

Bathampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st.,February, 2013 in the Village Hall, Bathampton

Present: Cllrs. A. McCann, G.Ardrey, M.Brennan, S. Christley, L. King, M. Richards.

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllrs K.Jones and D. Mayo

2. Minutes of the last Meeting:
The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th.,January, 2013 had been circulated.
Cllr. Richards, seconded by the Cllr. Ardrey, proposed that these Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Finance:

a) To Approve the Financial Report for January, 2013

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

b) To Approve Expenditure for February, 2013

The Clerk reported that seven invoices have been presented for payment since the last meeting as follows:-

Bath & N.E.S. Council	Grass Cutting Playing Field	£ 476.35(+VAT)
Bath & N.E.S. Council	Grass Cutting Allotments	£ 938.85(+VAT)
Bath Preservation Trust	Membership Renewal	£ 15.00
A.L.C.A.	Affiliation Fee 2013-14	£ 264.40
Bath & N.E.S. Council	Printing Newsletter	£ 131.00
Crymson Prop. Services	Repairing Gdn. Wall	£ 220.00
Cllr. G.Ardrey	Travelling Expenses	£ 74.10

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

CLERK

4. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

Following the visit of James Read to the previous meeting, the topic of Affordable Housing was discussed. It was agreed that as we do not know whether there is a requirement in the Village, we should perhaps get a survey done. Another approach suggested was that we invite James Read to address our Annual Parish meeting in May after we have circulated information via the noticeboards and the newsletter.

This was agreed to be a good idea and the Clerk was asked to invite him and to liaise with the Village Hall for a suitable date.

CLERK

The report had been circulated and Cllr. King reported further.

The application to build a bungalow on land to the rear of 45 Devonshire Road was given permission on 15th.,February even though there were concerns over the roof line and the front gable.

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

The Chairman reported that there had been a meeting of the V.P.A. earlier in the day. Cllr. Paul Crossley had put Park & Rides on the agenda. However, he said that the hold up on the Core Strategy was also holding up the decision on the Park & Rides. He had hinted that there was another site "tucked away nearer to Bath". He said that the sites would be narrowed down to two with a consultation in mid- March, the final decision being made at the Cabinet meeting in April.

A factor which may have a bearing on the choice of the Park & Ride site is that the Environment Agency is now wondering whether it needs the meadows for flood compensation.

b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Christley reported that the Dry Arch Growers have already bought some scythes and she now proposed that the Council buy two at a total cost of around £220. They would be stored at the Dry Arch Growers and all of the scythes would then be available for both organizations to use. This was seconded by Cllr. Brennan.

D.M.

Cllr. Christley then said that Cllr. Mayo would like to produce his walks leaflet by April so that it could be distributed with the Newsletter as the weather improves. Estimates of £200 for the artist and £250 for the printing were mentioned. After some discussion, approval was given to spend up to £550 on producing this leaflet.

D.M.

Following a recent e-mail from our District Councillor Geoff Ward, It was suggested that we apply for a Councillor's Initiative Grant to cover the cost of producing this leaflet. This was agreed and the Clerk will make enquiries.

CLERK

Cllr. Brennan had attended the meeting of the V.P.A. with the Highways Agency and she has circulated a report of the meeting. She is anxious that all non-injury accidents and near misses are reported to the Highways Agency (which they are not at present). There is a form available for the purpose which we will put on the web site. Also it will be mentioned in the Newsletter.

A.M.

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Richards had obtained three quotations for cutting the Down Lane hedge. These were £338, £460+VAT and £300. It was unanimously agreed to accept the last one in the sum of £300 from William Wolfe..

M.R.

The Clerk said that all the allotment rents had been received except for three.

Cllr. Richards had now received the two plaques to celebrate the Queen's reign. He asked the Council to think of the best time to install them on the churchyard memorial and what sort of ceremony should we have.

4 Group Reports(Cont'd.)

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

It was suggested that around 2nd., to 6th., June would be a suitable time. Cllr. Richards would talk to the Rev. P. Burden.

M.R

Cllr. Richards said that there were many pot holes developing in the roads in the village. He urged everyone to report them to Bath & N.E.S. Council

d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated.

The Chairman reported that there was nothing to add.

e) Parish Web Site

Discussion of this was delayed again as Cllr. Mayo was not present.

f) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that he had inspected all the noticeboards. We need to replace the Perspex front on three of the boards and three of the locks do not work . It was agreed that he should purchase the parts and ask the handyman to install them.

CLERK

We have received a notification from B.& N.E.S.Council that they are to install permanent traffic information signs on all the main roads coming into Bath. (These will replace the temporary ones which have previously been hired at busy times e.g. Christmas).They are being funded as part of the Transportation Package.

The leader of our local Scout Group has written to say that they are holding a Scout Community Week from 3rd., to 9th.,June and asking if the Parish Council has any task which they could undertake. It was agreed that the Clerk should reply and say that we will be thinking of suitable tasks.

CLERK

Bath & N.E.S.Council are holding a "Give & Take Day" at Larkhall on 9th.,March. The Chairman thought that someone should attend to see how it is organized in case we should wish to hold one in Bathampton.

5. Matters Arising:

There were none

6. Open Forum

There were no items brought up.

7. Date of Next meeting: Thursday, 21st.,March, 2013

At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.40 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,
21st.,March, 2013