

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HAZELBURY BRYAN
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2016 AT 8.00 PM**

Present: Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), David Maughan (DM), Martin Richards (MR), Ken Huggins (KH), John Grayson (JG), P Dimmock (PD) and DCC/NDCC Cllr Pauline Batstone (PB). Members of the public – 9.

Minutes: Clerk Malcolm Wilson (MW)

020/16 - Apologies: None

021/16 - Declarations of interest: None

022/16 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2016: The minutes of this meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

023/16 – Matters arising from these minutes: MW and DM have looked at the footpath from Coney Lane to the Recreation Ground and there is a very deep puddle that requires Wellingtons for passage. MW will try and ascertain the owner of the land via a Land Registry search; AR has reported that Mr Moger will be overseeing the Queen’s 90th Birthday celebrations.

024/16 – Public open session: Mrs S Peace advised that she was unwilling to provide land for an extension to the Cemetery as it would reduce the agricultural viability of the remaining field. She noted that the gap through the hedge at the bottom of the Cemetery was not a right of way for walkers. Mr M Mills suggested that the defibrillator, currently located inside the Antelope public house, might be better located externally – either at the pub or the village hall, where it would be available 24 x 7. The cost of an external bespoke secure cabinet would be about £1,300, plus the cost of wiring to the main electricity supply of the host building. MW will speak to the pub about relocation and also see if any funding support might be available from the Cerne Abbas surgery or the ambulance service. The matter will be added to next month’s agenda. A suggestion that the parish council was uninterested in the Queens 90th Birthday celebrations was refuted by SM. AR had been representing the parish council in village wide discussions, and the Recreation Ground would be happy to stage an event depending on other existing commitments.

025/16 – Planning – i) to consider the response to the questionnaire regarding a potential Neighbourhood Plan and decide whether to proceed with the creation of such a Plan: MW reported that just over 500 questionnaires had been delivered to every house in the community but only 30 replies had been received back. Of these, 21 were in favour of a Plan, 8 were against and 1 abstention. However, only 6 people had volunteered to work on the Plan, with 4 others offering some level of help when they were available. Councillors were very disappointed at the low response to the questionnaire – given the low level of enthusiasm is it worth bothering with the work? There was concern that Policies included in a Plan might be over-ruled by NDDC in “exceptional” circumstances, or central Government might alter the National Planning Policy Framework in the future and make Neighbourhood Plans redundant. Guidance from the consultant used by Shillingstone to help create its Plan had been that a Committee of 12 is ideal to allow for inevitable drop-outs over the period. At least one parish councillor should also commit to be on the Committee. Being mindful of the majority in favour of creating a Plan SM suggested that MW convene a meeting of those who had volunteered together with the NDDC Neighbourhood Plan officer, and potentially a specialist Neighbourhood Plan consultant to look at a way forward. Other community groups like the school, the Church etc could also be invited. This was agreed and DM volunteered to represent the parish council, with KH providing support too. **ii) to consider planning applications received:** None received

026/16 – Finance

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

Cheque	Payee	Service	Net	VAT	Total
924	Normtec M	fingerpost parts	237.88		237.88
925	Wilson	Feb pay	240.70		240.70

926	HB Rec Association M	Grant re grass cutting	500.00	500.00
927	Wilson Wessex Web	Expenses 4/11/15 7- 2/2/16	87.72	87.72
SO	Design	Web hosting	15.00	15.00
SO	IK Services	Dog bins Feb	97.93	97.93
			Total	1179.23

027/16 – The Antelope path: MW and DM are meeting Liz Abraham, Head of Property at Hall and Woodhouse at 9.30 am on Thursday 4th February.

028/16 – Speed Indicator Device: DCC Highways are reducing the number of sites they serve from 120 to 14 to save money. The site in Frizzell Hill is one to be scrapped. There is an opportunity to buy the equipment for £2,500 and operate it ourselves but in accordance with the Rules laid down by DCC. MW will investigate whether there is an opportunity to share one piece of equipment with neighbouring town or parish councils.

029/16 - Fingerposts: MW has visited the workshop of Roger Bond in Shillingstone. He undertakes repairs on a voluntary basis, just charging for materials. He will make a new sign for Kingston but he has a backlog of work so we have no estimate of when it might be available – as he is a volunteer it is difficult to press too hard for a date. He has supplied the necessary parts for the post at the school to be repaired.

030/16 – Churchfoot Lane: The owner of the land in question, David Mitchell, has agreed to the planting scheme of 10 native fruit trees. This will allow access to the field and for hedge-cutting and also roadside parking for funerals, but should discourage longer term encampments. MW reported that trees will cost about £200 with perhaps £100 or so for planting. This expenditure was approved. MW will ask JB Gardens to undertake the planting.

031/16 – DCC review of bus services: This is underway, responses are due by 8th February. Hopefully opportunities have been provided on buses for users to complete survey forms.

032/16 – Recreation field: The Committee meeting planned for 12th January was postponed until Monday 8th February. MW has made contact with Johnathan White of Align Building Services and he is happy to provide a free consultation on current plans and estimates once these are to hand. The transfer of funds will take place after the end of the financial year-end on 31st March 2016. MW has ordered additional woodchip for the play area.

033/16 – Village hall – report: Two film nights are planned – The Theory of Everything this coming Saturday and a morning showing of Paddington in half-term.

034/16 – DCC/NDDC Cllr Batstone: PB reported on the dire financial position of DCC. This is one reason for the bus review. Youth services are being re-organised. The general Precept will rise by 2% with a further 2% increase to help fund adult social care. The pressures at County and District are likely to speed-up a full review of local government with one, or possibly two, unitary authorities for Dorset the most likely outcome, Numbers of staff and councillors will be significantly reduced.

035/16 - Public open session: No further comments

036/16 – Correspondence to note: i) tree wardens - SM had been contacted by Geraldine Hobson and Cliff Ayres about their role as tree wardens. Their involvement has lapsed with changes of clerk and he will forward to MW to make contact **ii) Beacon bonfire celebrations for the Queens 90th birthday** – noted **iii) SturCredits volunteers** – details of this scheme had been circulated, ditch clearance on the Keep and footpath work were mentioned as possible tasks. MW will also see if Nigel Spring might have work for the volunteers **iv) J Moger re damage to bank and hedge by fast moving long vehicles** – his e mail had been forwarded to Roger Bell, DCC Highways contact who had met on site on 1st February, along with the Police. No concrete solution has been agreed. The problem is agricultural contractors driving too fast, often with trailers that are eroding the verge. DCC will monitor the situation.

DM asked if the cemetery hedge could be cut and that the issue of a rain water gutter emptying onto Coney Lane be pursued. MW will follow up.

037/16 – Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 8.00 pm in the village hall

038/16 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

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