

Bathampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th, June, 2011
in the Village Hall, Bathampton

Present: Cllrs. A. McCann, K.Jones, L.King, D.Mayo, M. Richards,
 K.Rossiter. & S.Wing.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Cllrs. Jones, King and Wing signed their
 Acceptance of Office Declarations.

1. Apologies: These had been received from Cllr. S.Christley,

2. Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th, May, 2011 had been circulated.
 Cllr. Richards, seconded by Cllr. Rossiter proposed that the Minutes be
 accepted. Carried unanimously.

1. To Approve the Annual Accounts for 2010 to 2011

The Chairman explained that it had been decided between himself, the
 Clerk and the Internal Auditor that we would change over to doing the
 Accounts on a Receipts & Payments basis instead of the previous Income/
 Expenditure basis. Cllr. Rossiter felt that we should write a covering letter
 to go with the Accounts to the External Auditors explaining this change.
 This was agreed.

The Accounts had been circulated to all Councillors. The balance carried
 forward to the next financial year had increased from £20,664 to £21,628.
 After reviewing the Account Statement, the Chairman, seconded by
 Cllr.King, proposed that the Council approve the accounts for the financial
 year, 2010 to 2011. Carried unanimously.

CLERK

4. To Approve the Annual Governance Statement.

The Chairman went through each of the statements on the Annual
 Governance Statement. The answer to each one was "Yes", though to the
 statement concerning "Risk Assessment", it was agreed that we need to
 review the document during the coming year. Cllr. Wing, seconded by Cllr.
 Rossiter, proposed that the Annual Governance Statement be approved.
 Carried unanimously.

CLERK

5. Finance:

a) To Approve the Financial Report for May, 2011

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

5. Finance (Cont'd.)b) To Approve Expenditure for June, 2011

The Clerk reported that there was only one invoice received since the last meeting. It was for the subscription to the L.C.R. (Local Council Review) in the sum of £15.50.

It was proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Wing that this invoice should be paid. Carried unanimously.

CLERK6. Group Reportsa) Planning & Conservation Group

The report had been circulated,

Cllr. King reported that permission had been given for the extension at 5 Warminster Road providing that the roof is not used as a balcony.

The Raft Café now wishes to have tables and chairs on the canal bank and they are being supported by British Waterways. They have been told that they need to apply for Planning Permission and this should be done by 1st. July.

It has been suggested that the new Vodaphone mast could be located up by the Wessex Water Reservoir but no formal application has yet been received.

It has been noted that some work is being done at Bathampton Farm.

b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated.

It was reported at the Parishes Liaison Meeting that a new version of Parish-Online is now available.

Cllrs. Mayo and Rossiter are going through the process of claiming Bathampton swing bridge as a public path to go on the Definitive Map. Once the process is understood, they may wish to claim other paths in like manner.

The Chairman said that he fully endorses the response to the D.E.F.R.A. consultation on the future of British Waterways prepared by the V.P.A. They need to know our preferred name for the new charity. After discussion, it was agreed that the Council prefer "National Waterways Trust". Formal approval was then given to the response document as prepared by the V.P.A.

K.R.

British Waterways appear to have won a court case concerning the interpretation of the Continuous Cruising Rules. The decision may be appealed. British Waterways are now rewriting the Guidance Notes on Continuous Cruising.

The Chairman expressed his congratulations to Cllr. Rossiter and Mr.D.Batho (Chairman of Claverton P.C.) for getting B.& N.E.S.Council to include the Kennet & Avon Canal as a "Heritage Asset and Green Infrastructure".

Cllr. Rossiter reported that the Holcombe Lane parking place changes mentioned in his report were done very speedily on the 2nd. June.

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

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Richards reported that he would like to renew the fencing along the southern boundary of the allotments.

Cllr. Christley is to talk to other mothers of young children regarding possible improvements to the play equipment and the surfaces. She will also explore the possibility of obtaining grants.

S.C.

Cllr. Jones said that there is a continuous problem with owners allowing dogs on to the playing field. She would like to put an article in the Newsletter alerting owners to how antisocial this is.

K.J.

The possibility of a bus shelter outside the Methodist Church was discussed but there was no clear opinion that this was a suitable place. We would need to talk with someone from the Church before going any further.

M.R.

Cllr. Richards said that he had managed to get volunteers to plant up the six planters in the churchyard and the one by the Dogshead water trough. This leaves one outside the Village Hall and one in Holcombe Vale. He is hopeful that he can find someone to look after these.

M.R.

Cllr. Jones said that we are not entering the "Village of the Year Competition" this year.

d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated.

The Chairman said that there was nothing much further to report as it is still not clear what is happening in regard to the Bath Transport Plan. All that is certain is that a reduced package is on the cards.

As the next meeting is not until 28th., July, the Chairman asked that Friday, 15th., July should be the deadline for copy to be received by the editor for the July Newsletter.

ALLe) Web Site

Cllr. Mayo said that there was nothing further to report.

f) Clerk's Report

The S.L.C.C. had sent a list of their publications.

Mr. Haywood of 8 Devonshire Road had sent a copy of his objections to the proposed building work next door at No. 7A. which he had sent to Bath & N.E.S. Council Planning Department. This was very much in line with our response. Passed to Cllr. King.

B. & N.E.S. Council had sent a copy of their Core Strategy Submission Document which had been passed to the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

8. Open Forum

- a. Cllr. Wing said that space for bus shelter could be made if a footpath was built out as a traffic calming measure.
- b. Cllr. Jones said that she is continuing to liaise with the police over bad parking and obstruction by cars.
- c. Cllr. Richards said that he was concerned about the speed of traffic in Down Lane and the High Street. Also, he was concerned that the willow tree at the corner of The Normans and the High Street was hindering the passage of pedestrians and possibly traffic. The Clerk agreed to write to the owner requesting that he cut it back.
- d. Cllr. Rossiter said that B.& N.E.S. Council has a sum of money available for community based projects. Kate Jones undertook to work with Jon Kear to investigate.
- e. Cllr. Richards said that it might be possible to create an extra car parking space at the Down Lane entrance to the allotments. He would investigate.
- f) Cllr. Wing said that several people on the Village Hall Management Committee have served for many years and wish to resign. We should endeavor to canvas fresh "blood" to serve on the Committee.

K.J.

CLERK

M.R.

ALL

- 9. Date of Next meeting: Thursday, 28th., July 2011
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

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

Signed..... Chairman,
28th., July 2011