

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HAZELBURY BRYAN  
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2015 AT 8.00 PM**

**Present:** Councillors David Maughan (DM) (who took the Chair); Phil Dimmock (PD), Ken Huggins (KH), John Grayson (JG), Martin Richards (MR) and NDDC/DCC Cllr Pauline Batstone (PB). Members of the public – 17; Wessex Water – Larry Goodridge and Brian Sheppey

**Minutes:** Clerk Malcolm Wilson (MW)

**141/15 - Apologies:** Received from Cllrs Murcer and Read

**142/15 - Declarations of interest:** None

**143/15 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015:** The minutes of this meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**144/15 – Matters arising from these minutes:**

- i) The generator at the sub-station is a replacement.
- ii) Mr Dyke, the locum clerk at the last meeting, has been bought some wine as a token of thanks

**145/15 – Wessex Water – forthcoming water main replacement and road closures:** Messrs Goodridge and Sheppey explained the background and operational aspects of the forthcoming water main replacement. WW replace approx 50 km of water main each year, normally when the existing pipe is too old to make continuing repairs viable – this is the case in point in HB. The work will be split into two sections. The first will run from just south of the road junction at the school to just north of the junction with Churchfoot Lane. This should begin on 21<sup>st</sup> September and take up to 26 days. The second stage runs from the Churchfoot Lane junction southwards as far as Thickthorn Cottage. This stage will take up to 27 days. Key points to note are:

- WW will do its best to minimise disruption to water supply, to residents and to those travelling through
- As the road is narrow it will need to be closed for through traffic for the duration of the work although at night the holes in the road will be “plated” and some access for residents will be possible. The operational gangs will liaise with local residents to allow deliveries, especially for local businesses ie Droop Farm
- Some interruption of water supply will occur – for a few hours at a time and with prior notice
- WW will liaise with the school when the Head teacher returns after the summer break; road access to the school will always be available because of the way the work has been split, but parents may find parking more difficult as they load/offload. WW has other, larger schemes on the go and cannot programme this particular work in the school holidays.
- Letters advising the detail will be sent to all local, neighbouring properties
- Road signs forewarning motorists etc of road closures will be situated appropriately in liaison with DCC Highways; diversions will be clearly marked
- Once complete the water pressure should be the same, but the flow might be stronger – but certainly the pipe will be more reliable.
- Maps showing the plans will be on the village notice board

Coincidentally, the WW repair and maintenance team is in Kingston on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September with a separate road closure (the date has been moved to allow for the bus service)

**146/15 – Public open session:** i) Vehicle access to the allotments is becoming difficult due to an overgrown Leylandii hedge at the Knoll. It was requested that the parish council write to the owner asking for this to be cut back as informal requests from the allotment society had not been successful. It was agreed the Clerk will write ii) There is also an overgrown hedge in a Spectrum Housing owned property on the corner of Kingston Lane/Back Lane – PB had already raised this matter with Spectrum after the last meeting but no action has been seen – the Clerk will contact Spectrum as well. iii) Problems with cars parked “inappropriately” on the highway were raised –

Kingston/the war memorial/school drop-off/pick-up were all mentioned. DM/MR explained the view of the Police that they were not prepared to take action, although PB mentioned some success in Sturminster Newton in dealing with such parking. iv) Apparently a “Welcome to Droop” sign has gone missing – noted

#### 147/15 – Finance

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

Cheque	Payee	Service	Net	VAT	Total
897	Glasdon	Dog bin	84.00	16.80	100.80
898	Parish mag printers	Bytes - June	43.00		43.00
899	Wilson	Expenses - 160515 - 040815	63.80		63.80
900	IK Services	Dog bins July	82.40		82.40
SO	Wessex Web Design	Web hosting	15.00		15.00
			Total		305.00

b) **To approve the finance summary and bank reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015:** A detailed “year to date” finance summary and bank reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> June had been circulated in advance to all councillors and was accepted by councillors with no questions. DM signed the bank reconciliation.

**148/15 – The Antelope path:** Hall and Woodhouse are due to consider the matter again in September having had clarification of some questions from the DCC Rangers. In an effort to move matters forward and put pressure on H&W the possibility of the parish council taking on some of the obligations of hedge maintenance was discussed. It was agreed the parish council will offer to maintain the hedges (with the exception of the side in H&W field) and also the surface of the footpath itself in conjunction with the Rangers. (It may be that the outer, roadside hedge can be removed to improve sight lines and reduce maintenance, provided an appropriate gap is left between the carriageway and the path – but this is for the future once H&W’s agreement is obtained to the project). The clerk will write.

**149/15 – Fingerposts - Kingston and Churchfoot Lane – replacement/repair – to consider options and financial support:** The Churchfoot Lane post has been repaired by DM. The saga of the post at Kingston was discussed. There is a clear desire from those living in the centre of Kingston for the sign to be replaced, but it also makes sense to steer hgv vehicles away from these narrow roads. PB is arranging for quotes for one arm/two arm posts. If acceptable, costs would be shared 50/50 between the parish council and PB, using her County/District discretionary allowance fund. Once costs are known a decision can be made at the next parish council.

**150/15 – Churchfoot Lane – possible bench and fence:** PD proposed that a bench and post/chain fence be erected on the grass lay-by opposite the entrance to the cemetery in Churchfoot Lane. He felt the bench would provide a fine view of the village and the Dorset Gap, and be a resting point for those walking to the school from Wonston. The fence would also deter use of the site by travellers in the future. PD would donate the bench; the parish council would pay for the fence and cut the grass on the site from time to time. It was agreed the idea has some merit but further investigation is required. The clerk will ask DCC Highways if it knows who owns the land (maybe Highways themselves) and for its views on the fence. The clerk will also ask the owner of the field (believed to be Mr Steve Bailey), which is accessed across this land, for his view on the idea.

**151/15 – DCC Highways – winter grit arrangements:** Rowly Skeat of DCC Highways has advised that the grit bins will be topped up in the autumn. With regard to the stockpile of grit he advises that it

does not “go off” – it may develop a hard crust but if this is hit hard enough with a tractor or similar it will break up and be usable. MR explained the current storage arrangements – there are 5 dumpy bags belonging to the parish council and 15 owned by local businesses, for which they pay £60 per annum for storage. There are no obvious alternative storage locations and MR will approach the owner to see if the parish council paying a modest storage charge would be acceptable and allow existing arrangements to continue.

**152/15 – Dog bins – update:** The 6<sup>th</sup> bin has now been installed in Wonston

**153/15 – Litter picking:** DM asked the clerk to try and arrange a litter pick round the main circuit of the village on a forthcoming Sunday

**154/15 – Planning**

**a) To consider planning applications received:** None received

**b) To consider and note revisions to North Dorset District Council’s Local Plan 2013:** The increase in the housing allocation to the 19 sustainable village, including Hazelbury Bryan, from 230 to 825 was noted. The merits of producing a Neighbourhood Plan may need to be re-considered. Officers from North Dorset Planning are attending the October meeting and their guidance will be sought. The effort required by community volunteers to produce a Plan should not be underestimated.

**155/15 – Recreation field:** JG reported that the 5-a-side goals are being delivered on 6<sup>th</sup> August. The remaining Ideas Please funds are being used for a see-saw (possible two of them) with any shortfall being met by the Recreation Association. Costings for the timber frame and cladding for the new community building have been received; more are awaited.

**156/15 – Village hall – report:** The next film night will be on 8<sup>th</sup> August, Great Expectations starring Helena Bonham Carter. An open day for village societies and organisations is being held on 10<sup>th</sup> October from 2 pm to 4 pm.

**157/15 – DCC/NDDC Cllr Batstone:** She reported that reorganisations of Childrens Services and Highways continue.

**158/15 - Public open session:** There was support for the reinstatement of the Kingston fingerpost

**159/15 – Correspondence to note:** : i) DCC Highways questionnaire for councillors – circulated and noted ii) Community transport scheme - details of information requested received and circulated but we don’t have most of the information they’ve asked for, certainly in the ridiculously short time frame given – noted iii) E mail from Mr Allan Peters concerning ragwort on parish council land – having taken advice from the DCC Rangers the clerk will respond; the plant is not a danger to those using the play area iv) mobile library changes – HB is unaffected - noted v) Waste and Minerals Strategy consultation - noted vi) Police – invitation to open day on 19<sup>th</sup> August – KH will attend

**160/15 – Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 at 8.00 pm in the village hall

**161/15 – Close of meeting:** With no further business to discuss DM closed the meeting at 9.25 pm.