

**Bathampton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup>.,December, 2015**  
**in the Village Hall, Bathampton**

Present: Cllrs. M. Brennan, G.Ardrey, S. Andrews, J. Helps, L. King,  
and D. Mayo.

Also present was Jacqueline Bird.

1. Co-option of a new councillor.

Cllr. Ardrey, seconded by Cllr. Andrews, proposed that Jacqueline Bird be co-opted onto the Council. Carried unanimously. Cllr. Bird then signed the Acceptance of Office form.

2. Apologies: Apologies had been received from Cllr. L. McMurray.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup>.,November, 2015 had been circulated. Cllr. King, seconded by Cllr. Helps, proposed that these Minutes, be accepted. Carried unanimously.

4. Matters Arising

Regarding the “Good Councillor Training” offered by A.L.C.A., they come to our venue and train councillors as a group. This is done for fee of £200. Acceptable days were discussed. It seems that a *Thursday* might be the most suitable day.

**CLERK**

5. Finance:

a) Approval of the Financial Report for November,2015

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

b) Approval of Expenditure for December 2015

The Clerk reported that only one invoice had been received as follows:-

S.L.C.C.	Annual Membership	£118.00
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It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr.Ardrey. that his invoice should be paid. Carried unanimously.

**CLERK**

c) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the grant of £1000 towards a special swing seat had been received. This had been awarded by Cllr. Geoff Ward under the Local Ward Councillors Initiative.

He also reported receiving a copy of the Electoral Roll as at 1<sup>st</sup>.,December,2015.

Also received was a copy of the Definitive Map Order making the Swing bridge over the canal into a Right of Way. There is still a period of 42 days in which objections can be lodged. It was agreed to put a notice to this effect at each end of the bridge.

**CLERK**

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6.. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group.

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. King reported that we still object to the proposed upgrade to the track leading to No.5 Miller Walk. There is a new application for a single storey side extension at Cherry Cottage in the High Street.

The tree work at Abbeydale House has been approved.

It seems that the Canal and River Trust have done some work to clear up the canal bank but the plants are still there. Cllr. Andrews will draft a letter to be sent to *Mark Davies CRT Manager* with a copy to be sent to the Enforcement Officer at B.& N.E.S. Council.

**S.A./CLERK**

Cllr. King reported that she is to attend a meeting next week concerned with the management of the cycle track across the meadows. She also attended the School Governors meeting and learnt that the school has been given some block staging.

There was then discussion about whether our local community could benefit from the Community Infrastructure Levy (C.I.L.) as there are two developments about to take place in our area:- Housing at the former Jewson's Yard and work by Network Rail in Tynning Road. The C.I.L replaces the former S.106 agreements and is not due to come in until next March so it is unclear what the present position is. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Department for clarification.

**CLERK**

**Placemaking Plan**

The draft plan is to be published on 16<sup>th</sup>., December. We have been advised that the two green areas which we identified as areas of Local Amenity Value have both had objections by their landowners. We need to provide further evidence prior to the consultation closure on 3<sup>rd</sup>., February. Mr. Keith Rossiter (a former Parish Councillor) has offered to be involved and has produced an action plan. Cllr. King agreed to meet with him to progress our response.

**L.K.**

b) Highways Group

Cllr. Andrews reported that he had finally managed to contact Michael Rich, the Speedwatch Co-ordinator. It seems that the training of those to be involved is now simpler and can be done on-line. However, there is a need to prove that there is an issue with speeding in Bathampton Lane and the High Street. This could be done by speed measurements using twin parallel air tubes placed across the road and we need to persuade B.& N.E.S.Council to do this.

**S.A.**

c) Footpaths

Cllr. Mayo reported that he had attended a Parish On-line meeting and had been informed of many new additions to the site. He said that photographs had been added for 1975, 1990 and 1995. Another addition is Streetview with a better resolution than that on Google. Other information

includes Tree Preservation Orders, Traffic Regulation Orders, river level monitoring, noise pollution data, and police incident data by the month.

The Chairman then reported that B.& N.E.S.Council had done some drainage work on the footpath adjacent to the Scout Hut which will stop water running down on to the main road.

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d) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Helps reported that the Christmas tree had been erected complete with a new set of lights. The Commando Wall on the playing field needs attention as the posts in the ground have rotted. She is considering whether we should repair it or scrap it.

**J.H.**

The Clerk then mentioned that if we wished to increase the allotment rents in 2017 we need to make a decision now as we have to give the tenants one years notice. Cllr. King, seconded by Cllr.Andrews, proposed that we increase the rents by 50p per lug to £7.00 per lug from 1<sup>st</sup>.,January,2017. This was carried unanimously

**CLERK**

e) Communications

In the absence of Cllr. McMurray, it was noted from his report that the website is being visited frequently and the many comments on Twitter and Facebook are mostly concerned with the proposed Park & Ride east of Bath.

f) Policy & Finance

The report had been circulated.

The Chairman reported that she had attended a meeting of a group known as *the Bathampton Meadows Alliance* at "Gather" cafe in Batheaston.

Together with Cllr. King, she is to attend a meeting with Batheaston Parish Council and other groups on 15<sup>th</sup>.,December where an alternative transport strategy will be discussed.

Cllr. King mentioned that Terry Wagstaff of the Bathampton Meadows Alliance has suggested that Bathampton P.C. should have identified the Meadows as a Green Space of Local Amenity Value in the Placemaking Plan. The Meadows are in the Green Belt and are not within the housing area of the Village and so would have been refused from the Plan. In any case, this would not have given the Meadows any more protection than they have as part of the Green Belt. The Clerk was asked to write to Terry Wagstaff pointing this out.

**CLERK**

7. Open Forum

It was agreed that a consultation document with our further evidence to the Placemaking Plan would be presented to our January meeting for approval.

8. Date of Next meeting

Thursday, 21st., January, 2016

At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.20 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,  
21st., January, 2016