

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HAZELBURY BRYAN VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2014 AT 8.00 PM

Present: Councillors Steve Murcer (SM) – Chairman; David Maughan (DM); Tricia Walton (TW); Martin Richards (MR); Ken Huggins (KH) and Emma Grayson (EG).

Members of the public – 6

Minutes: Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk

Apologies: Received from Cllrs Read and Batstone

237/14 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2014: The minutes of this meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman

238/14 – Matters arising from these minutes: All matters are covered in the agenda

239/14 – Public open session: No comments

240/14 – Finance

a) **approve accounts for payment:** The following payments were approved

Cheque	Payee	Service	Net	VAT	Total
846	IK Services	dog bins	67.40		67.40
847	HMRC	PAYE	240.20		240.20
848	M Wilson	Dec pay	333.75		333.75
849	M Wilson	Expenses	295.34	56.19	351.53
850	HB Village hall	hire	27.00		27.00

b) **to consider draft budget and Precept for 2015/16:** The draft budget prepared and circulated in advance by the Clerk was approved without change. This predicts expenditure of £15,493 and total income of £15,948. It was agreed that the Precept to be demanded would be unchanged at £14,300. c) **NDDC Council Tax Support Grant**

questionnaire – consider response: NDDC had requested the view of the parish council on whether to change its policy and pass on a small sum to mitigate against the withdrawal of Council Tax Support grant. In the case of Hazelbury Bryan this would amount to £232.50. Given this would entail a cut to unspecified services provided by NDDC and that the amount had not been factored into the budget for 2015/16 it was agreed to recommend that the money be retained by NDDC and used towards the provision of public services for the community

241/14 – Ideas Please project: The clerk has written to all beneficiaries outlining the terms and conditions of the grants. Those who recommended the awards scheme for youngsters do not feel they have the time or expertise to run it; the Clerk will approach the local youth club and then potentially seek volunteers in the next edition of Bryan Bytes. A letter of thanks from the allotment society had been received; it is likely they will build a shed on a hard standing base.

242/14 – Royal British Legion – request for a donation and anniversary tree contribution: In view of the special nature of this year as 100th Anniversary of the start of WW1 it was agreed to make a donation of £100 towards the local branch and the anniversary tree. This was not to be regarded as a precedent for an annual donation.

243/14 – Holy Well, Hazel Wood – request from the Woodland Trust and local residents for funding support: The Clerk had reported on his site meeting with the Trust and local volunteers. After a discussion over the merits and responsibilities of repair and maintenance of the well, it was agreed to pay a sum of up to £100 towards the cost of completing the current refurbishment. However, given the well is owned by the Woodland Trust the parish council feels under no obligation to make a contribution to annual maintenance costs. The Clerk will advise the Trust accordingly.

244/14 – Dog waste bins – progress report: The four bins installed are being well used. Following a comment from a neighbour the clerk is reviewing the position of the bin in Kingston to see if a better place could be found. It was agreed a fifth bin should be ordered and fixed in Drum Lane at the end of the track on the footpath sign opposite the entrance to The Meadows.

245/14 – Hedges, footpaths and grass cutting etc, including the Antelope/Causeway path: Very positive news has been received from Dorset CC regarding the likely cost (within earmarked reserve balance) and even some possible funding. The Clerk has made contact with Hall and Woodhouse who are considering the matter. The Clerk will press for an update on their thinking for the next meeting. A footpath problem raised by Mr Peters has been resolved; the Clerk

will report a problem with sleeper bridges following ditch clearance on the footpath at the back of the village hall to DCC.

246/14 – Web site – update and advertising: The Clerk reported that the new site and e mail were working well. He needs to identify gaps in the content and items that need updating so that Wessex Web Design can ensure the site is up to date. The Clerk will also clarify the vat position over web site advertising.

247/14 – Planning

a) to consider planning applications received: No new applications received but a notification of amended plans for application 2/2014/1086 regarding the Parish Room has just been received from NDDC. Cllr Maughan had looked at the plans and there did not seem to be any significant alterations. Given the parish council objections to the original application were based on a range of issues it was thought unlikely that revised plans would overcome the original objections. Comments have to be back with NDDC by 16th December and it was agreed that councillors would view the revised plans within the next seven days but if they had no change of heart the Clerk would reiterate the parish council's original objections.

b) to note decisions made by North Dorset District Council:

The Clerk reported that applications 2/2014/0819 (Bourne Farm) and 2/2014/0985 (Briarlea) had been refused; application 2/2014/1078 (Kings Stag garage) had been approved.

248/14 – Recreation field – (DM/EG): Cllr Maughan had nothing to report. Cllr Huggins has received a third quote for the play area fence but needs to clarify some points of detail before a contractor is chosen by the parish council.

249/14 – Village hall – report: (TW): Next film night is Saving Mr Banks. The hall committee has begun to consider how it might best use the funds allocated under the Ideas Pleas project.

250/14 – Public open session: No comments

251/14 – DCC/NDDC Cllr Batstone: In her absence there was no report

252/14 – Correspondence to note: The Clerk reported that the Dorset Waste Partnership was beginning a county-wide consultation on possible service reduction/cost saving initiatives.

253/14 – Other matters to note: None

254/14 – Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held at Tuesday 7th January 2015

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.