

**Bathampton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup>., June, 2013**  
**in the Village Hall, Bathampton**

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

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs. M.Brennan and D. Mayo.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup>., May, 2013 had been circulated. Cllr. Richards, seconded by the Chairman, 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 postpone the election of the Vice-chairman again until the next meeting when, hopefully, there would be a full complement.

4. Finance:

a) Approval of the Financial Report for May, 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 June, 2013

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

Valley Parish Alliance	Annual subscription	£ 150.00
B. & N.E.S. Council	Printing Newsletter	£ 161.00
Waitrose	A.P.M. Refreshments	£ 40.89(+VAT)
Mr. Simon Potton	Downloading Images	£ 16.32

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

5. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

Cllr. King reported that the application for Candywood Leys had been refused and the owner now has six months in which to appeal, if she wishes to. We shall have to wait for the outcome.

We have no objection to a first floor addition and a single storey extension at 58 Warminster Road.

Applications for work at 63 Warminster Road and at 76 Warminster Road have both been withdrawn.

Cllr. Ardrey reported on the Parish Liaison Meeting which he had attended. There is a new push on connecting communities. The aim is to achieve Rural Broadband coverage of 91% by 2016. He reported that Cluster Groups would be consulting about the Placemaking Plan with a view to having a draft plan available by December, 2013. In connection with this he will be circulating a list of our Community Assets.

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

Concern was expressed about Fracking. Companies which have been granted licences must make the bore holes within a year. It was wondered what our M.P.'s opinion is on fracking and Cllr. Ardrey would raise the issue with him.

**G.A.**

Other matters raised at the meeting were the reduced Mobile Library Service and the proposal to have paperless planning consultations. This latter topic promoted discussion as many parish councils would not have the technological equipment necessary.

Concerning a site for the Park & Ride east of Bath, Cllr. Ardrey had asked our local District Councillor to raise this at the Cabinet meeting but no reply had been received. The Chairman said that he would raise this matter at the Bath Transport Commission meeting on 28<sup>th</sup>., June.

**A.M.**

Finally, the Chairman mentioned that he had been contacted by a "Community Engagement Consultant", - Jenny Gee, who wished to come to our July meeting and give us a presentation. It is evidently to do with the development of Jewson's Yard. After some discussion, it was agreed that she could come on the understanding that it was not a consultation and there would be no opinions or feedback expressed by members of our Council. It was further agreed that the Clerk would draft a reply and that Cllr. King would write to the Planning Office to inform them of the situation.

**L.K./CLERK**b) Highways Group

In the absence of Cllr. Brennan the report was rather brief.

An excellent job had been done by the volunteers in clearing path BA1/4.

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Richards reported that the tenant of plot 15b has started clearing the plot and intends to vacate it by the end of June. Another tenant is waiting to transfer onto it.

**M.R.**

Another tenant by the Down Lane boundary has cleared some of the natural country hedge which is not part of his plot. Cllr. Richards thought that he should be reprimanded but the Council felt that he should not be discouraged.

**M.R.**

There is no further news yet on how the track down to the allotments could be upgraded.

**M.R.**

A report had been received on our playground equipment. Apart from the rubber tyre buffer and the runway timber on the cable ride and the rocker see-saw, everything was in good order. These will be attended to.

**M.R.**

The two new plaques on the memorial cross in the church yard were unveiled at a ceremony on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>., May. A suggestion was made to put a paving surround to the memorial and to stand the flower troughs on this, thus allowing a better view of the plaques and providing a sitting area.

**M.R.**

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

Ron Taylor has the plants ready for the summer displays in the planters. These will be planted

d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated.

The Chairman said that following on from the Annual Parish Meeting, when we were addressed by James Read of Curo, do we wish Curo to do a survey to find out if there is a need for affordable homes in Bathampton? After discussion, there was unanimous agreement that we should ask for a survey. The Clerk was asked to write and request this but to ask for further information about how it would be organised.

**CLERK**

e) Parish Web Site

There was nothing further to report.

f. Clerk's Report

The Clerk confirmed that we had received the Parish Agency Footpath Grant for the year. Also, we had received confirmation from Barclays Bank that Cllr. Brennan was now a signatory on the account.

Ray Bennett, on behalf of St. Nicholas Church, has written requesting permission to hold a canalside service on Jubilee Gardens on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup>, July. This was agreed unanimously.

**CLERK**

The Britain Australia Society have written asking for donations to a fund which is being set up to commemorative the 200<sup>th</sup>, Anniversary of the death of Admiral Philip. There will be a Armillary Sphere set up in Bath, a commemorative plaque in Westminster Abbey and an engraved glass door to Bathampton church. After discussion, it was agreed not to donate.

6. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

7. Open Forum

Cllr. Richards said that he was concerned about the footpath in Church Close. It is littered and does not ever seem to be cleared. It was thought to be an adopted road so should be cleared by B. & N.E.S.

He also mentioned the severe traffic jams which had occurred today (20<sup>th</sup>, June) in Bath and on the Warminster Road. This was due to the University having their Open Day. It was felt that with the knowledge of previous Open Days, B.& N.E.S. Council could have made special plans to alleviate the congestion.

7. Open Forum(Cont'd.)

Cllr. King mentioned that the Deputy Head of Bathampton School, Viv Johnson, is retiring after many years. She, as a school governor, would be attending the leaving ceremony.

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8. Date of Next meeting: Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup>.,July, 2013  
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.56 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,  
18<sup>th</sup>.,July, 2013