

Bathampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th., July, 2015
in the Village Hall, Bathampton

Present: Cllrs. M. Brennan, G.Ardrey, J. Helps, L. King, N. Land, D. Mayo and L. McMurray.

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllr. S. Andrews and S.Batterbury.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th., June, 2015 had been circulated. Cllr. Mayo asked for the last sentence in paragraph 5 (b) to be deleted. Following this amendment, Cllr. King, seconded by Cllr. Helps, proposed that these Minutes, be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that he had still not received a reply from the owners of 60 Holcombe Vale about the blocked pathway. Cllr. Ardrey reported that the path is still blocked by builders materials. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to CURO as it was thought that they own the path and he would send a copy to the owners of the house.

CLERK

Regarding the proposed resurfacing of the canal towpath, the Clerk was asked to inquire when the consultation will be taking place.

CLERK

Concerning the electrification of the railway, it appears that they are behind schedule and Network Rail are still preparing plans.

4. Finance:

a) Approval of the Financial Report for June,2015

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

b) Approval of Expenditure for July 2015

The Clerk reported that only two invoices had been received as follows:-

EDF Energy	Electricity (Qtr.end 30/6/15)	£ 95.67(+VAT)
S.S.E.Enterprises	Street Light M'tce(Qtr.end 30/6/15)	£ 64.16(+VAT)

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

CLERK

c) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that we had received back into our bank account the V.A.T. which we had paid during the last financial year. This amounted to £ 616.21p.

He also said that our accounts for the 2014 to 2015 financial year had been passed by the external auditor

He also drew Councillors' attention to the forthcoming Connecting Communities Forum.

5. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group.

Cllr. King reported that the plan for the removal of part of a hedge in Tynning Road had been given approval before we had a chance to comment. It is connected with the electrification of the railway.

Permission had been granted for a single storey rear extension at 67 Warminster Road.

The Canal & River Trust have advised us that they plan to organise a clean up day. They will write to all the boat owners asking them to remove their possessions off the bank and anything remaining will be removed. No date has yet been set.

We have received details of the proposed development for the old Jewson's Yard from the architect but, as yet, no formal application through B.& N.E.S. Council. There has been no information about a C.I.L.payment.(i.e. Community Infrastructure Levy).

Cllr. King said that she had met up with Batheaston P.C. and discussed management of the new cycle/footpath. Planting of trees, installation of benches, disabled access and safety checks were all discussed. She said that Bathampton's contribution could be around £200.

b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated.

Concern had been expressed about the long grass on the bank at the bottom of \Down Lane. This has now been cut.

The Clerk mentioned that a resident of Hantone Hill had reported that part of the road was not being swept. It was suggested that the resident should contact Council Connect.

Overhanging vegetation was reported along the front and side of 52 Holcombe Close. The Clerk to write to the owner.

CLERK

Cllr. Mayo reported that the volunteers would be doing another cut back of vegetation along the footpaths in the near future.

He also said that he wishes to claim some footpaths, which have been used regularly for many years, as Public Rights of Way and to get them added to the Definitive Map. This would involve much printing of witness forms which would then be submitted to Bath & N.E.S. Council. A member of the public is claiming a footpath which runs parallel to Quarry Road by the entrance to the University as a P. R. O. W.

Prior to the meeting Mr. Keith Rossiter had informed the Council about the situation regarding footpath BA1/11 running from Miller Walk to Bathampton Lane. He said that Wansdyke Council were supposed to have made an Order to move the footpath to its present position back in 1996 but so far no trace of it has been found. Cllr. Mayo was asked to keep watch on this and to talk to Mr. Graeme Stark(B.& N.E.S.Council). **D.M.**

5. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Helps said that the grass cutting had been done. New seats are being ordered for the swings.

The Chairman reported that there had been problems caused by a parked car by the gate to the allotments obstructing the footpath from the top of The Normans. She had spoken to the driver concerned.d) Policy & Finance Group.

The deadline for copy for the Newsletter had now been agreed as 24th.,July.

The Chairman mentioned that we should think about whether we wanted to give grants to promote village events ahead of budget setting. We need to think of some new ideas.

She had attended the Bath City Conference. Items covered were:- Park & Ride, Park & Rail and the A.36/A.46 Link road. With the recent changes in the local councils, Wiltshire County Council and Bath & N.E.S. Council are starting to talk to each other.

e) Parish Web Site

Cllr. McMurray reported that there have been many visits to the website, some from overseas. He thought that we should have a more modern template. Cllr. Helps thought that we should encourage village groups by putting their write-ups on the site. Also, Village Hall information could be included as well as having a "What's On" section.

Cllr. Ardrey would update the site with the Minutes, Newsletter and Headlines.

6. Open Forum

The Chairman drew attention to a B.& N.E.S. "Give & Take" day which was planned for 30th.,October in the Village Hall.

Cllr. King said that Batheaston Parish Council has organised a social gathering of councillors from the three Parish Councils in the Valley. This is to be on Thursday,6th.,August at Bathampton Mill. All councillors are invited.

Cllr. McMurray said that the playground group had met and will be meeting again in October. One suggestion which they have come up with is a boule court.

7. .Date of Next meeting

Thursday, 17th.,September, 2015
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,