

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HAZELBURY BRYAN  
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016 AT 8.00 PM**

**Present:** Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), David Maughan (DM), Martin Richards (MR), Alun Read (AR), Ken Huggins (KH), John Grayson (JG) and Phil Dimmock (PD); members of the public – 7.

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

**058/16 - Apologies:** Received from DCC/NDDC Cllr Pauline Batstone (PB)

**059/16 - Declarations of interest:** None

**060/16 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016:** The minutes of this meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**061/16 – Matters arising from these minutes:** MW reported that the new trees have been planted opposite the cemetery

**062/16 – Public open session:** No comments or questions

**063/16 – Planning – i) Neighbourhood Plan - update:** MW reported that Jo Witherden, a planning consultant specialising in Neighbourhood Plans locally (Shillingstone, Sturminster Newton, Iwerne Minster and others), and Fred Horsington will be presenting on N Plans at an open meeting at 7.30 pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April in the village hall. The event is being publicised in the latest edition of Bryan Bytes which is ready for delivery.

**ii) to consider planning applications received:** **a)** 2/2016/0233/Full – Pleck Farm, Partway Lane, DT10 2DP – erect agricultural storage building – no objections, but MW was asked to highlight the potentially hazardous exit for long hgs **b)** 2/2016/0435/CATree – Meads Cottage, Drum Lane, DT10 2EE – reduce one ash tree to 1 metre above ground level – MW was asked to refer to the local tree warden, Geraldine Hobson for guidance as the proposed work seemed severe.

**064/16 – Finance**

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

| Cheque | Payee                         | Service                 | Net    | VAT    | Total   |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| 931    | M<br>Wilson                   | April<br>pay            | 240.70 |        | 240.70  |
| 932    | Normtec                       | Fingerpost deposit      | 390.73 |        | 390.73  |
| 933    | JB Gardens                    | Play area, hedge, trees | 624.00 | 124.80 | 748.80  |
| 934    | DAPTC                         | Conference              | 30.00  |        | 30.00   |
| 935    | HB Village hall<br>Wessex Web | hire                    | 14.25  |        | 14.25   |
| SO     | Design                        | Web hosting Mar         | 15.00  |        | 15.00   |
| SO     | IK Services                   | Dog bins Mar            | 97.93  |        | 97.93   |
| DD     | SV&P Ptnshp                   | Cemetery business rates | 11.89  |        | 11.89   |
|        |                               |                         |        | Total  | 1549.30 |

**ii) WW1 anniversary oak tree:** The Royal British Legion wish to construct a small wall around the tree at a total cost of £350. It was agreed the parish council will pay 50% of the cost.

**iii) annual accounts and bank reconciliation:** MW had circulated the first draft of the year-end accounts. The internal audit is scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> April so the Annual Return will be ready for the next parish council meeting. The end of year bank reconciliation had been circulated and was signed-off.

**065/16 – The Antelope path:** DCC has given a conditional grant of £1,415 towards the project. This needed to be paid before the end of DCC's financial year or the funding would be lost. However, the grant money has to be spent on this project by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 or the money will have to be returned. The funds will be placed in an earmarked reserve. Advice has been received from Roger Bell of DCC Highways that, in his professional opinion, there is no safe crossing point at any point on

the Hall & Woodhouse land; the only “safe” points would be opposite the pavement just south of Honeysuckle Gardens or further north, opposite the shop. This view would end the prospect of a standalone path. Councillors discussed a range of options to improve pedestrian safety (some would be prohibitively expensive in these times of austerity) and it was agreed to ask Mr Bell to reconsider and, in particular, undertake a risk assessment of a crossing point compared with the risks of walking for 100 yards on the public highway.

**066/16 - Fingerposts:** MW reported that the new post for Kingston should be ready in mid-summer; a deposit cheque for half the cost has been sent to Normtec and the remaining contribution from PB is held by the AONB team. Normtec only have a very small stock of plastic letters, insufficient to repair the post on the way to Woolland. Fully finished new metal letters cost £5 each. MW was asked to investigate other sources of plastic letters.

**067/16 – Footpath and highways matters – update from clerk:** DCC Highways has said it would not support or enforce a one-way system for Judds Transport’s lorries. In any case, there was no obvious parish council support for such a scheme. MW has been contacted by Symonds and Sampson, the managing agents of the field between Coney Lane and the Recreation Ground. Whilst hedge cutting has taken place, the “puddle” is still a problem – MW will speak with the agents. MW is awaiting a quote from the DCC Rangers to cut the Spectrum lay-by in Kingston

**068/16 – Community defibrillator:** The surgery has been approached over a possible financial contribution. In the meantime it was agreed to press on with the moving the defibrillator to the outside of the village hall, subject to the village hall committee being happy with the quote for the electrical installation necessary for the heated cabinet. The recommendation of the South-West Ambulance Service is that the cabinet should be unlocked. MW will mention this to our insurers.

**069/16 – Recreation field:** The latest minutes including the notes of the meeting with Align Building consultants had been circulated in advance. The revised strategy of appointing, by way of a new tender document, a contractor to take on the formal role of Principal Contractor was agreed. The draft wording of a tender letter had been circulated. Councillors had no particular comments on the content but if anything sprang to mind they were asked to contact MW. SM wondered if it would be helpful to run the tender letter past Jonathan White of Align? In terms of funding, it was confirmed to MR that local fundraising would continue; also any revenue from sports teams etc would now come to the parish council. The new approach to the project will increase the cost beyond the current resources. The option of using the council’s reserves or taking a Public Works Loan Board fixed rate loan (or a combination of the two) was discussed. MW had already looked into the feasibility of loan repayment and it was clear that a loan in the region of £20,000 could be serviced comfortably. The parish council agreed that it would provide top-up finance in the region of £20,000 to ensure the project could go ahead. The precise figure will depend on the results of the tender exercise.

**070/16 – Village hall – report:** There is a quiz night on April 16th

**071/16 – DCC/NDDC Cllr Batstone:** In the absence of PB there was no report.

**072/16 - Public open session:** No questions, but DM noted that there had been an informal community litter pick in much of the parish but work in Kingston would be appreciated. .

**073/16 – Correspondence to note:** i) **BT exchange:** Alleged noise nuisance has been an ongoing issue between a local resident, BT and Simon Hoare, MP. Remedial work is due to start on 11<sup>th</sup> April, hopefully to solve the problem ii) **Godfrey Symes:** SM has been contacted by Mr Symes who has amassed a significant local history archive. SM will meet him in July when he returns from service abroad.

**074/16 – Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 in the village hall; this will immediately follow the Annual Parish Meeting

**075/16 – Close of meeting:** With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 9.12pm.