

Bathampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st.,April,2011
in the Village Hall, Bathampton

Present: Cllrs. A. McCann, K.Jones, L.King, D.Mayo, M. Richards ,
 K.Rossiter and S.Wing

1. Apologies: These had been received from Cllrs. S.Christley & H.Horler.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting:
 The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th.,March, 2011 had been circulated.
 Cllr. Rossiter, seconded by Cllr. Wing proposed that the Minutes be
 accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Finance:

a) To Approve the Financial Report for March, 2011

The report had been circulated. It was proposed for approval by
 Cllr.Richards and seconded by Cllr. Jones. Carried unanimously.

b) To Approve Expenditure for April,2011

The Clerk reported that there were eleven invoices received
 since the last meeting which were as follows:-

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| A.L.C.A. | Affiliation Fee | £301.70 |
| A.L.C.A. | Two Councillor Packs | £ 14.31 |
| M.A.Pope | Removal of Dead Tree | £135.00(+VAT) |
| Bathford Nurseries | Supply & Plant Tree | £ 75.00(+VAT) |
| S.E.C.Ltd | Street Light maintenance | £ 64.16(+VAT) |
| E.D.F. Energy | Electricity | £123.70(+VAT) |
| Bathampton Vill. Hall | Hire of Room | £ 31.50 |
| B.& N.E.S.Council | Printing Newsletter | £128.00 |
| Viking Direct | Stationery Supplies | £ 88.75(+VAT) |
| Bath Gdn. Machinery | Service of Toro Mower | £ 120.69(+VAT) |
| Cllr. McCann | A.P.M. Refreshments | £ 24.60(+VAT) |

It was proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Rossiter that
 these invoices should be paid. Carried unanimously.

CLERK

There was some discussion about whether we should continue
 with our affiliation to A.L.C.A. We had to join this year as we were required
 to give notice by 31st., December last. The Clerk was asked to enquire
 whether we had to give notice by the same date this year if we wish to
 discontinue our affiliation next year.

CLERK

1. Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution to the Annual Parish
 Meeting. Following the poor attendance, it was suggested that perhaps the
 format of the meeting should be changed. One suggestion was to have a
 speaker and another was to have a more general talk by the Chairman. It
 was agreed that the format should be changed.

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5. Group Reportsa) Planning & Conservation Group

The report had been circulated,

Cllr. King said that decking at 108 Holcombe Vale had been refused permission. The Tree Preservation Order at Bathampton Lane had been confirmed.

A new application had been received for a side extension at 23 Hantone Hill.

b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated.

Regarding the A.36 footpath, it was agreed to monitor the situation for the time being. If the grass verges are allowed to encroach further, then we will have to take some action.

We need to sign up as a direct contractor with Parish Online in order to have continued access. The Chairman agreed to look through the Conditions.

A.M.

The local Mooring Strategy Steering Group has finished its report and will be reporting to British Waterways in the near future.

Cllr. Rossiter asked for the Parish Council's approval for the V.P.A. to make the response to DEFRA's consultation on British Waterways becoming a charity. This was agreed unanimously.

Concerning high hedges, there is the possibility of publicity in a BBC programme. However, this would only go ahead with permission of all the parties involved.

A letter had been received from a resident concerning parking problems around St. Nicholas Court. Cllr. Rossiter said that he would draft a reply along the lines that we are taking a broader look at parking in the area.

K.R.

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Richards reported that the replacement cherry tree in Jubilee gardens is now being watered..

We have approached British Waterways regarding ownership of the small hut in the corner of Jubilee Gardens as well as a small area which was previously cultivated as a garden or shrubbery.

The skip has now been removed from the allotment site. Cllr. Richards is to speak to the Chairman of the Gardeners Association who used it as a means of clearing rubbish out of their hut.

M.R.

Cllr. Richards reported that he thought the childrens play area needs some upgrading. We would need to get grants to do this.

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5. Group Reports(Cont'd.)c) Leisure & Amenities Group(Cont'd.)

Cllr. Richards reported that he had obtained quotations for cutting

the grass on the playing field and the allotments in the coming financial year. William Wolf quoted £250 per visit which would amount to £3,000 in the year and Jeff Havvock quoted a total of £1356. In the meantime, Cllr. Richards had negotiated with Bath & N.E.Somerset Council and obtained a price of £1271.84 for twelve cuts during the year and including two strimmings of the bank. Cllr. Richards, seconded by the Chairman, proposed that we accept B.& N.E.S. quotation. Agreed unanimously. The Clerk to confirm acceptance.

CLERK

Now that the only suitable place for a bus shelter seems to be outside the Methodist Church , it was queried whether the bus stop could be moved there. Cllr. Richards to query this with B.& N.E.S.

M.R.

d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated.

The Chairman said that there was nothing further to report since the Annual Parish meeting. He said that the Bath Transport Commission consists of a Chairman (Mr. P.Hendy) and three experts. They have had a preliminary meeting. There will be a full meeting to which a representative from the V.P.A., a Bath resident and a Bath businessman will be invited. Cllr. McCann will attend as the representative of the V.P.A.

e) Clerk's Report.

Mr. D. Clarke had replied to thank the Parish Council for his honorarium and saying that he is willing to continue giving advice on planning matters as long as he is able.

The C.P.R.E. has sent details of the Village of the Year Competition for the coming year. Cllr. Jones agreed to take this on again.

K.J.

The External Auditors(Mazars) have sent the papers for the audit for the year ending 31st.,March,2011.

The Insurance renewal documentation has been received from Came & Co. The premium for 2011 to 2012 payable on 1st.,June is £871.68.

f) Web Site

Cllr. Mayo reported that he had discussed the aims of the site with Cllr. Horler. It should promote civic pride in the Village. It should have fresh news and relevant material on the front page. Scrolling down could the lead to more detailed information. There should be regular updates with, for example, the Minutes and the Newsletter. He is to meet with Cllr. Christley to get her views.

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6. Matters Arising:

The missing footpath sign in Mill Lane is now located on the opposite side of the road.

7. Open Forum

- a. Cllr. Jones said that she would like to see a No Smoking sign in the bus shelter at the top of Down Lane. She would make enquiries. **K.J.**
- b. Cllr. Wing said that the hedge on the corner of Devonshire Road and Down Lane is obscuring drivers' view of traffic coming down Down Lane. It was agreed to ask the Handyman to cut it back again. **K.R.**

8. Date of Next meeting: Thursday, 19th., May 2011
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.21 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,
19th., May 2011