

**Bathampton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup>.,February, 2012**  
**in the Village Hall, Bathampton**

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

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllrs. G.Ardrey, K.Jones and S.Wing.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting:  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup>.,January, 2012 had been circulated.  
Cllr. Rossiter, seconded by Cllr. Christley, proposed that the Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Finance:

a) To Approve the Financial Report for January, 2012

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

b) To Approve Expenditure for February, 2012

The Clerk reported that four invoices had been received since the last meeting as follows:-

A.L.C.A.	Basic Cllrs.Course (G.Ardrey)	£ 55.00
B. & N.E.S.Council	Printing Newsletter	£155.00
Bath Preservation Trust.	Annual membership	£ 15.00
Country Mini Skips	Hire of skip	£160.00(+VAT)

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

**CLERK**

4. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

The report had been circulated

Cllr. King reported that a letter had been received from the architects concerning the proposed extension at 33 Devonshire Road. They have made an amendment to the problem concerning the gap and this has been passed on to Mr. D.Clarke for his comments. He has agreed that the problem of the gap has been solved but there has been a change to the roof. The original roof design is preferred.

Manor Barn in Mill Lane has had consent to both of its plans despite our objection to rendered walls.

Regarding the log cabin on land near to Meadow Lane and the refusal of planning permission by Bath & N.E.S.Council, the applicant has 28 days in which to mount an appeal before Enforcement Action can proceed.

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4. Group Reports(Cont'd.)a) Planning & Conservation Group(Cont'd.)

The application to re-locate a temporary classroom at Bathampton School has been withdrawn. This is to enable the wild area to be moved first.

There was some discussion about Community Assets which have to be identified under the Localism Act. However, since Bath & N.E.S. Council will not be producing their Neighbourhood Planning Protocol until April at the earliest, it was agreed to leave discussion of this until Cllr. Ardrey is present.

b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Rossiter said that he is looking forward to the meeting of the V.P.A. A36 sub-committee with the Highways Agency on 1<sup>st</sup>, March.

He has also received a reply from Kelvin Packer of B.& N.E.S. Council after many unanswered e-mails. This response can be summarized as follows:-

1. The proposed Batheaston River Bridge will be subject of a Planning Application in the near future.
2. The response for the request for full-width speed mats is that there is no money available.
3. Regarding the gabions, only the bottom strip will be cleared by B.& N.E.S.Council.
4. The sign in Holcombe Lane indicating speed bumps will be removed.

There was then much discussion about parking problems in and around Holcombe Lane and the Surgery. It was agreed that the parking area in front of the Methodist Church is often not used. The Clerk was asked to write to them to enquire whether there is some way of utilizing the area more as parking space for the community.

**CLERK**

A rumour had spread around the village that the No.4 bus service was going to be cut. The Chairman and Cllr. Rossiter had put up posters on all the bus stops informing users that there was no truth in the rumour and infact the No.4 route is to be made a Showcase Bus Route.

Cllr. Rossiter said that he is still waiting for British Waterways to publish their Mooring Strategy.

Cllr. Mayo said that he is finalizing the application to incorporate the footpath over the Swing Bridge into the Definitive Map. When he has it all prepared, he will pass it over for the Clerk to send.

**CLERK**

He reported that a lady living in Devonshire Road, a former Footpath Warden, raised some footpath issues.

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Richards reported that he had ordered a skip to be placed on the allotments so that plot holders could dispose of any non-compostable rubbish. This would be in place soon, before the growing season starts.

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4. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

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

The Clerk had circulated an e-mail showing what grants are available for Playgrounds. However, it seems that applications should be community driven and not requested by parish councils.

Mrs. Carter, whose garden backs onto the allotments has asked permission to put up a new fence along the allotment boundary. This offer was accepted unanimously.

Following a request from Mr. Hobbs in Holcombe Vale, it was suggested that a sign should be put at the top end of Dark Lane indicating which way people should go to find the shops and surgery. This was agreed. The Clerk would order it after being given details of the size, the wording and the material etc.

**CLERK**

d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated.

The Chairman reported that he had continued to attend the Independent inspector's examination of the Core Strategy. Due to some objections, the ex-Park & Ride site on Bathampton Meadows has now been included in the Flood Compensation Area. Also, the VPA proposed that a Buffer Zone is required around the World Heritage Site and that an amended line be inserted at the end of the comment that one or more Park & Rides Sites are being looked for east of Bath.

e) Parish Web Site

Cllr. Mayo said that there is now a Mission Statement on the web site. He reported that the starter fee for the site will be £200 with an annual fee of £50. We should be receiving an invoice shortly.

f) Clerk's Report

Bathampton Gardeners Association have asked permission to erect a marquee on the playing field on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup>., September through to Monday, 10<sup>th</sup>., September for the annual flower show on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup>., September. This was agreed unanimously.

**CLERK**

Mr. D. Clarke has written to thank the Parish Council for his Honorarium and says that he is happy to continue with giving advice on planning matters.

Mrs. S. Bassett of 7 The Chestertons has replied to our letter asking her to reduce the height of her hedge bordering the Warminster Road. The Clerk has written to her again explaining that this is the best time of year to do it.

5. Matters Arising:

The Clerk had been in touch with P.C.S.O. Doyle and explained the delay in arranging a PACT meeting. It seems that he is no longer responsible for our area. The Clerk would pass details of the replacement P.C.S.O. to the Chairman.

**CLERK**

6. Open Forum

(a) Cllr. Rossiter reported about the Café Boat. B.&N.E.S.Council have not yet received the Planning Application.

It had been agreed that this should be in the name of British Waterways and it seems that they are remiss in not putting this forward.

(b ) There has been concern that there are insufficient litter and recycling bins at St. Nicholas Court. Cllr. Rossiter agreed to look into the matter.

**K.R.**

(c) Cllr. King asked if we are doing anything to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June. Cllr. Christley said that there had been discussions between the three parishes. Parishes are arranging separate celebrations but may come together for an Inter-Village Community Event. Cllr. Rossiter suggested that perhaps Claverton P.C. should be included. Cllr. Christley suggested that we hold another event similar to the K.& A. Event two years ago. She felt that 4<sup>th</sup>.,June was not a suitable day as it is the half-term and many people could be away on holiday. She suggested Saturday,16<sup>th</sup>.,June would be better. She asked if the Parish Council would be willing to sponsor the event up to the sum of £500. After discussion, this was agreed. She is attending a further meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup>.,February.

(d) The Clerk mentioned that he had sorted out Minutes of Parish Council meetings and Cash Books prior to 1996. Also he had a volume of Minutes for the Annual Parish Meetings starting from 1894. He had been in touch with the Archivist in the Guildhall who would be very happy to have them on loan. The Council agreed to them being lodged there. The Clerk was asked to inform Gill Huggins of the Local History Research Group that they had been so lodged.

**CLERK**

(e) It was noted that two recent ploys by Bath & N.E.S.Council to reduce their costs have been abandoned namely the mobile library has been saved and the introduction of dog exclusion zones has been abandoned.

7. Date of Next meeting: Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>.,March, 2012  
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.55 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,  
15<sup>th</sup>.,March, 2012