

Bathampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th., July, 2011
in the Village Hall, Bathampton

Present: Cllrs. A. McCann, S.Christley, K.Jones, L.King, D.Mayo, ,
 K.Rossiter.

1. Apologies: These had been received from Cllrs. M. Richards & S.Wing.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting:
 The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th., June, 2011 had been circulated.
 An amendment was made to the fourth paragraph in the Highways Report on Page 2 of 4, concerning Continuous Cruising. Also, on page 4 of 4, section 8 (d) was reworded. (These amended pages 2 and 4 have now been circulated). Cllr. Rossiter, seconded by Cllr. King proposed that the amended Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Finance:

a) To Approve the Financial Report for June, 2011

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

b) To Approve Expenditure for July, 2011

The Clerk reported that there were five invoices received since the last meeting, as follows:-

Mr.R.Greenhalf	Internal Audit Fee	£200.00
Mr.R.Taylor	Supplying Plants	£ 81.40
E.D.F.Energy	Electricity (Qtr. end. 31/6/11)	£ 125.54(+VAT)
S.E.C.Ltd	Street Light M'te (" " ")	£ 64.16(+VAT)
Bathampton Vill. Hall	Room Hire (" " ")	£ 45.00

It was proposed by Cllr. Rossiter and seconded by Cllr. Jones 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 permission had been refused for the Open Reach cabinet in the High Street at the bottom end of Down Lane even though we had had no objection.

A request had been received from the Dry Arch Co-operative for permission to sell vegetables in the Village. It was agreed that they should be asked to go through the proper channels and to find out if planning permission is required.

Following a visit prior to the meeting by the owner of the Raft Café, Cllr. Rossiter is to meet with him and the manager of the Kennet & Avon Canal, to find the best way forward with his desire to have tables and chairs on the canal bank.

4. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Rossiter reported that neither the Highways Agency nor B.& N.E.S. Council acknowledge any responsibility for cutting back the vegetation overgrowing the A.36 footpath. It was agreed that he would ask our handyman to cut it back in the interests of safety.

K.R.

Cllr. Mayo has had two people offer to help with surveying footpaths.

The installation of the marked footpath over the canal bridge as part of the "Safer Routes to School" is due to be started in the third week of August.

Between 15 and 17 August, there is to be some major re-surfacing work in Bathampton Lane.

Cllr. Mayo reported that Parish-Online has been updated with much more information.

The Parish Bus Shelter is being overrun by ivy which it is suspected is growing in the garden the other side of the wall. The Clerk to write to the owner on confirmation from Cllr. Jones of which property it is growing from.

CLERK

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

In the absence of Cllr. Richards, the Clerk reported.

There is still no news about the ownership of the hut in Jubilee Gardens.

Quotes are coming in for tree removal at the allotments.

Also, quotes are being received for renewing the safety surface in the childrens play area.

An alternative site, suggested by Cllr. Rossiter for a bus shelter, would be discussed at a later meeting.

Cllr. Richards had suggested that the allotment rental year should be changed to commence on 1st., January instead of 1st., April. The Clerk agreed to look at the "Rules for Allotment Gardens" to see if this is allowed and is practicable.

CLERK

d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated.

The Chairman said that at the meeting on 26 July, it was agreed to reduce the bid for funding of the Transport package to 34.3 million by excluding the Bathampton Park & Ride Scheme and the Rapid Transport Route.

The Chairman said that there is a further factor which may influence Bathampton Meadows. If development takes place on the North and South Quays in Bath, the Flood Risk Management Strategy will insist that additional capacity for flood relief must be provided. This would most likely be on Bathampton Meadows.

The Bath Transport Commission meets soon.

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a. Parish Web Site

Cllr. Mayo asked the Council for their opinions concerning the web site as it is at present. There was much discussion including whose responsibility it would be to vet any material to be put on the site.

It was agreed that any material to go on the site should be sent to the Chairman and Cllrs. Christley and Mayo at the same time. The Chairman would give the final O.K. before it was put on the site.

f) Clerk's Report

The Clerk mentioned that the Dry Arch Co-operative had written to ask for a grant towards a poly tunnel and that he had replied that we give grants out in February after making the decisions at the January meeting of the Council. It was agreed not to alter this decision.

P.C.S.O.Doyle had sent an e-mail saying that he would like to meet with the Council and discuss local concerns. It was agreed that the Clerk would reply and invite him to attend at 7pm., immediately prior to our next meeting on 15 September.

CLERK

A quotation had been received from Sovereign Play Equipment for re-surfacing the childrens' play area. In the absence of Cllr. Richards, this was passed to Cllr. Christley.

5. Matters Arising:

Dog fouling of the playing field was not now seen as so severe as at first thought.

The Chairman said that we should have a Policy & Finance Group meeting soon to review the Risk Assessment document.

6. Open Forum

- a. Cllr. Christley announced that the Church are holding a Barn Dance in the marquee on the evening of the Flower Show on 10 September.
- b. In reply to a query as to why could we not have 30 mph reminders on the A.36 carriageway, Cllr. Rossiter said that national regulations do not allow them.

9. Date of Next meeting: Thursday, 15th.,September, 2011
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,
15th.,September, 2011