

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), Ivana Booker (IB), Martin Richards (MR), Ken Huggins (KH), Val Rubie (VR); Members of the public – 4; **Minutes:** Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk.

182/24 - Apologies: Received from Neil Robson (NR) and Liz Stockley (LS)

183/24 - Declarations of interest: None declared

184/24 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2024: The minutes were approved as drafted.

185/24 – Matters arising from these minutes: Dorset Council are still seeking more information from the applicant for the traveller site in Pidney before processing the retrospective application

186/24 – Public open session: With sadness it was noted that Alma Tenwick is very poorly and been moved to a nursing home. It was agreed to send a bunch of flowers from the parish council. Alma is a village stalwart and a regular attendee at parish council meetings

187/24 – Finance: i) accounts for payment: The following payments were approved.

	Payee	Supply	Ex VAT	VAT	Total
SO	IKServices	Dog bin emptying	£150.15		£150.15
DD	Dorset Council	Cemetery rates	£19.00		£19.00
DD	SSE	Pavilion electricity	£240.01	£12.00	£252.01
1586	N D Young Transport Ltd	Wood chip for play area	£2,567.00	£513.40	£3,080.40
1587	M Wilson	October pay	£435.02		£435.02
1588	R Simpson	Field grass	£157.50		£157.50
1589	J McQuillan-Graham SP	Eco day posters	£64.80		£64.80
1590	Services	New defibrillator	£999.99	£200.00	£1,199.99
1591	Cancelled				
1592	Playdale	Burundi climber repairs	£332.24	£66.45	£398.69
1593	M Wilson	Expenses	£161.01	£13.98	£174.99

ii) To note and agree the bank reconciliation and financial summary as at 30th September 2024: This had been circulated in advance and was approved and signed by KH.

iii) to consider a grant request from Life Education charity: This charitable organisation is running a life style and well-being workshop day at the school. The cost is £540. The school pays 70% and the charity is looking for a donation of up the £145 to cover the shortfall. After a discussion it was agreed to make a grant of £145 provided the school confirms it is in agreement with this support. MW will check.

188/24 – Planning: a) to consider any applications received: None received **b) other planning matters:** MW noted the receipt of details of a planning appeal from the owners of Nuzzlebury Cottage, Droop, DT10 2ED against a decision by Dorset Council to refuse an application to create a drive entrance for the property. It is the old Sunday school building near the school, and the occupants use the lay-by near the school to park their car. No action required.

189/24 - Footpath and highways matters:

i) update on approach to Hall & Woodhouse over Causeway hedge: MW has made contact and is awaiting a call from the estates team.

ii) rights of way – update on discussion over SLA with the Rangers: MW has a meeting arranged for next week

iii) any other matters: None

190/24 – Legal land matters: i) **The Willows:** MW has a telephone appointment to speak with the Land Registry on Thursday 10th October ii) **Land adjacent to the village hall:** The hall committee is meeting in two weeks when this pre-registration caution will be discussed.

191/24 – The Keep – update: i) **update on meadow:** It is hoped it will be dry enough to cut and collect the grass at the end of this week

192/24 - Recreation Field i) **to agree to formally approve the design and price for the new multi-use games area from Creative Play Ltd:** At September's parish council it had been agreed to work with Creative Play Ltd as our chosen supplier. The Recreation Committee were charged with agreeing a final design at a price within budget. This had been done and the parish council approved the design and price of £36,610 ex VAT. This would be a fixed price contract with no alterations without the parish council's prior approval. Some details were discussed including access for contractor's vehicles, equipment and materials; protection and restitution of the cricket field; safety inspections etc.

ii) **update on any other relevant matters:** The question of spraying the broad-leaved weeds with herbicide was deferred until the next meeting in the absence of LS, Chair of the Recreation Ground Committee.

193/24 – Web site – update: Nothing particular to report

194/24 – Climate group: Whilst numbers at the Eco Open Day had been slightly disappointing there had been useful conversations and discussions with attendees.

195/24 – Cemetery – progress on safety inspection: MW has ascertained from the Wiltshire County Records office that the main area of the cemetery (ie. all that land to the right of the path, entering from the top gate nearest to Droop) is consecrated land. This means the diocese will take an interest in the safety inspection. MW is awaiting guidance from the Diocese.

196/24 – Community Resilience: No volunteers have come forward following the article in Bryan Bytes. SM will be arranging a meeting with NR, VR, MW and James Porter plus Clare Jennings from Dorset Council to try and move things forward.

197/24 – Parish clerk – to approve the revised contract arrangements: A detailed review of the clerk's grade had been undertaken and agreed. It would now be SCP 27. The Chairman and clerk signed a new contract to reflect the changes.

198/24 – Village hall: IB noted that the heating system needed its first annual service. The hall is now exporting energy through Octopus but she hopes to negotiate a better export tariff.

199/24 – Report from Dorset Council Cllr Murcer: His report had been circulated in advance.

200/24 – Correspondence to note: i) The Green, Kingston: A problem with cars parking on The Green had been reported via the web site. IB explained that she had spoken to the family in question. They had apologised but the surfeit of vehicles and trailers were the result of a change in domestic arrangements and the vehicles are being removed. The Green is used by most residents on occasions such as rubbish collection days to allow the bin lorry through. MW will respond to the complainant ii) Angela Chatters, the Allotment Association chair, has asked if the PC could undertake an annual inspection of the plots to help ensure tenants met their obligations under their tenancy agreement. KH, as the parish councillor with responsibility for the allotments, will undertake the task.

201/24 – Date of next meeting: This will be on Tuesday 13th November 2024 at 7.15pm in the village hall

202/24 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm