

**Bathampton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th., July, 2012**  
**in the Village Hall, Bathampton**

Present: Cllrs. A. McCann, G.Ardrey, K.Jones, L.King  
D. Mayo and M. Richards.

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllr. S. Christley.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup>., June, 2012 had been circulated.

Cllr. King, seconded by Cllr. Jones, proposed that these amended Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Finance:

a) To Approve the Financial Report for June, 2012

The Financial Report for May had been circulated. Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Ardrey, proposed that it be approved. Carried.

d) To Approve Expenditure for July, 2012

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

Mr. R.Taylor	Supplying plants	£ 87.80
SSE Contracting	Street Light Maintenance	£ 64.16(+VAT)
Bathampton Vill. Hall	Room Hire	£ 45.00
EDF Energy	Electricity	£ 140.51(+VAT)

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr. Richards 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 the retrospective application for the Raft Café had now been permitted but with stringent rules concerning the numbers of chairs, tables and banners etc. Also, no external lighting is to be permitted. The planning application for a side extension and external garage at 61 Warminster Road has been refused. It seems that no planning permission is required for the extension and garage at 33 Devonshire Road. A re-submission of the application for 99 Hantone Hill has been received. It is now for a smaller area.

A re-submission of the application for a room at Hampton Cottage to be used as a physiotherapy room has been received. It was generally agreed that we should support this.

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

We have received a copy of the application for the pedestrian/cyclist footbridge over the River Avon at Batheaston. This includes the provision of a path across Bathampton Meadows alongside the river and then exiting onto Mill Lane. After discussion, it was agreed that we have no basic objection to the plan but it was thought that there should be some signage and a barrier at the Mill Lane exit to prevent cyclists especially suddenly emerging into Mill Lane.

At a meeting of the Valley Parishes Alliance, it had been suggested that if a parish council comments on an application which has a bearing on a neighbouring parish, then a copy of those comments should be sent to that parish. Accordingly, the Clerk was asked to send a copy of our response to the Chairman of Batheaston Parish Council.

**CLERK**b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated.

A cracked footpath had been reported by the side of the Surgery. Also, the footpath from Holcombe Lane down to the swing bridge is becoming very slippery.

**D.M.**

The footpath from the Dry Arch down to the canal tends to have much overhanging vegetation. The ownership of the field which it crosses was queried. Cllr. Richards would make enquiries.

**M.R.**

Cllr. Mayo reported that we should perhaps get a contractor to clear the vegetation from footpath BA1/25 as there was too much for our volunteers to do. Also, it was agreed to ask our Handyman if he could cut the hedge alongside the footpath in the triangular field.

**M.R.**

Cllr. Mayo reported that the volunteers are now being trained.

Cllr. Richards asked if they would be able to use the Parish Council's tools which are stored in the Council's garage.

Cllr. Mayo reported that there was no update yet on the benches which are being paid for by the funds of the disbanded Footpaths Association.

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Richards reported that he had received three quotes for repair to the play area fencing. After some discussion it was agreed to accept the quote from BTCV in the sum of £320.

Cllr. Richards mentioned the plaques on the memorial cross in the churchyard. Should we place one on there to celebrate the Queen's diamond jubilee? Also, there was no plaque to celebrate the Queen's coronation but there were plaques to commemorate the coronations of all the other monarchs since Queen Victoria. After discussion, it was agreed in principle to purchase two memorial plaques and to clean the previous ones. It was then queried why the date of 7<sup>th</sup>, June was inscribed on both the Silver Jubilee plaque and the Golden Jubilee plaque. The Clerk was asked to query this with the previous Chairman of the Parish Council.

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

The ivy on the wall of 2 Holcombe Lane is beginning to obscure drivers views of traffic coming up Down Lane. The Clerk to write to the owner.

**CLERK**

The willow tree on the corner of The Normans and the High Street is a cause of annoyance. It is getting bigger and the leaves cause a problem in the Autumn. The owners of the house are rarely there and are indifferent to the problem caused by the tree. It was agreed to contact B.&.N.E.S. Council to see if they can offer a solution.

**M.R.**d) Policy & Finance Group

The Chairman said that there is a hold up on the Core Strategy. The Inspector thinks that B.& N.E.S. have given too low a value for the number of houses to be built. B.& N.E.S Council now have a suspension until June,2013 and must give some fresh information. With this continuing uncertainty, there is a danger that the possibility of a Park & Ride on Bathampton Meadows may return.

Finally, the Chairman asked if copy for the Newsletter could be available by Friday,27<sup>th</sup>.,July.

**ALL**e) Parish Web Site

Cllr. Mayo said that the site was being visited regularly.

f) Clerk's Report

A letter of thanks had been received from Water Aid for the donation.

British Waterways had written to explain the change of the organisation to charity status. The Canal & River Trust came into being on 2<sup>nd</sup>.,July,2012. The letter to be passed to Cllr. Christley.

The Rev. Paul Burden had written to express his thanks for the increased grant for the maintenance of the churchyard.

A.L.C.A. have sent a list of the courses which they are organizing for the period from September,2012 until April,2013.

5. Matters Arising:

There were none.

6. Open Forum

Cllr.Ardrey had responded to a survey by B.&.N.E.S.Council concerning Localism. He had replied that we are interested in all aspects of Localism as they pan out in the future.

Cllr. Richards had spoken to the new owner of the Village Stores with regard to supplying tea/coffee etc. to customers on the playing field. She showed some interest.

Cllr. Jones asked if the Handyman could sweep out and paint over the grafitti on the parish bus shelter. Agreed.

**M.R.**

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7. Date of Next meeting: Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup>.,September, 2012  
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.10 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,  
20<sup>th</sup>.,September, 2012