

HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hazelbury Bryan Parish Council held in Hazelbury Bryan Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd December 2013 at 8.00pm

Present:- Dave Roberts (DR), Steve Murcer (SM), Ken Huggins (KH), Tricia Walton (TW), David Maughan (DM), Martin Richards (MR)

Members of the Public:- 8; Cllr Pauline Batstone (PB); PC Sugrue

Minutes:- Matthew Mills (Parish Clerk)

Apologies:- Emma Grayson (EG)

Ref	Action	Owner
217/13	Apologies for Absence It was recorded that apologies were received from Councillor Emma Grayson.	
218/13	To adopt the minutes of the previous meetings The Council resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 5 th November. The Chairman signed the Minutes as being a true record of the meetings.	
219/13	Parking at the War Memorial Members of the Council explained that despite the Parish Council and Police having previously asked the resident not to park there, the problem remained with up to three cars being parked adjacent to the war memorial which forces large lorries turning right into Pidney Hill from the Antelope direction or turning left from Pidney Hill in the Antelope direction having to pass the wrong side of the war memorial. This has resulted in damage being caused to the war memorial railings at least three times in as many years The post box has also been damaged. PC Sugrue informed the Council that the Police had looked at this a 3 to 4 years ago. There are two pieces of legislation that can be used – wilful / unnecessary obstruction and dangerous parking, and in his opinion, neither applied. Actions PC Sugrue will ask his colleague to reappraise the situation Cllr Batstone will ask if there is anything more DCC can do e.g. kerbing around the railings Parish Council to write to the resident again. PC Sugrue and two members of the public left at the end of this discussion.	Police PB Clerk
220/13	Clerks Report The Clerk reported that <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ He had informed Dorset County Council Highways of the managers of the land adjoining Coney Lane where there is the dead tree that is shedding branches,▪ 1.5 tonnes of scalplings had been spread on the Drum Lane to Coney Lane footpath,	

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- He and the Chairman had met with Chris Eyres at Coney Lane to discuss future maintenance works. A further meeting was held with John Clothier who will be submitting quotes for hedge cutting and clearing mud from the path.

221/13 **Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest and granting of dispensation**

The Clerk **reported** that all members present at this meeting had requested a dispensation so as to participate in discussion of the precept and to participate in any vote on these matters.

The Clerk **informed** the meeting that all dispensations requested for the precept meeting had been **granted** so as not to impede the transaction of the business to follow.

222/13 **Financials**

- i) Invoices received in the last month

The Council **resolved** to make the following payments under the authority provided by the General Power of Competence:

Payee	Service	Amount
Mr Matthew Mills	Parish Clerk's salary	£263.09
Mr Matthew Mills	Parish Clerk's expenses	£53.80
Lady Haig's Poppy Factory	Invoice error	£2.40
Sixpenny Forge	War Memorial railing repairs	£270.00
Dorset County Council	Dumpy Salt Bag	£66.00
Viking	Clerk's Stationery	£79.87

- 223/13 ii) Invoices received since the publication of the agenda

The Council **resolved** to make the following payments under the authority provided by the General Power of Competence:

Payee	Service	Amount
J.B.Garden Services	Removal of cemetery compost	£120.00
Parish Mag Printers Ltd	December HB Bytes	£43.00
E.R.Cluet	The Keep maintenance	£120.00

- 224/13 iii) Income received in the last month

The Council **noted** the receipt of the following income:

Payee	Service	Amount
Mole Valley Farmers	Reimbursement of railing repairs	£270.00
Grassby & Sons Ltd	Non Parishioner Internment Fees	£160.00

- 225/13 iv) VAT query

As no further information was available this will be discussed at the January 2014 meeting.

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Planning

- 226/13 i) Planning application decisions by NDDC and DCC

2/2013/0906 Nut Bloom Cottage, Park Gate - Two storey side and single storey rear extensions - APPROVED

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- 227/13 **Budget 2014/15 and Precept**
i) A request had been received by the Chairman from the HB Allotment Association suggesting that the Association take over responsibility for the grass cutting on the allotment site if the Parish Council waves the £230 payment they make towards the maintenance of the site. The Council **resolved** to decline the request. **Clerk**
ii) The 2014/15 budget was presented. Maintaining the precept at £15,080, with a forecast expenditure of £16740 and an income of £16728 a balanced budget was almost achieved. However due to changes in the grant received by NDDC from Central Government this may result in an increased Council Tax bill for the residents. As details were not yet available from NDDC on the amount of increase it was **decided** that this will be discussed at the January 2014 meeting. **Clerk**
- 228/13 **Cemetery Hedge Quotation**
The Clerk **informed** the Council that he had sent out one quotation request for the trimming of the outside face and top of the cemetery hedges and it had been returned. The Council **resolved** to accept the quotation from PJ & PA Perrett Ltd in the sum of £60.00 incl VAT **Clerk**
The Clerk **informed** the Council that he had sent out three quotation requests for the trimming of the inside face of the cemetery hedges and all had been returned. The Council **resolved** to accept the quotation from PJ & PA Perrett in the sum of £240 incl VAT **Clerk**
This work will be completed and invoiced by the end of the financial year.
- Playing Field**
- 229/13 Recreation Association Report
It was **reported** that
 - The safety mats have been put down under the pyramidal climbing frame,
 - The play area fencing has been measured including the large wooden climbing frame. Quotes will be obtained for different types of fencing, **KH**
 - The swings have been removed due to excessive wear in the chain links.
 - This should have been picked up during the annual inspection. Letter and photograph to be sent to inspection company, **DM/Clerk**
 - Can lifting chain be used for replacement? **MR/Clerk**
 - Get quotes for replacement **Clerk**
 - Repair to small activity wasn't successful. Another attempt will be made. **DR**
- Village Hall**
- 230/13 Village Hall Report
It was **reported** that
 - The new fire doors have been installed. The grant for the doors requested at last month's meeting is no longer required,
 - There is a film night on Saturday 7th December – "Now You See Me" is being shown. Doors open at 6,45pm
- 231/13 **Update from Cllr Pauline Batstone (DCC & NDDC)**
Cllr Pauline Batstone delivered a comprehensive report covering;

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- i) Inconsiderate parking is a major issue in Sturminster Newton and many villages. The Police often refer the problems back to Dorset County Council,
- ii) Budgets are to be cut by a further £1.65m at North Dorset District Council over the next two years. They are looking at further partnership working with other Dorset authorities,
- iii) School transport in the rural area is still presenting problems,
- iv) Public transport – there is a possibility that the “shopping bus” from Hazelbury Bryan to Yeovil (10.30am 368 service) may be lost. The “workers bus” (7.35am 368 service) and Saturday service look safe. Dorset County Council wants to encourage more use of community transport.
- v) Sturquest & DT11 – The budget for these two invaluable groups may be reduced in the future.

See attached report for more details

232/13 Verbal Communicated Items

The Clerk **reported** that he had received verbal communications from

- A resident informed the Council that the bus on Wednesday afternoon 307 service from Dorchester to Sturminster Newton is going straight to Sturminster Newton via The A3030 and A357 if there is no one getting off at HB potentially missing anyone waiting at Hazelbury Bryan to travel to Sturminster Newton, **PB**
- A resident thanked both the Parish Councillors and District Councillor for all their hard work for the benefit of the community,
- A resident contacted the Clerk about the possibility of putting No footway signs up near the shop. **PB**
- A resident wanting to know who owned a field with overgrown hedges opposite his house. **Clerk**
- A resident stating that they were against the rumours to move the war memorial and asking whether the parking problem at the war memorial could be solved using double yellow lines. **DR**

233/13 Written Communicated Items

The Clerk **reported** that he had received communications from

- i) HB Branch of the Royal British Legion thanking the Council for its generous donation,
- ii) North Dorset District Council regarding the consultation on a new policy in relation to the licencing of sexual entertainment venues,
- iii) North Dorset District Council regarding the North Dorset Plan 2011 to 2026 Part 1 Pre-submission Document. This is being circulated amongst the Councillors for comment, **All**
- iv) Dorset Police regarding the closing of the Police enquiry offices in North Dorset for a six month trial period.

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The meeting closed at 9.41pm

The next meeting will be 8pm on Tuesday 7th January 2014 in the Village Hall.

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