

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HAZELBURY BRYAN VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 AT 8.00 PM**

**Present:** Councillors Ken Huggins (KH) (who took the Chair), Martin Richards (MR), Alun Read (AR), John Grayson (JG) and Phil Dimmock (PD); DCC/NDDC Cllr Pauline Batstone (PB)

Members of the public – 5

**Minutes:** Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk

**018/17 - Apologies:** Received from Steve Murcer and David Maughan

**019/17 - Declarations of interest:** None

**020/17 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017:** The minutes of this meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman

**021/17 – Matters arising from these minutes:** Covered in the agenda.

**022/17 – Public open session:** No comments, but some were made in consideration of the matter covered in minute 023/17/c)

**023/17 – Planning – i) to consider planning applications received: a) 2/2016/1885/House – Hill View Cottage, Marsh Lane, Wonston, DT10 2EE – erect 1 single storey and 1 first floor extension and porch – no objections b) 2/2017/0048/House - Hill House, Partway Lane, DT10 2DP – single storey extension – no objections c) to note application reported in the Blackmore Vale Magazine Notices (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan edition) concerning an application to the Traffic Commissioner(TC) for a licence for Hunts Food Services vehicles to be used at the current Judd Transport site – This application is to allow Hunts to operate 35 vehicles but no trailers from this site. Currently it is believed Judds have a licence for 8 lorries and 12 trailers. MR provided the meeting with much pertinent information from his own business experience:**

- the current licence is for articulated lorries with trailers with loads of up to 40 tonnes
- Hunts application has no trailers, so they will be smaller rigid lorries with a maximum capacity of 10 tonnes
- applicants sometimes overstate the need to allow for spikes in activity at busy times like Christmas
- there are no restrictions that limit the number of lorries arriving at any site, so even a site with no licence can receive an unlimited number of lorry deliveries every day
- operators are obliged to ring-fence a sum of £10k for every vehicle for which they seek a licence to ensure funds are available for vehicle maintenance
- if Hunts want access to the cold storage facility it would be perfectly legal for them to base their vehicles at another site, perhaps in Sturminster Newton, and then drive to the cold store to collect and deliver. This would increase traffic volumes more than if the vehicles were based at Judds.

PB reported the views of Steve Savage of Dorset County Council Highways, who have been consulted. He advised her there are no grounds for DCC Highways to object to the application. The TC has emphasised to DCC that the capacity or otherwise of the local highways network to cope with traffic from the site is not an issue for the TC.

On behalf of the community, Mr Allen expressed strong objections to what is expected to be an increase in traffic volumes through an inadequate rural road network. He also has concerns about night operations but any operating restrictions on the site will still apply unless a variation is sought through a planning application.

The point was made that the smaller vehicles will create less damage to the road surfaces and be easier to manoeuvre past. More vehicles will also increase local employment opportunities, as will keeping the cold store as a viable unit. There are though well understood concerns in the village about traffic levels given the inadequate road network and its poor condition.

It was agreed MW will write to the TC setting out the parish councils concerns over the impact on road traffic in the community and to suggest that a lower number of vehicles, perhaps 20, would be more acceptable to the community.

**024/17 – Finance**

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

Cheque	Payee	Service	Net	VAT	Total
985	MWilson	Jan pay	323.96		323.96
986	MWilson	Feb pay	323.96		323.96
987	Align	pavilion consultancy	1250.00	250.00	1500.00
989	Align	pavilion consultancy	368.80	73.76	442.56
990	DCC	Tree inspection	120.00	24.00	144.00
991	HBVH	hire	37.50		37.50
992	RHatcher	gang mower	450.00		450.00
993	M Wilson	expenses	145.89		145.89
SO	Steve Shaw	Web host	15.00		15.00
SO	IK Services	Dog bins	97.93		97.93
				Total	3480.80

**b) approve the bank reconciliation and financial summary as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016:** A detailed bank reconciliation and financial summary as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 had been prepared and circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting. These were approved and the reconciliation signed by the Chairman

**025/17 - Risk assessment – to review and consider the annual risk assessment, including the pavilion project:** MW had prepared the Annual Risk Assessment together with a special Assessment relating to the new pavilion project. These had been circulated in advance and after questions and a discussion it was agreed to accept the risk assessments as prepared

**026/17 - Trees – to consider the condition assessment of parish council trees and agree future action:** Dorset County Council's qualified arboriculturalist had undertaken a full survey of all trees on parish council owned land. Overall the position was very healthy with only one tree, number 4 on the plan, needing overhanging boughs cut back, and some tidying of epicormic growths at the bases of trees. DCC had provided a quote of £348 to undertake the recommended work and it was agreed to accept this and instruct DCC to go ahead.

**027/17 - Fingerposts – update on progress:** The post for Kingston is now in the right place but the arms are awaited from Normtec. It was noted that an unknown local resident had erected a home-made sign illegally fixed to a utility pole. MR noted that this was also incorrect – the wording says "Kingston" when it should say "Kingston Cross". MW will ensure Normtec are not misled by this sign when the proper arms are fitted

**028/17 - Footpath and highways matters – update –** The owner of the field between Coney Lane and the Antelope had contacted Mw and met DM and MW onsite. He is happy for scalplings or the like to be used to fill the eroded areas of path – DM will organise. It was noted that some hardcore has already been used, MW will ensure DM is aware

**029/17 - Recreation Field– a) pavilion update to include progress on building –** Snooks continue to make good progress. MW and Jim Bettle had met with Snooks to discuss a number of potential enhancements to the pavilion. These were outlined in The Recreation Ground Committee minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 and costings have been received from Snooks. Excluding the new water supply, the items totalled £3,331. The general feeling was that this will be money well spent whilst Snooks were on site. The expenditure was approved, although MR made the point that the contingency money should be regarded as just that, and not seen as a target to be spent. The quote for a new water supply of £3808 seems excessive and AR/MW will discuss this with Snooks. **ii) report and update from Chairman on other matters –** minutes of the last Committee meeting were noted.

**030/17 - Neighbourhood Plan - i) draft minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Committee of 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 to be noted:** The minutes were noted **ii) update on progress, including the community questionnaire:** MW reported

on the Committee meeting immediately before this parish council meeting. This had concentrated on allocating workstreams between the volunteers – Local Green Spaces, environmental assessment, character assessment, housing need, parking and traffic etc. Representatives from Hall & Woodhouse had attended as members of the public and had offered to help with the character assessment but it is likely the Committee will prepare its own to avoid any possible conflict of interest.

**031/17 – The Keep – improvement project:** Plans drawn up by Nigel Spring from Butterfly Conservation for scrub clearance, tree planting and pony grazing (probably twice a year using Michael Goddard's fell and dale ponies with a three-strand electric fence to keep out dogs as well as keep the horses in) had been circulated and were agreed. It was noted that some modest financial support from the land management budget will be needed. MW will notify our insurers at the appropriate time.

**032/17 – Village hall – report:** Nothing to report

**033/17 – DCC/NDDC Cllr Batstone:** Not unexpectedly, the preferred model for local government going forward is for 2 unitary authorities – urban (Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch) and rural. This should be fully operational by 2020. NDDC has drawn up a balanced budget for 2017/18. Funding for the Citizens Advice bureau had been cut but with structural efficiencies being made at CAB services to the public should be largely unaffected.

**034/17 - Public open session:** No comments

**035/17 – Correspondence to note:** Nothing to report

**036/17 – Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held at Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**037/17 – Close of meeting:** With no further business to discuss DM closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.