

**Bathampton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup>.,June, 2015**  
**in the Village Hall, Bathampton**

Present: Cllrs. M. Brennan, G.Ardrey, J. Helps, L. King, and D. Mayo,

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllrs. S. Andrews, S. Batterbury, N. Land and L. McMurray.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup>.,May, 2015 had been circulated. Cllr. Mayo asked for a small amendment to be made to the Open Forum section. Following this amendment, Cllr. King, seconded by Cllr. Mayo, proposed that these Minutes, be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

Following the previous meeting, the Chairman and the Clerk had looked at the two alternative insurance quotations. They decided to go with the one from Zurich Insurance as it was considerably cheaper and yet offered much the same cover. It was also decided to go for the three year agreement.

The Clerk reported that he had written to the owners of 60 Holcombe Vale about the blocked pathway but had received no reply. Cllr. Ardrey said that he would check the path before the next meeting.

**G.A.**

The Chairman had spoken to David Viner of the Canal & Rivers Trust concerning the Lengthsman's Hut. He had told her that there is a volunteer fund-raising Group who would like to use it. It was agreed that we no longer wish to use it and the Clerk was asked to write and advise David Viner.

**CLERK**

The Clerk read out the reply from the Post Office concerning the lack of a lottery terminal in the re-opened Post Office. It was agreed that he should write to Camelot asking what criteria they use in assessing whether a terminal should be installed, but only with agreement of the owner of the Village Stores. Cllr. Ardrey would talk to him.

**G.A./CLERK**

4. Finance:

a) Approval of the Financial Report for May,2015

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

b) Approval of Expenditure for June 2015

The Clerk reported that five invoices had been received as follows:-

B.& N.E.S. Council	Printing Newsletter	£ 191.00
B.& N.E.S. Council	Dog Notices	£ 55.00
Cosmic Computers	New Laptop Computer	£ 715.66
Mr. R.Taylor	Supplying Plants	£ 95.75
A.L.C.A.	Affiliation fee	£ 265.38

It was proposed by Cllr.Mayo and seconded by Cllr.Ardrey.

that all five invoices should be paid. Carried unanimously.

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5. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

Cllr. King reported that the plan for the proposed car park at the University had been refused as was the plan for paving an access track in Miller Walk.

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Keith Rossiter had addressed the Council. He said that it now appears that the footpath BA1/11, which runs from Miller Walk to Bathampton Lane, is shown in the wrong position on the B.& N.E.S. Council's map. The footpath has been used in its present location for at least 20 years so we should try to get the Council's map changed to show the true location. It was agreed that we should write to B.& N.E.S. Council showing the Parish Council's support for this change.

**CLERK**

The plan for converting an agricultural barn at New leaf Farm into residential units had, unexpectedly, been approved.

The building of a new bungalow at 46 Devonshire Road had been permitted.

An application has been received to build a two storey side extension at 1 The Normans.

There is no more news yet on the cycle track across the meadows as the plan is yet to be decided.

Our District Councillor Martin Veal came and addressed the Council concerning three planning issues:

Firstly, there was a report in the press that the Kennet & Avon Canal towpath is to be surfaced with tarmac. He said that he had requested B.& N.E.S. Council officers to stop the work and also asked them why there had been no consultation. This would only encourage cyclists to travel at an even greater speed. It was agreed that we should write to the Leader of the Council saying that the Parish Council is against this and asking why there has been no consultation the matter.

**L.K./CLERK**

Secondly, Network Rail are proposing to install an electricity sub-station within 49m of Bathampton School. This has caused much upset and a petition is being organised against it. Network Rail have said that they could install the sub-station at an alternative site which is 250 m from the School and said that they would be putting in a planning application to this effect. As no such plan has yet materialised, it was agreed that we would write to Network Rail asking why they have not done this yet.

**L.K./CLERK**

Thirdly, Cllr. Veal mentioned sites for the Park & Ride East of Bath. After some discussion, it was agreed that the preferred option for the Parish Council is the site north of the Avon Rugby Club ground. The Clerk was asked to write to the Council Chief stating that this is our preferred site.

**CLERK**

b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Andrews had reported that the cable work along the Warminster Road was associated with the electrification of the railway. The Clerk was to ask him where the information came from.

**CLERK**

The Clerk reported that the wall and fence opposite the entrance to Hantone Hill had been damaged. He would report it to Highways England.

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5. Group Reports(Cont'd.

b) Highways Group(Cont'd.)

It was reported that the Warminster Road footpath by the steps opposite Hantone Hill is opening up.

Cllr. Mayo reported that all footpaths had now had the overhanging vegetation cut back.

As mentioned in his report, he has started the process of claiming some footpaths so that they can be included on the Definitive Map. This process needs at least 25 persons to give evidence that they have been using that footpath for 20 years or so.

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

There was no report.

However, it was mentioned that the hedge is overhanging the footpath along Mill Lane. The Clerk said that he would contact Mr. Horler.

CLERK

d) Policy & Finance Group.

e) Parish Web Site There was nothing to report.

f) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Kelvin Thomas about the blocked path alongside 60 Holcombe Vale. He had replied saying that we are aware of the problem and have written to the owners.

6. Open Forum

The Chairman was considering the best deadline date for the next Newsletter. It could be either 24<sup>th</sup>.,July or 7<sup>th</sup>.,August. She would consult with the previous Chairman.

It had been suggested that copies of the petition concerning the electricity sub-station could be circulated with the Newsletter. It was agreed that his could not be done.

Cllr. Ardrey said that he would be attending a meeting tomorrow concerned with Stronger Communities.

7. .Date of Next meeting

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup>.,July, 2015  
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.55 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,