

Hazelbury Bryan Bytes

Parish Council Newsletter – Issue 22 –September 2014

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Message from Steve Murcer – Chairman

The last few weeks have seen a number of significant changes on the parish council. Matthew Mills has left as Clerk and I’d like to thank him for his hard work during his 14 months in the role. The recruitment process always takes a little time and we were very fortunate that Jenny Farthing stepped back into the role and helped out as best she could given she was in the midst of moving away from HB. Thanks Jenny, and good luck in your new home in Winchester! We had several applications and after interviews appointed Malcolm Wilson as our new clerk. Malcolm is very experienced having been a clerk in Sussex for over 8 years and since moving to Ibberton he has also become the clerk at Shillingstone. Malcolm is fully qualified having the Certificate in Local Council Administration. Before beginning his clerking career Malcolm worked for Lloyds Bank for 30 years in a variety of roles in the corporate sector – so we now have a trio of bankers on the council! I’m delighted to say that we also have a new councillor – Alun Read was co-opted at August’s parish council meeting and we welcome him to the council. Alun is currently a naval helicopter pilot but retirement is on the horizon and he is keen to make a practical contribution to our work – so welcome aboard!

Steve Murcer, Chairman

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Community Building project on Alec's Field: an explanation! The proposed changing room redevelopment is often overheard as being referred to as the cricket pavilion, this is unfortunate but understandable as they are the only team left currently using Alec's Field. The whole village has, over many years, raised a huge amount of money (in excess of £20,000) to provide fit for purpose facilities for sports and village events that take place on the field. The new building would not only allow the existing cricket team to continue using the ground (they recently raised £1000 by hosting a floodlit tournament), but would also encourage the return of the football team and hopefully encourage new sports and activities to the village. As a social venue the building would provide an ideal location for family gatherings and children's parties which would provide a steady income for the playing field committee to put towards enhancing the current playground facilities and bring in new equipment to cover the interests of all age groups within the village. The interests of teenagers and older children in the village are not currently well represented at the field and the income would allow us to look at projects to provide equipment to cover their interests and possibly the building could even act as a venue for a regular sports or activity based groups for this age group. The new buildings will provide a home ground that our sports teams can be proud to play at and be a focal point for many social events for the Hazelbury Bryan community.

Jim Bettle Playing Field Committee Chairman

Dog poop – a sticky old subject

Anyone who walks round the community will be very aware of the problems we have with dog poop. Well, actually the problem is not so much with the poop or with the dog – the problem lies with those dog owners who don't take responsibility for their pet. It's pretty simple to "scoop the poop". Most dog owners are fine and they will "scoop" and then take the bag home to be disposed of properly. Some, unfortunately, don't "scoop" or even leave the bag of poop hanging on a branch in a hedgerow which is really worse than leaving it on the ground – who is going to take it away – the pixies? More dog waste bins may be the answer and as a trial 2 bins have been purchased – one for the junction by the school and the other in Zoar Lane in Kingston. North Dorset District Council will not empty any extra bins so we have arranged an alternative contractor. The latter site is particularly sensitive as cattle grazing this field have suffered spontaneous abortions caused by the neosporosis parasite which can be passed on from dog faeces. PLEASE LEAVE THE COUNTRYSIDE AS YOU WOULD WISH TO FIND IT!

In brief:

Ideas Please 2014: Parish Council will soon be making decisions on expenditure following the huge response to its questionnaire.

Web site: Our service provider is moving away so we'll be engaging a new provider; this may mean some changes at the end of October but normal service should be maintained.

Hedges, grass, ditches etc: The parish council is exploring new arrangements, possibly by putting some contracts out to tender on a more "all inclusive" basis to gauge interest.

Royal British Legion: Watch out for a community inclusive Remembrance Day event, and memorial tree planting

Mobile Phones

Living in a rural community it's easy to accept that a mobile phone signal is an unaccustomed luxury in some places. Of course, it depends on the network provider that you have but if you travel round Dorset we all know that reception varies hugely from place to place. And what about 3g, or even 4G!

Vodafone is offering 100 communities the chance to participate in its Rural Open Sure Signal initiative. In essence up to 10 small transmitters are fixed to buildings and this will give the area 3G mobile phone reception. It sounds simple but there are snags to overcome – the building with the transmitter needs to have good broadband speed, the owner needs to give permission, someone has to pay the electricity bill (about £30 per annum per transmitter), the transmitters have a range of 500 yards so need to be spread around the parish.....and of course you have to be a Vodafone customer. Applications have to be submitted by 14th October and it's unlikely that 10 suitable properties will have been identified by then, but if you think your place – house, shop, business etc – might be suitable then e-mail the Clerk. The parish council will decide at its meeting in October whether or not to submit an application.

Parish Council meetings: Held on the first Tuesday of every month at 8pm in the Village Hall. During the meeting there is a time set aside for the public to raise matters of concern or local interest.

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