication using “Next Door”.

192/23 - Climate and ecological emergency update: Minutes of the groups meeting on 22nd September 2023 will be circulated when prepared.

193/23 - Footpath and highways matters:

i) the Causeway road-closure: SM outlined the background on the original closure from 24th August to the present, where the road is completely shut following an accident between a Spanish lorry and a Wessex Water vehicle. The major works are moving southward and in the next couple of weeks there will be no vehicle access at all to the shop, including for deliveries. The situation for emergency vehicles, dustbins etc is unclear. SM has been in constant contact with Darren and Tara throughout and especially now. They have a decision to make about whether it’s worth opening for the next month or whether it will be better to close the shop completely. Wessex Water’s promises at a high level of compensation do not currently seem to have filtered down to practical help now, although discussions continue. SM emphasised that the community needs to pull out all the stops to support the shop both now and when it re-opens after any closure. It is disappointing that most of those who received support with home deliveries etc in Covid did not continue to use the shop once the pandemic had ended. The same apparently is true for those who collect prescriptions, but never buy anything.

SM felt there are lessons to be learned from this, and if a similar closure or event is planned for the future then the utility, Dorset Council etc will be asked to attend a public meeting to run through the full implications.

The situation of access to the shop has not been helped by people in the community and commercial vehicle drivers telling the security guards that they are going to the shop when in reality they are just driving through the site and avoiding the diversion.

Tara made a plea that the Wessex Water workforce is now left alone and allowed to get on with the job as quickly as possible.

This is a fast moving situation and the parish council will try and keep the community updated as soon as any relevant information is available.

ii) forthcoming road closures: There are a number of upcoming temporary road closures for work to be done by Wessex Water and Open Reach. DC Highways has confirmed these won’t happen if the Causeway work is still underway.

iii) footpaths: IS has contacted the Rangers about the “slide” on the footpath through the Hannam’s land. He has had no contact back. He asked that the parish council engaged contractors to do the work before winter. There is no indication that the Hannam’s would allow this to happen. PB will speak to the Rangers to see what plans they have to progress this.

194/23 – The Keep – update on meadow and future strategy for the land: Nothing new to report.

195/23 - Recreation Field - to note the Committee minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 17th September had been circulated and were noted and approved, including the expenditure for new timing switches on the heaters. These will be installed by NR. The final snagging work on the cycle track – weed control, topsoil, grass seed and aggregate for the centre area has been completed, including a days work by Chris Rose as well as LS, NR, Jim Bettle and Jamie Hart. The question of parking on Alec's Field had been discussed but it is not straightforward, especially in winter. Cars cannot go onto the football pitch without causing significant damage to the already less than perfect playing surface. It needs to be roped off to prevent access, but this is also potentially difficult if it creates a throat-high choke hazard for small children. A more permanent fence will be expensive and needs to be removable for the summer. Making a better surface by the hedge between the gates and the pavilion might help, but will not provide significant capacity. The potential perils of having the gates open constantly for casual parking are well known and the risks are not worth the marginal benefits at the road junction.

196/23 – Village Hall – report: The new heating system is fully installed. It looks great and works well too apparently. Some final work on making good after the removal of the oil tank remains to be done shortly. The contractor did a brilliant job, and IB was congratulated by James Porter for her work as the on-site project controller

The heated defibrillator cabinet has been received and it was agreed NR will fit. Another defibrillator has been donated by the school – it was received from the government but the school has one anyway – and it is hoped a suitable site in Kingston might be found.

197/23 – Report from Dorset Council Cllr Batstone: Nothing to report as she is just back from holiday.

198/23 - Public open session: The parish council was asked about the dying ash trees in Millenium Wood. The Wood is owned by the Woodland Trust and is nothing to do with the parish council.

199/23 – Correspondence to note: None

200/23 – Date of next meeting: This will be on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.15pm in the village hall

201/23 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm