

Bathampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th.,May, 2013
in the Village Hall, Bathampton

Present: Cllrs. A. McCann, G.Ardrey, M.Brennan, D. Mayo and M. Richards.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs. K.Jones and L. King.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th.,April, 2013 had been circulated. Cllr. Mayo requested that the two minor amendments made to the 21st.,March Minutes should be detailed in the April Minutes. Subject to this amendment, Cllr. Brennan, seconded by the Cllr. Ardrey, proposed that these Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Election of Chairman for the coming Year

Cllr. A.McCann was proposed as Chairman for the coming year. This was seconded by Cllr.Richards. There being no other nominations, Cllr. McCann was declared elected unopposed.

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

The Chairman said that in view of the reduced number of councillors present, he would like to leave the election of the Vice-chairman until the next meeting when, hopefully, there would be a full complement.

5. Finance:

a) Approval of the Annual Accounts

The Accounts, having been audited by our Internal Auditor, had been circulated. After some discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr. Brennan that the Annual Accounts be approved. This was agreed unanimously and the statement was then signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

b. Approval of the Governance Statements

The Chairman then went through the Governance Statements, one by one, asking the Council for its answer "yes" or "no" to each statement. There was unanimous agreement that the answer to all the statements which applied was "yes".

c) Approval of the Financial Report for April, 2013

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

d) Approval of Expenditure for May, 2013

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

Brand New Art Ltd.,	Map for Walks Booklet	£ 200.00
Came & Company	Insurance Renewal	£ 848.68
Mr. M. Crockett	Internal Audit Fee	£ 185.00
University of Bath	Printing of Walks Booklet	£ 208.33(+VAT)

5. Finance: (Cont'd.)

d) Approval of Expenditure for May, 2013(Cont'd.)

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

6 Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

In the absence of Cllr. King, Cllr. Ardrey reported. 76 Warminster Road has put in an application for a side dormer which we feel is too large and out of place. 63 Warminster Road has applied for a first floor extension as well as a two storey front extension which amounts to almost a rebuild of the house.

York House in Bathampton Lane has applied for internal alterations to a Listed Building to which we have no objection. The Transmitting Station on Bathampton Down has applied to put a security fence around the site, again we have no objection.

New applications have been received for a single storey rear extension at 21 Devonshire Road, internal and external alterations at the Old Rectory, Bathampton Lane, a two storey side extension at 122 Holcombe Vale and for a replacement conservatory at 24 Devonshire Road.

Regarding Candywood Leys, the agricultural assessment report has now been received. Our response to the planning application will be formulated by Cllrs. King, Ardrey, Mrs. S.Wing and Mr. D.Clarke. **CLERK**

b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Brennan reported that the A.36 had been patched and the drains repaired and cleared.

Cllr. Mayo reported that the Walks Leaflet had been issued free of charge to all residents of the village. It had been well received and we have received good feedback. It was discussed whether we should charge for these. It was agreed that there would be no charge for the present but if we had to have a reprint then we would probably charge.

Cllr. Mayo reported that the working parties are going ahead to keep the paths clear of vegetation. The Scout Pack is also helping.

It was reported that the Dry Arch Growers wish to enroll the Parish Council as a member. Their Treasurer would be contacting us.

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Richards reported that plot 15b is not being worked and asked the Clerk to write to the tenant. He has a waiting list for plots of 4, only one being from Bathampton. He is looking into how the track down to the allotments could be upgraded. **CLERK**

The two new plaques on the memorial cross in the church yard are to be unveiled at a ceremony on Friday, 24th, May at 9.45 am.

Proposals for new bus shelters and the upgrading of the bus

6 Group Reports(Cont'd.)

d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated.

The Chairman said that there had been a meeting of the Valley Parishes Alliance at which Richard Wright had reported on Canal matters. They are hoping to invite a representative of the Canals and River Trust to the next meeting of the V.P.A.

The Chairman then asked if the groups could send him a summary of the years highlights to assist his writing his report for the Annual Parish Meeting.

e) Parish Web Site

The site had not been kept up to date recently. Headlines for February, March and April were missing. It was agreed that a different person would write the headlines each month and put them on the site.

f) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the reclaimed V.A.T. for 2012 to 2013 had been received.

The only other correspondence was a letter from Mr.P.Cossins on the subject of problems associated with the A.36: the speed of the traffic etc. This was passed to Cllr. Brennan. There was some discussion and it was agreed she would reply and tell him about the website where he could report any problems etc.

7. Matters Arising:

There were no matter arising.

8. Open Forum

Cllr. Ardrey said that he was willing to attend the A.L.C.A. meeting on Wednesday, 29th.,May.

9. Date of Next meeting: Thursday, 20th.,June, 2013

At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.36 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,

20th.,June, 2013