

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HAZELBURY
BRYAN VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST 2014 AT 8.00 PM**

Present: Councillors Steve Murcer (SM) – Chairman; David Maughan (DM); Tricia Walton (TW); Martin Richards (MR); Emma Grayson (EG) and after co-option (see minute 167/14) Alun Read (AR).

Members of the public – 4: DCC/NDDC Cllr Pauline Batstone

Minutes: Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk, who was welcomed and introduced by the Chairman

Apologies: Ken Huggins (KH)

164/14 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2014: The minutes of this meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman

165/14 – Public open session: In response to a question about the ownership and ongoing management of Hazel Wood, it was noted that the Woodland Trust is the owner and has responsibility for maintenance. The new clerk was asked to arrange for the distribution of agendas by e-mail to those members of the public who request them

166/14 – New clerk

a) To authorise the Chairman to sign the contract of employment: It was agreed the Chairman could sign the clerk's contract of employment on behalf of the parish council.

b) To consider the purchase of new computer equipment: The clerk had arranged for the laptop to be repaired at a cost of £30, so nothing new was required at this time.

c) To consider creating a new e-mail address: The existing e-mail address had been successfully loaded to the parish council owned laptop and was working satisfactorily so there was no need for a change.

167/14 – Councillor vacancy – to consider and elect by co-option Mr Alun Read: It was agreed to co-opt Mr Alun Read as a parish councillor and he signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed as a parish councillor.

168/14 – Dog waste bins – to consider the purchase of additional bins: Given the historic problems with dog waste it was agreed to purchase and install two dog waste bins – one on Kingston and one by the Church – provided a) the cost of each including installation was in the region of £200 b) satisfactory arrangements can be made by the clerk for emptying these at a reasonable cost and frequency. If these are successful, further bins will be considered.

169/14 – Cemetery – update on progress with new burial book: The clerk reported that a replacement burial book from Shaw and Sons would cost £98.23 plus vat. It was agreed to accept the generous offer from Mr & Mrs Peace to pay for the new book and the clerk will purchase a copy. He will write a letter of thanks and ask if they would like their generosity recorded in the book

170/14 – Finance

a) approve accounts for payment: The following payment was approved:-

Cheque 841 – J B Garden Services – notice board repairs - £122.40

b) discuss a policy on reserves: This was deferred to the next meeting

171/14 – Planning

a) to consider planning applications received:-

2/2014/0819/FUL – Bourne Farm, Parkgate, DT11 OHA – erect one agricultural workers dwelling, detached garage and form new vehicular and pedestrian access – resolved, no objections

b) to note decisions made by North Dorset District Council: None received

172/14 – Recreation field – report: (DM/EG) Weekend events for 15/16th August include a marquee for activities on the Saturday and floodlit cricket on the Sunday. The clerk has begun the routine play inspections.

173/14 – Village hall – report: (TW) On 12th August there is a fun activity day planned for children over 4 years old – 30 places are available by ticket. It is accepted that the acoustics in the hall could be improved but any work will be dependent on funds being available.

179/14 – Projects – update: MR, supported by DM/TW and the clerk will begin work in September.

180/14 – Memorial tree – consider support: E mail correspondence with Mr Moger of the Royal British Legion was noted and the parish council agreed to support the planting of a tree on Alec’s Field to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War. This would be done on Remembrance Day in November where it is hoped a formal ceremony followed by a village lunch might be organised. MR mentioned a 4 foot high oak sapling growing by a verge in the lane that goes from Back Lane towards Stockfield Farm. In time this will have to be removed by Highways and given it was a self seeded native of Hazelbury Bryan he wondered if it might be successfully transplanted? The clerk will investigate.

181/14 – Report from Cllr Batstone: She reported as follows:-

a) some road surfaces had melted in the recent hot weather, and Highways were undertaking remedial “dusting” to ameliorate problems. MR felt the problem was caused by the incorrect laying of the tar mix when it was initially laid.

b) Salkeld Bridge near Plumber Manor will be closed to all traffic for a month; she has no information on rumours of a possible weight restriction being imposed.

c) a member of the public keeps breaking down “footpath closed” signs near the mill in Sturminster Newton.

d) NDDC cannot spray the Stour for Blandford Fly in 2015 for a variety of reasons – the effect of this is awaited with some trepidation in the spring of 2015 for those near the Stour

e) concerns are growing over the impact of cuts to bus services in rural areas, particularly those that might hamper children getting to school or college

f) NDDC traveller site policy is open for consultation shortly but she is not aware of any impact on the parish

182/14 – Public open session: Nothing more

183/14 – Correspondence to note:

a) Mr Nigel Smith had e-mailed expressing concern over the long grass by the bungalows on the northern side of Partway Lane. DCC Highways cut this twice a year, which may not be

sufficient. The problem of treating one area more favourably than others was noted. The discussion widened to consider other areas and features which might potentially benefit from additional cutting etc. These include some, hedges, footpaths, road signs and specific areas of the parish. It was agreed it might be useful to compile a full list of possible work that needs to be done, either hedges cut by tractors or other smaller tasks such as strimming etc. The clerk was asked to organise the compilation of a schedule with the intention of seeking costings from contractors to see whether it was feasible to fund this additional work given that neither DCC nor NDDC are likely to provide additional support. The clerk will acknowledge Mr Smith's letter.

b) An e-mail had been received and circulated from Mr David Williamson-Jones concerning a Vodaphone initiative to improve rural mobile phone coverage. It was agreed, without any implied commitment of support, to invite him to attend after the next parish council meeting for an informal discussion about what might be involved.

c) An e-mail concerning a dog incident had been received from M Kirby. The clerk will suggest she contacts the PCSO and the dog warden.

184/14 – Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 2nd September 2014.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.