

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

**Present:** Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), David Maugham (DM), Martin Richards (MR), Ken Huggins (KH), John Grayson (JG), Alun Read (AR) and Phil Dimmock (PD) and DCC/NDDC Cllr Pauline Batstone (PB) Members of the public – 5.

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

**001/16 - Apologies:** None

**002/16 - Declarations of interest:** None

**003/16 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015:** The minutes of this meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**004/16 – Matters arising from these minutes:** AR reported there was little or no support for a multi-village celebration of the Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday but he is seeing the PCC and the school next week about a local event on Alex Field.

**005/16 – Public open session:** Nothing to report

**006/16 – Planning - to consider planning applications received:** “Round-robin” e mails had not produced any objections to applications 2/2015/1243 and 2/2015/1419 received between parish council meetings

**007/16 – Finance**

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

Cheque	Payee	Service	Net	VAT	Total
921	Parish Mag Printers M	Bytes - Dec	58.00		58.00
922	Wilson	Jan pay	240.30		240.30
923	G Belsham Wessex Web	Cemetery maintenance	450.00		450.00
SO	Design	Web hosting	15.00		15.00
SO	IK Services	Dog bins Oct	97.93		97.93
				Total	861.23

**b) to consider and agree the quarterly bank reconciliation and finance update:** This had been circulated in advance and was signed off as an accurate record **c) NDDC letter re Precept:** The annual letter had been received much later than in previous years but Precept requests have to be lodged by the end of January. The clerk will organise. NDDC is uncertain if it will be able to provide a Transitional Support Grant this year as the local government financial settlement is even more reduced than expected.

**008/16 – Bryan Bytes – Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire –** MW reported on survey responses to date. There has not been a tidal wave of support for the idea of creating a Neighbourhood Plan but people have until 17<sup>th</sup> January to reply.

**009/16 – The Antelope path: 230/15 –** H&W have apologised for not inviting us to their meeting with DCC Highways. It seems Highways has concerns over the path joining the road on the bend and feels that it should extend further north beyond the H&W owned land – either through the garden of the neighbouring house or possible right round the back of the house to emerge almost opposite the entrance to Honeybun Meadow. Liz Abraham, Head of Property at H&W, will be arranging a meeting with the parish council in the New Year.

**Fingerposts:** Katherine Wright of the AONB team is meeting with Normtec on Wednesday and will progress the order – a two arm post with one arm having letters both side saying “Kingston Cross”

and the other with letters on one side pointing north saying "Kingston". PB confirmed she has deposited her share of the cost with the AONB team. DM noted the broken post at the school. MW will send photographs to Katherine and Normtec to source replacement brackets etc. DM volunteered to make the repair.

**010/16 – Churchfoot Lane/Cemetery:** It seems horses and dogs from a recent Hunt meet went through the cemetery and the Police are looking for witnesses. PD will look at the damage to see if the appropriate Hunt should be approached to pay for repairs and will report if he hears anything from the Police investigation.

MW has spoken to the owner (David Mitchell) of the land opposite the cemetery entrance and he seems amenable to some form of natural deterrent being planted on the land. MW will look into a tree planting scheme. PD volunteered to water sapling trees if needed. Once a scheme is drawn up it would be appropriate to get formal approval from Mr Mitchell and DCC Highways.

The question of an extension to the cemetery was discussed. There are a couple of possible alternatives and MW will make some initial enquiries.

**011/16 – The Keep:** Nothing to report at present, but the item will be kept on the agenda awaiting better weather

**012/16 – Drum Lane:** DCC Highways has repairs and drainage improvements planned – these were due before Christmas but were delayed due to bad weather – a revised date is awaited.

**013/16 – Recreation field: i) review of draft minutes of Recreation Ground committee of 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015** AR ran through the draft minutes which had been circulated in advance – quotes and CDMR investigations continue. MW was given additional contact details for a possible project controller

**014/16 – Village hall – report:** Two film nights are planned – Inside Out this Saturday and a morning showing of Paddington in half-term.

**015/16 – DCC/NDDC Cllr Batstone:** PB reported that the central government financial settlement announced just before Christmas was more stringent than DCC's worst case scenario planning by £7m – more savings will have to be found. Council Tax will rise by 4% - a general 2% increase and 2% towards Social Care. PB believes the financial pressures will speed restructuring of local government in Dorset, with the prospect of a single, unitary authority a possibility.

**016/16 - Public open session:** Concern was expressed that changes in local government would make a Neighbourhood Plan redundant. PB said this was not the case – a Neighbourhood Plan would still be a statutory document that would need to be taken into account in determining planning applications

**017/16 – Correspondence to note:** An e-mail about muddy lanes after the maize harvest had been circulated. Farmers are meant to clean lanes but this is easier said than done. MW will acknowledge – it might be that if concerns are raised immediately with DCC Highways via Dorsetforyou that action could be taken? (Subsequently, MW has spoken with DCC Highways and been told mud on roads is a Police matter. It must be reported and a crime number obtained; formal action can then, in theory, be taken, but the process is a nightmare apparently. DCC will have informal chat with farmers, but have no powers to enforce clean-up)

**018/16 – Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 at 8.00 pm in the village hall

**019/16 – Close of meeting:** With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 9.25pm.