

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HAZELBURY BRYAN VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2014 AT 8.00 PM

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

Members of the public – 10: DCC/NDDC Cllr Pauline Batstone (PB)

Minutes: Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk

Apologies: None

198/14 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2014: The minutes of this meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman

199/14 – Matters arising from these minutes: These were covered in the agenda

200/14 – Public open session: i) blocked drains - there are several which need clearing before the onset of winter – PB will contact DCC Highways; war memorial – parking problems continue. The police won't take action unless there is an obstruction preventing the flow of traffic but PB suggested contacting Inspector Chalkly who has responsibility for neighbourhood policing and provide photographs as evidence of the difficulties – SM will take pictures. Moving the war memorial might be an option to prevent ongoing damage to the railings, but that wouldn't stop the dangers of parking at the junction iii) rights of way and stiles – some stiles are in a bad state of repair or even blocked with barbed wire – it is the responsibility of the landowner to maintain stiles but faults can be reported on DorsetForYou, for the Rangers to take action. Graham Stanley of the Rangers will be invited to join Rowland Skeat from Highways (and potentially PCSO Phil Sugrue) and attend the next parish council meeting for a full discussion of Highways, parking and Rights of Way issues iv) the local branch of the Royal British Legion is holding a fundraising choral concert in Sturminster Newton on 22nd November

201/14 – Royal British Legion i) Remembrance Day arrangements: The local branch Chairman, Mr Jeremy Moger, outlined plans for the day, which will be of special significance marking the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1. The aim is to make this a memorable village event with as many wreaths being laid as possible, followed by a community lunch in the Antelope. Soldiers from Bovington Camp will be in attendance. The RBL have applied to DCC for a traffic restriction which it will police with its own marshalls. ii) **Anniversary tree planting:** A 12 feet high oak tree has been purchased and after discussions with the Chairman of the Recreation Ground Committee it is recommended this be planted at the top of the allotment field. An inscribed stone will be laid. The parish council approved these plans.

202/14 – Dog waste bins – to consider the purchase of additional bins: Two bins have been installed and seem to be working well. The contractor will empty these every Tuesday evening so the waste can be taken away by NDDC in its Wednesday morning collection from the Recreation Ground gate. The parish council agreed to purchase two further bins – one for Coney Lane and one at Kingston provided suitable fixing sites can be found – a further bin at Drum Lane is a possibility.

203/14 – Bryan Bytes – next edition: This has been printed and will be distributed in the next few days

204/14 – Hazel Wood and Holy Well – approach for assistance from the Woodland Trust: Further research carried out by the Clerk seems to confirm that ownership of the Holy Well lies with the Woodland Trust. He has made this clear to the Trust.

205/14 – Hedges, footpaths and grass cutting – work schedule to be agreed: The current edition of Bryan Bytes highlights the plan to seek potentially seek tenders from contractors for all the work in the parish. PB suggested there might be some help available from the Rangers – this can be covered when they attend the next parish council meeting. EG had obtained a quote of £65 to repair the footpath from Wonston to the Red Barn – this was approved.

206/14 – Vodaphone – Rural Open Sure Signal project – consideration of an application: The chances of identifying sufficient suitable properties to meet the project deadline were slim so an application is unlikely. The Dorset Superfast Broadband project is rolling out the service in North Dorset – the clerk is attending a presentation on 17th October. The virtues of Wessex Internet were extolled by one member of the public present.

207/14 – Web site – to consider future arrangements: The clerk had circulated the details of three options for web site host – e mango, Wessex Web Design and Vision ict. Each had different merits and it was agreed to accept the quote from Wessex Web Design.

208/14 – Finance

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

825 – A Tenwick – village flowers - £39.44

826 – Play Inspection Company – play inspection - £71.94

827 – DAPTC – one-third share of training course - £17.00

828 – BDO – external audit - £120.00

829 – M Wilson – pay, July, Aug, Sep and Oct - £1014.27

830 – HMRC – PAYE, Apr – Sep - £322.40

831 – Glasdon – dog waste bins - £243.91

832 – Parish Mag Printers – Bryan Bytes - £86.00

b) payroll arrangements: These were now fully operational. It is hoped the parish council will not be fined by HMRC for late submission of PAYE for the first quarter.

c) bank mandate changes: SM has spoken to Lloyds Bank who will be sending new forms for signature

d) Annual Return as at 31st March 2014 - approval: The Annual Return has been approved by the external auditor with two minor caveats. These had been noted and changes will be implemented in 2015. The parish council approved the audited Return.

209/14 – Planning

a) to consider planning applications received:

i) 2/2014/1078 – Kings Stag Mill – change of use of part of the building from storage building to MOT Centre – no objection

ii) 2/2014/1086/FUL – St Mary & St James Church, Droop – construction of new parish room – Members of the public were allowed to make comments and there were a number of objections, including from Mr Moger on whose family's land the building is to be located. After a discussion it was agreed to object and make the following comments:

1. Loss of trees – it seems likely that 10-12 trees will be cut down which is not acceptable
2. Impact on the landscape – the building would by its scale and position adversely affect the landscape of the listed church and associated listed walls
3. Noise - If the building is used as planned in the design and access statement as a replacement for the Wonston Club more noise and disturbance in this remote part of the parish is inevitable due to increased car traffic – there is no relevant public transport here.
4. Need – the need for an extra facility like this in the community is not proven, and it might have an adverse impact on other community facilities
5. Road safety – the design and access statement alludes to discussions with Highways officers over changing car park arrangements. We are led to believe this might involve a new opening in the car park right by what is already a difficult junction – this would be unsafe we believe.

Although the landowners permission is not needed for a planning application to be submitted, in this case we believe NDDC should check with the owners of the land that they are happy with this application - if the land is not gifted the project cannot proceed. The parish council strongly supports the request of District Councillor Batstone that the application is considered by the planning committee and not an officer under delegated powers.

iii) 2/2014/0986/LBC – Briarlea, Muston Lane, Wonston, DT10 2EE – form two dormer windows to rear elevation and carry out associated internal and external alterations – no objection

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

210/14 – Recreation field – (DM/EG): The night cricket event made a profit of £1k. The play inspection report highlights low risk issues and a working party is being organised for 26th October. (see minute 212/14 below regarding the fencing)

211/14 – Village hall – report: (TW) Next Film night is on 11th October – “Lost Vegas”

212/14 – Projects – update: MR presented the report of the Project Group. SM asked that all parish councillors familiarise themselves with the content so that actions can be agreed at the next parish council meeting. The clerk will also provide a detailed financial summary reflecting the proposed expenditure and feed this into the start on the budgeting process for 2015/16. It was agreed that come what may the fencing for the play area would be replaced and extended. Financial Regulations require that three quotes be obtained and KH will arrange a third quote.

213/14 – Report from Cllr Batstone: She reported on the potential linkage of North Dorset/West Dorset/Weymouth-Portland District councils for the delivery of some services, flood management plans, Blandford Fly, a highways inspection with Rowland Skeat and a Boundary Commission review

214/14 – Dorset Waste Partnership – street cleaning consultation: The clerk and EG will respond on behalf of the parish council

215/14 – Public open session: In response to comments made in the Ideas Please project review about a lack of volunteers or structure to carry out some suggestions could the parish council employ someone locally to support any positive ideas – noted.

216/14 – Correspondence to note: None

217/14 – Other matters to note: DM reported problems with a bull mastiff dog loose in the village – any problems should be reported immediately to the PCSO or the dog warden

218/14 – Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held at Tuesday 4th November 2014

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05 pm.