

## Bathampton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup>.,April, 2013 in the Village Hall, Bathampton

Present: Cllrs. A. McCann, G.Ardrey, M.Brennan, K.Jones, L. King, D. Mayo  
and M. Richards.

1. Apologies: These were no apologies received.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup>.,March, 2013 had been circulated. Two minor amendments were requested. In Section 4(a), "Candywood Lees" was changed to "Candywood Leys", and in section 4(b), "installing a stile" was replaced by "replacing a stile". Following these amendments, Cllr. Richards, seconded by the Cllr. Mayo, proposed that these Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Finance:

a) To Approve the Financial Report for March, 2013

The report had been circulated. It was proposed for approval by The Chairman and seconded by the Cllr. Brennan. Carried unanimously.

b) To Approve Expenditure for April, 2013

The Clerk reported that five invoices had been presented for payment as follows:-

S.E.C. Ltd	Street Light Maintenance	£ 64.16(+VAT)
Bathampton Vill. Hall	Room Hire(Jan.-Mar.)	£ 27.00
Local Council Review	Subscription Renewal	£ 16.00
E.D.F.Energy	Electricity	£140.51(+VAT)
N.A.L.C.	Planning Explained(2 Copies)	£ 3.75(+VAT)

It was proposed by the Cllr. Ardrey and seconded by Cllr. Mayo that these amounts should be paid. Carried unanimously.

**CLERK**

4. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

Cllr. King reported that the proposed new bungalow on land to the rear of 45 Devonshire Road had now been permitted. Also permitted is the work at Manor Barn. This includes work under a Listed Building Consent. An application has been received for a side dormer at 76 Warminster Road.

Regarding Candywood Leys, Cllr. King said that a new major application has been submitted. This will take 13 weeks to process and not the usual 8 weeks. This new application is very similar to the previous one but the business plan has more detail. There was much discussion but it was decided to wait until after the results of the site visit which is to be made on Monday,22<sup>nd</sup>.,April, before making our formal comments.

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b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Brennan said that she felt strongly that the crossing point over the A.36 near to the top of Down Lane was too near to the road junction and was responsible for many near misses. There was discussion about this and not all the Council agreed. Vehicles not adhering to the speed limit was thought to be the main factor. It was agreed to encourage residents to report near misses and non-injury collisions via the on-line form and leave the Highways Agency to look at the accident record before deciding what action to take.

Cllr. Mayo reported that the Walks Leaflet was on schedule. He showed proof copies of the map and one or two minor amendments were suggested.

Regarding the previous flooding on to the Warminster Road, a water trough up on the Downs had been found to have a cracked feed pipe which might have contributed to the flooding or it might be from a spring. Wessex Water is investigating. Meanwhile the Clerk had written to the two ladies who experienced the flooding explaining the current situation.

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Richards reported that the work on the allotment hedge had been completed. Also he asked for approval for obtaining a skip to be placed on the allotments so that an annual tidy-up could be done. This was agreed.

d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated.

The Chairman said that there was nothing further to be report. He then asked if councillors could have their contributions for the Newsletter sent to the editor by 3<sup>rd</sup>.,May.

e) Parish Web Site

There was nothing to report.

f. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the first instalment of the precept for the present financial year had been received together with the special grant.

We have been advised by B.& N.E.S. Council that we have been awarded a grant of £350 under the Ward Councillors Initiative towards the cost of producing the Walks Leaflet.

B.& N.E.S.Council has also advised us that the grant we receive under the Parish Agency Scheme for maintaining the footpaths is being increased by 2%.

5. Matters Arising:

Cllr. Richards had spoken to the Rev. Paul Burden about a suitable date for installing the two new plaques on the memorial in the

church yard. It now looks as though Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup>., June would be a suitable date.

**M.R.**

6. Open Forum

Cllr. Richards, having been sent details of seed mixtures of meadow flowers, wondered if there was an area which we could seed. After discussion, it was agreed that there was no suitable area.

We had also received from B.& N.E.S.Council an invitation to enter the "Village in Bloom Competition", an extension of Britain in Bloom. It was agreed to leave this in abeyance as we may still be entering the "Best Kept Village Competition" again.

The Clerk then mentioned that with the resignation of Cllr.Christley, we were short of one signatory on our bank account.

The Chairman, seconded by Cllr. King, proposed that Cllr. Brennan should become our fourth signatory. Agreed unanimously.

**CLERK**

7. Annual Parish Meeting, 30<sup>th</sup>., May, 2013

Regarding the Annual Parish meeting to be held on 30<sup>th</sup>., May, the Clerk was asked to confirm with James Reed of Curo that he will be attending and talking to us. The Clerk said that he would send invitations to those organizations which receive grants from us.

**CLERK**

8. Date of Next meeting: Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup>., May, 2013

At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.10 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,  
16<sup>th</sup>., May, 2013