

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN HAZELBURY BRYAN VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 7th MARCH 2017 AT 8.00 PM**

**Present:** Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), David Maughan (DM), Ken Huggins (KH), Martin Richards (MR), Alun Read (AR), John Grayson (JG) and Phil Dimmock (PD); DCC/NDDC Cllr Pauline Batstone (PB)

Members of the public – about 70

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

**038/17 - Apologies:** None

**039/17 - Declarations of interest:** None

**040/17 – Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017:** The minutes of this meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman

**041/17 – Matters arising from these minutes:** Covered in the agenda.

**042/17 – Public open session:** Comments were limited to the Hunts/Judds and Vodaphone applications – see minute 043/17 below

**043/17 – Planning – i) to consider planning applications received: a) 2/2017/0164 – Moores Farm, Wes Lane – convert redundant barn into 1 dwelling (comments due by 2<sup>nd</sup> March) – no objections b) 2/2017/0127 – Honeysuckle Cottage, 1 Lydden Vale – create new dropped kerb and vehicular access (comments due by 6<sup>th</sup> March) – no objections ii) Vodaphone mast, Wonston – 2/2017/0269/TEL – to consider any response, even though NDDC say the parish council is not a statutory consultee for this application – SM explained the background, including the fact the application is for “prior approval” and as such the parish council is not a statutory consultee, but officers have said the parish council may make comments if it so wishes. He noted that he had received as many e mails in support of the mast as those against. The questionnaire completed in January as part of the Neighbourhood Plan indicated that better mobile reception was the second most popular amenity improvement, after better public transport. Speakers from the public made the following main points:**

- the mast will be visually obtrusive from many parts of the village and Conservation Area
- it will affect the character of the area
- there are health concerns
- there are other, better sites in the village and two people have offered their own land with the rent from Vodaphone going to the community
- the process is flawed if the community cannot properly express a view
- many people who have objected to NDDC have allegedly been recorded as being “neutral” rather than “opposed”.

Parish councillors then gave their views and a majority were opposed to a mast in this location on the grounds of appearance, height, visibility and visual impact and the alleged misrepresentation of individual’s views by NDDC. (Health concerns are not grounds on which an objection can be made). NDDC will be asked to insist that a full planning application is required to allow for a full local consultation and that any decision should be taken by NDDC planning committee rather than officers.

- **iii) Judds Transport site and Hunts Food – to note invitation to visit Hunts in Sherborne at 6.30 pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** – This matter, and the technicalities of an operator’s licence, was discussed in detail at the last parish council. At present, it is not known if the new licence has been granted, but the parish council has virtually no influence in the decision, and even Dorset County Council Highways had no grounds on which to object. The licence is only concerned with the suitability of the actual site as a depot and takes no account of the surrounding highways or environment. It had been hoped that Richard Hunt would be able to attend this meeting to explain the implications of the acquisition. Business commitments had made this difficult and SM read out an e mail from Richard Hunt as follows:

“ I have organised to hold a meeting on Thursday 16 March at Sherborne to explain our operation and to hopefully put peoples mind at rest.

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> Hunts have two businesses which work in tandem.

> 1. food distribution- we buy and sell food into pubs, coffee shops, schools etc. this product is picked at Sherborne and distributed.

> The Judd's site is not suitable to host this operation, it is far too small.

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> 2. Storage- we will often purchase 26 pallets but only use one a week so we need to store the remainder. This is how Hunts will use the Judd's store. The store will also store product for local business, which has

always happened.

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> Transport

> Judd's have an operator's licence to run vehicles from the site, Hunts have applied for a licence to run 35 vehicles.

> The Hunts vehicles are predominately 15 tonnes the Judd's vehicles are 44 tonnes

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> I believe the village will see little change from the day to day operation. Sherborne will always remain the centre of the business and this will not be relocated. We are a family business who will work with in the restrictions placed on us. We would like to build a relationship with our neighbours and offer local people the chance of employment."

As mentioned in the e mail he has offered to host a meeting at Hunts site in Sherborne on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 pm. (the village hall is fully booked on weekday evenings in March). At his meeting he will give some detail on vehicle movements etc. This is an open meeting but it would be helpful if anyone planning to attend could let the Clerk know. Speakers from the public made the following main points:

- it is possible that the licence will be varied in the future to allow for more vehicles
- the surrounding roads are unsuitable for more commercial traffic
- attempts to speak direct to Richard Hunt have failed
- why can't the meeting be more convenient for local residents, perhaps at Judds?
- will the operating hours be extended (not without a planning application to alter them)
- there are lots of unknown issue about the real impact on the community

Parish councillor's views covered the spectrum from fully supporting the acquisition and new licence to wanting nothing to change. Hunts are keen to explain their operation and build a dialogue with the community, but there was widespread support for a local meeting, either at the Judds site or at the next parish council meeting. MW will approach Hunts to see if either option might be possible.

#### **044/17 – Finance**

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

| Cheque | Payee            | Service   | Net      | VAT     | Total    |
|--------|------------------|---|----------|---------|----------|
| 994    | R B Snook<br>M   | Building stage payment<br>(signed 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb) | 25299.00 | 5059.80 | 30358.80 |
| 995    | Wilson           | Mar pay   | 323.96   |         | 323.96   |
| 996    | HMRC             | Jan-Mar paye  | 243.00   |         | 243.00   |
| 997    | Align            | pavilion consultancy                                    | 368.80   | 73.76   | 442.56   |
| 998    | HB Vill Hall     | hire  | 12.50    |         | 12.50    |
| 999    | Dorset Plannning | Consultancy   | 700.00   |         | 700.00   |
| 1000   | R B Snook<br>M   | Building stage payment                                  | 13815.00 | 2763.00 | 16578.00 |
| 1001   | Wilson           | expenses  | 39.99    |         | 39.99    |
| SO     | Steve Shaw       | Web<br>host   | 15.00    |         | 15.00    |
| SO     | IK Services      | Dog bins  | 97.93    |         | 97.93    |
|        |                  |   |          | Total   | 48811.74 |

**b) request for financial support to upgrade the defibrillator in Woodlands:** The defibrillation in Woodlands is 14 years old and needs replacing. Residents are being asked to contribute, and the parish council has been asked for a donation. Provided the defibrillator is available for use by any resident and is well sign-posted the parish council will consider contributing. MW will bring forward to the next meeting

**045/17 - Fingerposts – update on progress:** The post for Kingston is now fully installed. KH reported the post by the Antelope pointing to Dorchester is in a bad way – DM will investigate.

**046/17 - Footpath and highways matters – update** – The landowner has filled in some of the depressions in the Antelope to Coney Lane footpath. DM will top up with scalplings when the ground has dried out a little

**047/17 - Recreation Field– a) pavilion update to include progress on building** – minutes of the recent committee meeting had been circulated and these highlighted the excellent progress being made on the building. On the advice of Snooks and Align the water supply for the showers will be boosted by a holding tank/pump arrangement. Once the building has dried out Snooks will begin floor screeding and plastering. Donations are coming in from the community to help with fitting-out costs and grant funding opportunities are being explored. It is likely that only a small element of the contingency funding will now be needed for fitting out. **ii) report and update from Chairman on other matters** – nothing further to add.

**048/17 - Neighbourhood Plan - i) draft minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Committee of 7<sup>th</sup> February 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. Work-streams are underway to develop draft policies for the plan, and a “call for sites” will be issued in Bytes. The timetable is to submit the Plan to NDDC in September 2018, with a referendum likely in spring of 2019.

**049/17 – The Keep – i) improvement project:** KH reported on the planting of the fruit trees, improvements to the stock fencing and the agreement of a neighbour to supply electricity for the electric fence. MW confirmed the insurers are happy provided the electric fence has an appropriate notice to alert the public. The ponies are likely to be in place in a few weeks, MW will confirm the owner has cover if the horses escape and do any damage etc. **ii) additional dog waste bin:** it was agreed to purchase and install a further dog waste bin at the top of the allotments, following the success of the allotment society’s temporary arrangement

**050/17 – Village hall – report:** DM reported that improvements to the acoustics are being installed over the coming weekend; provided there are sufficient ticket sales there is live music on 24<sup>th</sup> March – Howden Jones

**051/17 – DCC/NDDC Cllr Batstone:** DCC has obtained some additional central government funding for pothole repairs. NDDC and DCC council tax charges will be increased for 2017/18. NDDC has moved out of the Norden site, meetings are being held either in Durweston village hall or Dorchester. The metal horse in Sturminster has been bought by an anonymous individual and donated to the town. SM thanked PB for her significant contribution to the Vodafone and Hunts issues discussed earlier in this meeting

**052/17 - Public open session:** The parish council was thanked for the way the meeting had been conducted

**053/17 – Correspondence to note:** Nothing to report

**054/17 – Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held at Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

**055/17 – Close of meeting:** With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 9.55 pm.