

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HAZELBURY BRYAN
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2015 AT 8.00 PM**

Present: Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), John Grayson (JG), Martin Richards (MR), Ken Huggins (KH), Alun Read (AR) and DCC/NDDC Cllr Pauline Batstone (PB). Members of the public – 12. Also in attendance was Roger Bell (RB), Community Highways Officer from Dorset County Council.

Minutes: Clerk Malcolm Wilson (MW)

202/15 - Apologies: Received from Cllrs Maughan and Dimmock

203/15 - Declarations of interest: AR declared an interest in planning application 2/2015/1419

204/15 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2015: The minutes of this meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

205/15 – Matters arising from these minutes: MW reported the trees in Pidney have been felled but a response is still awaited still from Spectrum over the lay-by in Kingston. He believes the wood chip has been dealt with by JB Gardens

206/15 – DCC Highways: RB introduced himself as the Community Highways Officer for our area. He is one of 16 across the County and his area covers from Gillingham to Duntish. He is our liaison point for all day to day Highway matters including road condition assessments, enforcement issues, engineering works, drainage etc – in fact anything apart from Planning matters. He made specific reference to i) potholes – please report on the Dorsetforyou website where your report will now go direct to him ii) signposts – he told us PB has a budget for repairs and there is now a team of 8 volunteers with access to materials etc iii) lengthsman schemes – these are used in some parishes, sometimes on a sole basis, sometimes in conjunction with other parishes, on a variety of tasks – ditch clearing, grass cutting, hedge cutting etc, where parishes use their precept to fund work valued locally. He answered questions on a) road surfaces – he'll look at the road to Sturminster and see if it can be added to the DCC 3 year rolling programme b) ditches and drainage – DCC does not clear these on a regular basis as in the past. Many are actually the responsibility of landowners but in an emergency it is often more expedient for DCC to do clearance rather than take enforcement proceedings against landowners (we had the same approach explained by the DCC Ranger a few months ago over footpaths and hedges) c) the road from Park Gate to Ansty – this has been in a very poor state for a long time and even one of the “temporary road surface” signs has disappeared. He hopes it will be resurfaced in 2016 d) parking at the war memorial was discussed. RB thinks the Police should be more pro-active in enforcing illegal parking. The possibility of yellow lines was debated but there is a significant cost to the parish (perhaps £2k) to cover legal costs and there is no guarantee that a request from the parish would be agreed by DCC. It was noted the current owners have the house for sale and it was agreed the situation will be monitored once new owners are in situ before any action is considered. e) RB is aware of problems in Drum Lane with hedges and the road surface. He is liaising with householders to get the hedges cut; a resident reported on the amateurish repairs of pot holes at the end of the summer where scrapings were just poured into holes and the workman pressed them down with his feet – more fly-tipping than repair! Planning issues relating to access arrangements in Drum Lane are dealt with by Steve Savage of DCC Highways – any comments or issues should be sent to him.

RB was thanked for his attendance

207/15 – Public open session: i) a suggestion has been received from Jeremy Moger suggesting the parish council leads a committee to consider how best to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on 12th June 2016. AR agreed to move this forward ii) a question was asked about “the hundred or more new homes to be built in Hazelbury” – this is not the case, but Hazelbury will inevitably have some development between now and 2031 as part of the new North Dorset Local Plan iii) a lady (name unknown) asked a question about plans for a new “park home” site near Churchfoot Lane which she had reliably been informed was to be built. The parish council and NDDC are unaware of any such plan, and the Chairman, on behalf of the Parish and District Councils, strongly refuted her comment that planning applications could be influenced by “bribery”.

208/15 – Planning - to consider planning applications received: i) 2/2015/1390/House – 10 The Old Dairy, Wonston, DT10 2ES – erect conservatory – no objections ii) 2/2015/1337/LBC; 2/2015/1364/VAR; 2/2015/1304/LBC – Olive House Partway to Churchfoot Lane, DT10 2EE – various changes to internal and external appearance etc – no objections iii) 2/2015/1525/CATREE – Middle Cottage, Wonston, DT10 2EE - fell 1 x aspen, 2 x apple and 1 x crab apple – no objections iv) 2/2015/1419/FUL – Forge House, Wonston, DT10 2EE – install 15 ground mounted solar panels – no objections

209/15 – Finance

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

Cheque	Payee	Service	Net	VAT	Total
911	Came & Co	Insurance	2230.86		2230.86
912	Alma Tenwick M	Village flowers	52.15		52.15
913	Wilson Royal British Legion M	Nov pay Wreath	240.70		240.70
914	Wilson	Expenses	61.26	8.77	70.03
916	JB Garden Services Wessex Web	Rec and tree	176.60	35.32	211.92
SO	Design	Web hosting	15.00		15.00
SO	IK Services	Dog bins Oct	97.93		97.93
			Total		2938.59

The same lady as mentioned in minute 207/15 asked why the parish council spent money on a wreath when it could be made at no cost by children at the school – the Chairman patiently explained that the wreath was made by disabled ex-servicemen at a Royal British Legion workshop and the cost of the wreath was effectively a modest donation from the parish to recognise their sacrifice.

b) to consider the draft budget and Precept for 2016/17: MW had circulated a draft budget to councillors. He ran through the detail and a decision will be made at December’s parish council after further reflection by councillors

210/15 – The Antelope path: Nothing has been heard from Hall and Woodhouse or Graham Stanley. MW will chase them.

211/15 – Fingerposts - Kingston – replacement progress: PB had been expecting to meet with Sue Mitchell to discuss on 2nd November this but she hadn’t turned up. Other possible suppliers will be contacted to try and get this sorted

212/15 – Churchfoot Lane – possible bench and fence: MW has contacted the owner, who lives in Billingshust. He has promised to consider matters and get back in touch. However, councillors discussed whether the concept of installing “dragons teeth” or other measures was a worthwhile course of action. It was decided to discuss at the next meeting when PD could make his case.

213/15 – The Keep: MW is meeting with Nigel Spring on 4th November and will report

214/15 – Recreation field: a) to agree a revised governance structure: Revised Terms of Reference for the Recreation Ground Committee had been circulated by MW and these were agreed. These confirm it as a sub-committee of the parish council and parish council rules and protocols for meetings etc will apply going forward. **b) report:** The parish council is supportive of plans to build the new community pavilion. AR reported that he is working on getting the required quotes for the work as well as engaging a quantity surveyor and reviewing the total hours of project work. It is likely to be early in 2016 before a start could be made. Fireworks are planned for 7th November, 7.00 for 7.30 pm.

215/15 – Village hall – report: DM had circulated a report as follows - The Open Afternoon in the Hall was a great success, with nearly all user groups represented, as well as other village organisations. A large number of parishioners came to see what HB has to offer and many clubs reported an interest and hopefully a growing membership. Thanks must go to all those who helped in any way and to those who visited. A similar event is planned for 2017

The Quiz evening had, unfortunately, to be cancelled due to a lack of support. Another one is due to be held in April when we hope that there will be more interest.

The Film evenings continue, the next one has been moved on a week to 14th Nov so as not to clash with Bonfire Night.

216/15 – DCC/NDDC Cllr Batstone: Flood prevention measures are planned between Mappowder and Hazelbury Bryan. She has been busy in Stalbridge and Sturminster Newton on economic development issues. Budget pressures are intense and youth services in Sturminster are under threat.

217/15 - Public open session: No further comments

218/15 – Correspondence to note: Alma Tenwick had asked about the tyres on the edge of the village hall car park. MR noted these are put there to ensure the owner has access to his field when people using the hall park inconsiderately. MW and MR will try and establish whether he owns the land on which the tyres are placed or whether he merely has a right of access.

219/15 – Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1st December 2015 at 8.00 pm in the village hall

220/15 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.