

Bathampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th, July, 2013
in the Village Hall, Bathampton

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

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Mayo.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th, June, 2013 had been circulated.

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

3. Election of Vice-chairman for the coming year.

The Chairman said that he would like to propose Cllr. Lin King for the post of the Vice-chairman for the present year. There were no other nominations and Cllr. King was elected unanimously.

4. Finance:

a) Approval of the Financial Report for June, 2013

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

b) Approval of Expenditure for July, 2013

The Clerk reported that five invoices had been presented for payment as follows:-

Grant Thornton	External Audit Fee	£ 200.00(+VAT)
Bathampton Vill. Hall	Hire of Room(2013-2014)	£ 117.00
Mr. R. Taylor	Supply of Plants	£ 87.80
EDF Energy	Electricity(Qtr. end 30/6/13)	£ 140.51(+VAT)
SSE Contracting	Street Light M'ance(")	£ 64.16(+VAT)

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

CLERK

5. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

Cllr. King reported that there had been many applications recently. The applications for tree work were straightforward. The owners of 60 Holcombe Vale had applied for permission for extensions to several parts of the house. The owners of York House had applied for a detached greenhouse and at No.1 Warminster Road, there is an application for a replacement verandah and balcony.

Concerning Candywood Leys, the Enforcement Notice will be served shortly. The owner has 28 days in which to appeal. Evidently, there is another application in the offing which may be attempting to use travellers status. The owner has also written to her M.P.

Regarding "Placemaking Plans", we are waiting for the B.& N.E.S. Council Officer to contact us.

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5. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

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

Prior to the meeting, there had been a presentation concerning the development of Jewson's Yard for housing. Cllr. King would report this to the B.& N.E.S. Council Officer (James Jackson). We will wait to hear of the outline planning application before we make any comment. In the meantime, there is a meeting arranged by the developer to which residents of the Village are invited. This takes place on Wednesday, 14th., August in the Village Hall.

L.K.

b) Highways Group

Cllr. Brennan reported that the gully by the side of the bridleway leading to the Downs would be jetted by B.& N.E.S Council within 7 days.

The ownership of the triangular field was queried as the trees are overhanging the public footpath along the Warminster Road and restricting safe pedestrian movement.

CLERK

Cllr. Brennan said that Cllr. Mayo is concerned that he does not have sufficient volunteers to keep the footpaths clear of overhanging vegetation.

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

Cllr. Richards reported that he will approach the Canals & Rivers Trust, now that they have had time to get established, concerning the hut in the corner of Jubilee Gardens.

M.R.

There was nothing further to report concerning the allotments or the playing field.

The Village of the Year plaque will be mounted on the Village Hall wall in the near future.

d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated.

We have asked CURO to go ahead with the Housing Needs Survey. They have asked us if we have a Consultant in mind who could carry out the Survey. After discussion, it was agreed that as we do not have anyone in mind, we would ask CURO to recommend someone. The Clerk to reply saying that we would use a consultant recommended by them.

CLERK

It seems that there is concern in the Village, as CURO is involved, that building might take place on the green in Holcombe Vale.

The Chairman would put a note in the Newsletter that no development would take place on Holcombe Vale Green.

A.M.

It is reported that Bathford Parish Council are doing a Housing Needs Survey through the auspices of CURO.

There is still a long delay in any decision being made over the Park & Ride Site east of Bath.

Finally, the Chairman asked if contributions for the Newsletter could be with the editor by Friday, 26th., July.

e) Parish Web Site

There was nothing further to report.

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5. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

f) Clerk's Report

Avon & Somerset Police have sent information about the P.C.C. Awards. Nomination forms were placed on the table in the entrance to the Villlage Hall.

Grant Thornton has confirmed that our audit has been completed successfully with no queries.

Mr. Maling has replied to our request to get the hedge cut in front of his property. It will be done during August.

6. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

7. Open Forum

Cllr. Ardrey reported that he was unable to attend the recent Cluster Group Meeting.

Cllr. Jones asked who owned the green space between the Holcombe Close bungalows and the Warminster Road. (adjacent to the steps leading up to the Warminster Road footpath). The house owners seem to regard it as theirs. The Clerk will approach the Land Registry to ascertain who the registered owners are.

CLERK

The Clerk had received a telephone call from the Bath Property Shop. They are agents for letting 66 Holcombe Vale. The occupants have complained of vegetation coming through the fence into the garden from the Parish Council playing field. Cllr. Richards would investigate.

M.R.

8. Date of Next meeting: Thursday, 19th.,September, 2013
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.53 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,
19th.,September, 2013