

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14th MAY 2024 AT 7.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), Val Rubie (VR), Neil Robson (NR), Martin Richards (MR), Liz Stockley (LS), Ken Huggins (KH); Members of the public – 10; **Minutes:** Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk.

082/24 – To appoint the Chairman for the coming year: SM was elected Chairman for the next 12 months, and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He thanked councillors and summarised the highlights of the year – the decarbonisation of the village hall, the revised Neighbourhood Plan, the support for the shop during the road closure for the new water main, a new gang mower, new cycle jumps, the upgraded web site managed by Vanessa Weddell and the successful defence of the Keep in a boundary dispute. Funding has been obtained from a number of external sources – grants of £7k from Locality for the Neighbourhood Plan, £4k from Dorset Council for the hall and £15k from the Lottery for the coming year's play area upgrade; in addition, there was the release of £14k Section 106 money from Dorset Council and a gift of £6k from the Trustees of the village trust fund. SM thanks the clerk and councillors for their efforts, and was delighted all the councillors had been re-elected for a further term.

083/24 - Apologies: Received from Ivana Booker

084/24 - Declarations of interest: None

085/24 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2024: The minutes were approved as drafted.

086/24 – Matters arising from these minutes: MW has been advised by Dorset Council that a retrospective planning application for the My Tan site in Pidney is expected by July

087/24 – Public open session: There are some concerns over the vulnerability and security of the battery at the hall. IB is looking at possible solutions. The muddy entrance to some of the gates on the path to Coney Lane was mentioned. MW confirmed that now the ground was firmer some scalplings etc will be delivered to site to help. SM will be pursuing the trustees of the Poor Lands field to see if they can be persuaded to allow improvements to the path across their land. In answer to a question, LS confirmed a “do not park” sign is ready to be fixed to the gates at Alex Field.

088/24 – To elect the Vice-chairman for the coming year: VR was elected as Vice-chairman for the coming 12 months

089/24 – To resolve to adopt the General Power of Competence for the coming year: The parish council meets the criteria to adopt the General Power of Competence and it resolved to do so

090/24 – To appoint members of the Recreation Ground Committee: The following were re-appointed – LS/NR/Jim Bettel/Barry Thompson and Kirsty Liddicoat

091/24 – To appoint representatives to outside bodies: MR and IB were appointed as the parish council's representatives on the Village Hall Committee. It was noted that IB was already a trustee of the Hall committee before she became a parish councillor. MR's appointment is purely as an observer/reporter and not as a trustee.

092/24 – To assign responsibilities for a) Rights of Way - MR b) Allotments KH c) Transport - MR

093/24 – Finance: i) to approve accounts for payment: The following payments were approved:

Cheque	Payee		Net	VAT	Total
SO	IKServices	Dog bin emptying	£150.15		£150.15
DD	Dorset Council	Cemetery rates	£19.00		£19.00
1554	Empower Ltd	PV panels and battery	£13,125.00		£13,125.00
Confirmation - cheque signed as urgent payment by Chairman and Clerk under Financial Regs 5.5					
1555	HMRC	Interest	£2.05		£2.05
1556	Darkin Miller Ltd	Internal audit	£372.29	£74.75	£446.75
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1557	Simpson	Alec's Field grass	£270.00		£270.00
1558	Caplen Plumbing	Pavilion showers	£185.00	£37.00	£222.00
1559	Sarum Graphics	N Plan booklets	£64.00		£64.00
1560	Appleby & Childs	Refund of overpayment	£25.00		£25.00
1561	M Wilson	May pay	£307.54		£307.54
	JB				
1562	Gardens	Grass cut cemetery etc	£390.00	£78.00	£468.00

ii) to note the report of the internal auditor on the annual accounts and governance statement and agree to take appropriate action following the recommendations in the report: The report had been circulated and the action plan proposed by the clerk was agreed.

iii) to authorise the Chairman to sign the Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2024: It was agreed that the Chairman could sign the Annual Governance Statement.

iv) to authorise the Chairman to sign the Accounting Statement for the year ending 31st March 2024: It was agreed the Chairman could sign the Accounting Statement.

v) to confirm no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP, external auditors: There are no conflicts of interest.

094/24 – Planning: a) to consider any applications received: a) to consider any planning applications received:

iP/HOU/2024/02069 - Location: Tower View Farm Silly Hill to Kingston Lane - Lane Kingston

Hazelbury Bryan Dorset DT10 2AR Proposal: Erect single storey extension: Supported

ii)P/FUL/2024/01662 - Proposal: Change of use & conversion of agricultural building to 1 no.

dwelling (Class C3) Location: Mount Pleasant Farm, Woolland, DT11 0EX: Supported

iii)P/VOC/2024/02291Proposal: Erect Rear Extension - Variation of condition no. 2 to planning permission P/HOU/2023/01941 to alter approved plans – Location -The Bakery

The Causeway, DT10 2BH: Supported

iv) P/HOU/2024/02559 – The Willows, Partway Lane, DT10 2DP – erect single storey rear extension: Supported

095/24 - Footpath and highways matters, including i) 20 mph speed limit research: SM has been unable to get a meeting with the Community Highways Officer because of pre-election “purdah” rules. Now the elections are over he will pursue this. The school is supportive of the idea and do have a log of traffic incidents, not all speed related. **ii) other matters:** The road closure to allow repair work on the Kings Stag bridge is now scheduled for 24 June and should last for about 2 weeks. MR hopes the road closure from the south will allow access to the homes and businesses beyond The Common and up to the bridge. SM will pursue this with Highways.

096/24 – Legal land matters: MW met with Farnfields on 9th May. With regard to the boundary with the Willows, the advice is for Mr Marsh to claim for registration of title based on adverse possession, given the small strip of land has been used by the owners since the property was built and the parish council has no claim on the land. With regard to the village hall, Farnfields are trying to ascertain ownership of the parcel of land in front of the hall. There is an option to potentially apply for first registration but the matter will be carried forward to the next meeting to await their final advice.

097/24 – The Keep – update: i) update on meadow: KH reported that the wild flowers, especially the yellow rattle, have flowered early - this means the ponies won't be able to come to graze this year

098/24 - Recreation Field - to note the Committee minutes: The next committee meeting is on 28th May. The pavilion has been painted in advance of Dorset Arts Week, the Hedgehog Rescue Day is this coming Saturday and the Church Fete on 6th July. MW is moving forward with the release of the remaining S106 funding from Dorset Council. He hopes to get “in principle” approval before going out to tender.

099/24 – Village hall – report: i) pv and battery project: This is complete save for the matter of battery security mentioned in 087/24 above. **ii) land issues to the rear:** There is consensus that there are the early signs of slippage or subsidence. After a discussion involving representatives of the hall, it was agreed not to attempt any remedial measures ourselves but to advise the insurers and follow their protocols and procedures to resolution. MW will make contact. Should the insurers not cover the position, hopefully a remote possibility, then plan B will be to borrow from the Public Works Loan Board or use the halls and parish council reserves, or a mixture of the two. **iii) other matters:** The matter of the generator switch is unresolved at present. Alterations need to be made to the toilet doors so that they open outwards and have locks that can be opened from the outside in an emergency.

100/24 – Report from Dorset Council Cllr Murcer: At the local elections on 2nd May 2024, SM was elected as District Councillor for the Blackmore Vale ward. He is going through the induction process and will sit on Overview Committees with responsibilities for school appeals and child and adult social care.

101/24 – Correspondence to note: None

102/24 – Date of next meeting: This will be on Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 7.15pm in the village hall

103/24 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

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