

HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 1st March 2011

Present:- Ann McCullogh (AM); Steve Murcer (SM); Dave Roberts (DR); Martin Richards (MR); Emma Marshall (EM); Emma Grayson (EG)

Members of the Public:- 20; Cllr David Fox

Minutes:- Parish Clerk

Apologies:- Barry Mayne (BM);

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035/11	To adopt the minutes of the previous meetings The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 st February were agreed.	
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036/11	Matters Arising from those minutes None	
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037/11	Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest None.	
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038/11	Chairman's statement The chairman made a clear statement clarifying the situation regarding the new shop and post office which is included in full as an addendum to these minutes.	
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039/11	Financial Report a) Payments It was resolved to make the following payments:	
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Amount	Payee	Service	Statutory provision
£2,390.42	J B Garden Services	Footpath improvements	1972 s215
£115.00	Kit Clifford	Notice Board repair	1972 s133
£78.00	Amdaris	Web hosting	1963 s5
£6,646.20	Martin Richards	Play equipment	1976 s19
£288.55	Mrs J Farthing	Parish Clerk Salary	1989 s10
£41.64	Mrs J Farthing	Parish Clerk Expenses	1963 s5

040/11	b) 'Big Society' training The Parish Council agreed to fund the Clerk's training by DAPTC in 'The Big Society' at a cost of £30.	
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041/11	c) School Swimming Pool grant The Parish Council discussed the request from Hazelbury Bryan School for a	
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	contribution towards the £3000 required to renovate the swimming pool. A decision will be made at the next meeting when details of the timing of the planned work are known.	DR

042/11 **Review of Planning applications notified to the Parish Council**
None received

043/11 **Review of Planning decisions from North Dorset CC**

Reference	Description	NDDC Decision
2/2010/1305	3 Kingston Row, Hazelbury Bryan. Erect conservatory	Granted
2/2010/1375	Handley Lodge, Pidney Hill, HAZELBURY BRYAN Erect Garage/store	Granted
2/2010/1377	Kingston Croft, Kingston Lane, Hazelbury Bryan Develop land by erection of 1 Dwelling and 1 detached garage	Refused

044/11 **Parish Plan Actions**

It was **reported** that work on the Planning Statement will be started before the elections in May.

045/11 **Footpaths and Rights of Way**

The following were **reported**:

- Bird boxes supplied by Dave House have been put up in The Millennium Wood
- Work on the proposed two new footpaths is ongoing
- There is an on-going legal process underway looking at the use of Ridge Drove and a bridleway that connects to Fifehead Neville.

DR

046/11 **Playing Field**

a) Concerns over the misuse of litter bins

It has been brought to the attention of the Playing Field Committee (PFC) that the litter bins on the field are being wrongly used for dog litter. Notices will be put on the bins as the first step to preventing recurrence.

047/11 **b) Plans for the new pavilion**

The PFC wish to further investigate the options for a self-build steel and concrete pavilion and subject to agreement from the Parish Council will invest in the drawing up of formal plans and specifications.

Advice will be sought from the Community Projects team at NDDC for discussion at the next meeting.

MR

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048/11	<p>Village Hall</p> <p>It was reported that Ann McCulloch has obtained a grant of £11,000 from Dorset Halls.</p> <p>Work is planned to start this summer with minimum closure of the hall. Details of the activities and dates will be published in a special edition of Hazelbury Bytes.</p>	
049/11	<p>Village Shop</p> <p>a) Post Office</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to send a message to the Post Office stating their unanimous support for the services to open in The Barn on The Causeway.</p>	Parish clerk
050/11	<p>b) New lease for the shop on the playing field</p> <p>The Parish Council resolved that, in order to legalise the current situation, the lease for the Village Shop on Alec's Field should be completed, signed and returned before normal close of business on 31st March 2011 and that, in order to achieve this, associated documents which are required (signed acceptance of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 and proof of ownership) must be returned not less than fourteen days before 31st March 2011. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the Parish Council withdrawing all or any offers for any lease on any part of Alec's Field.</p>	
051/11	<p>Care in the Community</p> <p>Details of the caring services being set up in the village will be published in the special edition of Hazelbury Bytes with the news on the village hall activities.</p>	Parish Clerk
052/11	<p>Written and Verbal Communicated Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Library Services – David Fox reported that there will be a meeting on 10th March at 19:30 in The Exchange when the options for library services in Sturminster will be debated. Meanwhile it has been confirmed that the mobile library service in Hazelbury Bryan will continue until at least 31st March 2012. ▪ Closure of Partway Lane – New sewers are being installed in Partway Lane during the week beginning 21st March during which time the road will be closed to through traffic. Access will be maintained to the houses and the village hall will be maintained during the works. All through traffic will be directed via Mappowder, Pulham and Kings Stag. 	

The meeting closed at 21:40 hours.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be 8pm 5th April 2011 in the Village Hall.

These and earlier minutes and agendas can also be viewed at:-

<http://www.hazelburybryan.com/hbpc.html>

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Addendum to the Minutes of 1st March 2011 – Chairman’s Statement

It has come to my attention, and to the attention of the Parish Council, that there have been unfounded rumours circulating in the village over the last few weeks and I find myself in the unusual position of having to make a public statement in order to clarify the current situation.

The most serious of these rumours or allegations was that members of the Parish Council had received payments in order to pass planning applications for the shop on The Causeway. I can **categorically deny this** and can confirm that those responsible accept that there is no truth whatsoever in the allegation which has since been retracted on the basis that it was only ever made by way of a joke.

Rumours have also been rife with regard to the Post Office, so, again, to clarify the situation:

The Post Office is **not considering** returning its services to the temporary premises on Alecs Field. The consultation document, currently in circulation from the Post Office clearly states that they propose, and I quote, ‘to re-open this service in new premises at The Barn, The Causeway, Hazelbury Bryan’, and those people who may have been persuaded to vote against this in favour of the service returning to Alecs Field, by registering an objection to the new service, may have, unwittingly, voted against any Post Office service in the village.

The premises on Alecs Field cannot offer the facilities for disabled access and use which are required by the Post Office, and whilst they may have been content to overlook this in the past when there were no other options, **they cannot**, as a corporate body, continue with that policy when an alternative, which clearly meets the criteria laid down in their policy documents, is available.

Next; those people who are of the opinion that ‘The Barn’ will only be open for a short period before being closed to allow residential development on the site, are clearly not aware of the Schedule of Conditions attached to the Planning Permission, Clause 4 of which states:

‘The premises shall be used solely as a village shop facility for purposes defined by Class A1 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) and for no other purpose whatsoever.....’

Mr and Mrs Sheppard have committed a great deal of time and effort, and I am sure money, into this venture and I can assure everyone that it is their intention that ‘The Barn’ shop is here for the long term.

Unfortunately, despite written assurances that the flow of rumours and misinformation would be stopped, I was informed, as late as yesterday, that this has not happened, so, I must ask again, in the **strongest** possible terms, that those responsible immediately refrain from making **any** further inaccurate statements, but in particular that they refrain from further inaccurate comment with regard to the Post Office service, as this appears to be causing unnecessary concern amongst certain sections of our community, unless, of course, those comments are true and factual and can be proven to be so.

Before I finish, let me say one more thing:

If this village should end up with no Post Office service it will not be the fault of this Parish Council, who have worked hard to ensure that the service continues. The responsibility will lay squarely with those who have in the past, and who, until today, continue to spread malicious rumours and misinformation.

I hope that this statement has served its purpose and has clarified the current situation, but if anyone has any queries, please feel free to speak to me later.