

Bathampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th.,December, 2012 in the Village Hall, Bathampton

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

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllrs.
G.Ardrey, S. Christley and
M. Richards

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th.,November, 2012 had been circulated. Cllr.King, seconded by the Chairman, proposed that these Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Finance:
 - a) To Approve the Financial Report for November,2012
The Financial Report for November had been circulated. Cllr. Jones, seconded by Cllr. King, proposed that it be approved. Carried.

 - b) To Approve Expenditure for December, 2012
The Clerk reported that five invoices had been received since the last meeting as follows:-

B.& N.E.S. Council	Printing Newsletter	£ 131.00
S.L.C.C.	Membership Renewal	£ 114.00
Bathampton Vill. Hall	Room Hire	£ 36.00
Homebase Ltd.	Christmas Tree Lights	£ 41.66(+VAT)
Homebase Ltd.	New Grass Mower	£ 258.33(+VAT)

 It was proposed by the Cllr.King and seconded by Cllr. Mayo that these invoices should be paid. Carried unanimously.
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4. Group Reports
 - a) Planning & Conservation Group
The report had been circulated
Cllr. King reported that Bathampton Farm House is on one of the sites chosen as a possible Park & Ride site. This possible development would be for a new railway station and parking area to enable commuters to park and ride on the train into Bath or into Bristol. The problem is that the owners of Bathampton Farm House were trying to sell it and move and were unaware that their property was in the centre of the land identified in the proposed plan. It was agreed that the Bathampton Parish Council's sympathies are with the owners and that Bath & N.E.S. Council have been very remiss in not informing the owners beforehand that their property was in the middle of the proposed site. As it is, the owners cannot move until a decision is made on which are the three preferred sites, out of the eight, and then only if their property is not included.

The application for a roof terrace at The Coach House, Bathampton Lane has been withdrawn.

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4. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated.

In the absence of Cllr. Christley, Cllr. Mayo reported. A fallen tree had been removed. Also, a complaint had been received from a Mrs. Nicholson in Bathampton Lane but no trace of her was to be found on the electoral roll.

Rainwater run off from the Downs is causing flooding in one part of the Warminster Road. This was reported as it could be dangerous if the weather turns cold and the water freezes.

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

In the absence of Cllr. Richards, it was agreed to send him the Council's thanks for arranging the purchase and setting up of the illuminated Christmas tree. It is present in a prominent position outside the Village Hall.

The Clerk mentioned that he is about to send out the rental demands for the allotment plots for the coming year and if we wish to have an increase next year we should advise the tenants now. The Chairman proposed that we increase the rents from £5 per lug to £5.50 per lug as from 1st., January, 2014. This was seconded by Cllr. Brennan and carried unanimously.

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Cllr. Brennan asked what rental tenants of allotments in Bath pay. The Clerk said that he would bring details to the next meeting.

d) Policy & Finance Group

The Chairman said that there was little new to report. We are awaiting the shortlist of three preferred Park & Ride sites from the original list of eight. The Chief Executive of Wiltshire Council (Jane Scott) had been invited to, and attended, a meeting of the V.P.A. This was to try to promote cross county boundary liaison. (Contact between Wiltshire Council. and B.& N.E.S. Council seems to have deteriorated).

e) Web Site Development

It was agreed that we should develop our website more but as Cllr. Christley was absent, this was held over until the next meeting.

f) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that he had received letters of application for a grant from Bathampton Gardeners Association and from our Local History Research Group.

We have received the annual rent from the Village Hall Management Committee for the Village Hall.

Finally, we have received from B.& N.E.S.Council the application form for the precept for the year 2013 to 2014.

5. Matters Arising:

Cllr. King reminded the Clerk that we should have heard some news about Candywood Leys by now as they were given until the end of November to put in a Planning Application. The Clerk would make enquiries.

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6. Open Forum

Cllr. King queried what was happening as the new Core Strategy had not been finalized. The Chairman said that on the previous Local Plan expiring, some developers may step in and try to build. In that case, the Inspector would decide on the basis of the Local Plan still being in existence.

7. Date of Next meeting: Thursday, 17th., January, 2013
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.55 p.m.

Signed.....Chairman
17th., January, 2013