

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ALEC'S FIELD
PAVILION ON MONDAY 14th May 2018 AT 8.00 PM**

Present: Councillors Steve Murcer (SM), David Maughan (DM), Martin Richards (MR), John Grayson (JG) and Phil Dimmock (PD).

Members of the public – 4

Minutes: Malcolm Wilson (MW) – parish clerk

095/18 – Election of Chairman: SM was elected Chairman for the next year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

096/18 - Apologies: Received from Ken Huggins and DCC/NDDC Cllr Pauline Batstone

097/18 - Declarations of interest: None

098/18 – Adoption of the minutes of the meetings held on 3rd and 9th April 2018: The minutes of these meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman

099/18 – Matters arising from these minutes: MW has received procedural notes for BACS payments from the internal auditor which he will consider; the Antelope to Coney Lane footpath improvements are outstanding.

100/18 – Public open session: No comments at this stage

101/18 - To elect the Vice Chairman: DM was re-elected as Vice-Chairman

102/18 - To resolve to take the General Power of Competence: It was resolved to take the General Power of Competence for the next 12 months as the necessary criteria were met.

103/18 - To appoint members of the Recreation Ground Committee: It was agreed the existing members of the Committee – Alun Read, John Grayson, Jim Bettle, Helen Fry and Emma Grayson - would be re-appointed for the next year and MW will continue as clerk

104/18 - To appoint members of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee: It was agreed the following existing members of the Committee – David Maughan, Ken Huggins, Ian Stevenson, Val Rubie, Geraldine Hobson, Angela Chatters, Liz Stockley, Jill Noades and Keith Harrison – would be re-appointed for the next year and MW will continue as clerk.

105/18 - To appoint representatives to the following outside body – the Village Hall Committee: DM was appointed

106/18 - To assign responsibilities for the following matters: Councillors were appointed as follows i) **Rights of Way** - MR ii) **Allotments** - KH iii) **Transport** - MR

107/18 - Finance a) approve accounts for payment: The following payments had been signed at the postponed meeting on 1st May 2018 and were approved retrospectively:

Cheque	Payee	Service	Net	VAT	Total
	M				
1105	Wilson	May pay	255.02		255.02
1106	HB Village hall	Hire	51.75		51.75
1107	Darkin Miller	Internal audit	200.55	40.11	240.66
1108	Water2business	Rec water	24.82		24.82
1109	SSE	Pavilion electric	120.38	6.03	126.39
1110	S Goacher	Payroll admin	120.59		120.59
1111	E Cluett	Rec grass donation	500.00		500.00
	M				
1112	Wilson	Expenses 7th Mar - 1st May	219.06	0.42	219.48
DD	NDDC	Cemetery rates	18.41		18.41
SO	S Shaw	Web site	15.00		15.00
SO	IK Services	Dog bin emptying	110.00		110.00

The following payments were approved this evening:

Cheque	Payee	Service	Net	VAT	Total
1114	Fireline Lts	Pavilion fire extinguisher chk	56.20	11.24	67.44
1115	DAPTC	GDPR course	25.00		25.00
1116	JB Gardens	Grass and hedge cutting	365.00	73.00	438.00
1118	Alma Tenwick	Village flowers	41.46	8.29	49.75

b) to note the report of the internal auditor on the annual accounts and governance statement and agree action following recommendations in the report: The report had been circulated with three low risk items highlighted. MW has given a timetable for these to be implemented, including a slightly amended version of the minutes of the parish council meeting in December 2017 – a copy of the revised version was signed by the Chairman.

c) Year-end accounts – to approve the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2018 and authorise the Chairman to sign i) the Governance Statement; and ii) the Accounting Statements: It was agreed that the Chairman and clerk could sign the Annual Governance Statement and the Chairman and clerk could sign the Accounting Statements

108/18 – Planning – i) meeting with NDDC planning policy team leader, Ed Gerry: notes of this meeting, which had been arranged to discuss the flurry of opportunistic planning applications received in the context of the Neighbourhood Plan, had been circulated. SM/MW reiterated the fundamental problem was NDDC's lack of a 5 year supply of "deliverable" housing. Until this is in place NDDC can give virtually no weight to policies in the N Plan and existing Settlement Boundaries also carry no weight. NPPF rules give a presumption in favour of sustainable development and NDDC will find it hard to turn down applications that don't have a significantly harmful impact on sensitive areas or are unsuitable on other grounds – flooding and other material considerations. It might be that the total number of applications might give leverage to turn down some applications, but that is not certain. It was agreed this was unsatisfactory but the parish council understands that NDDC's hands are tied. It was agreed to continue to object to applications that do not fall within the current draft of the N Plan and also on other planning criteria where these can be identified.

SM asked MR to describe the circumstances of his two applications for sites, both of which were supported in the N Plan but refused by NDDC. The development of the existing business premises for housing had been turned down to avoid the loss of employment land and the proposed new site for the business had been turned down because it is a green field site for business and housing (one home for the manager) – NDDC did not feel minded or able to link the two applications. SM said if NDDC was approving other green field sites for housing the parish council would surely be entitled to ask NDDC for an explanation of what seems a striking inconsistency in its approach. **ii) to consider planning applications received:**

2/2018/0370 – Little Whitemoor Farm – erect new barn – no objections

2/2018/0182 – Rosemary Cottage, Silly hill – construct new garage – no objections

2/2018/0462 – Land at Churchfoot Lane – develop land by the erection of 15 dwellings, form vehicular access, landscaping and associated works (outline to determine access) – this application is unsuitable and wrong at so many levels. The site wasn't brought forward in NDDC's SHLAA or the parish council's Call for sites. The access road is terribly narrow for the inevitable increase in cars and traffic, the historic hedge will have to be significantly breached to provide a safe(ish) access/egress, there will a negative impact on the peaceful cemetery and one of the "important views" set out in the N Plan. The points made by local resident in their letter of objection are endorsed and supported. The parish council objects to this application and will certainly ask for it to go the planning committee if the case officer is minded to approve.

2/2017/2016 – Land at The Ferns, Military Lane – development of 10 new dwellings (revised design of housing layout) – whilst the applicant has increased the number of homes from 10 to 12, which should deliver affordable housing, the parish council will continue to object as the site was not selected in the N Plan

iii) update on outstanding applications – Nothing to report

109/18 - Footpath and highways matters – update: i) Hunts lorries – SM has twice invited Richard Hunt to come along to a parish council meeting but as yet no reply has been received **ii) to consider creating a**

Speedwatch team or acquiring a Speed indicator device (SID): The merits and otherwise of both types of potential speed control were discussed. Getting sufficient, committed volunteers for a speedwatch group can be very challenging and there was a clear preference for a SID. MW was asked to explore the costs etc.

110/18 – The Keep: Nothing to report

111/18 - Recreation Field– report and update from Chairman (JG) on the latest committee meeting, the pavilion and other matters: JG reported that the committee had met earlier this evening. Minutes will be circulated. Key points include the car rally over the Bank Holiday weekend, which will be the first large scale event. This might be used as an opportunity to "open" the building, hopefully with some Blackmore Vale magazine publicity. The idea of a formal opening event has lost momentum. The web site links have been improved to help marketing and bookings. There is the potential for a football team to be established for the next season. The refurbished cycle jumps are now up and running.

112/18 - Neighbourhood Plan - i) draft minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Committee of 1st May 2018 to be noted: The minutes were noted **ii) update on progress:** The pre-submission consultation closes on 21st May 2018. The two public consultation sessions have been well attended with lots of positive comments on the quality of the draft Plan.

113/18 – Request for an additional dog waste bin: A request has been received for another bin to be installed at the exit from Hazel Wood onto Frizzels Hill. It was agreed that if the requestors bought the bin the council would take on the emptying costs. MW will make contact.

114/18 – Co-option of a parish councillor: SM had contacted two possible candidates. At this stage, Val Rubie is available as well as being well-qualified for the role. It was agreed to co-opt Val Rubie. SM will let her know and MW will arrange for the necessary formalities to be completed.

115/18 – Village hall – report: nothing to report

116/18 – DCC/NDDC Cllr Batstone: Her monthly report had been circulated.

117/18 - Public open session: No comments

118/18 – Correspondence to note: None

119/18 – Other matters: DM noted a plethora of signs on the fence near the bus stop; it was agreed those not community related or temporary in nature should be removed

120/18 – Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on 5th June 2018 in the village hall

121/18 – Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss SM closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

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