

Bathampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th.,November, 2012 in the Village Hall, Bathampton

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

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllr. S. Christley.
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th.,October, 2012 had been circulated. Cllr. Ardrey asked that the third paragraph in the Open Forum section be reworded to reflect better what he reported. He read out his proposed new text. Subject to this amendment, Cllr.Jones, seconded by Cllr. Richards, proposed that these Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Co-option of a Councillor.
The Chairman proposed that the Council co-opt Ms. Moira Brennan onto the Council. This was seconded by Cllr. Richards and carried unanimously. The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Brennan to the Council

4. Finance:

a) To Approve the Financial Report for October,2012

The Financial Report for October had been circulated. Cllr. King, seconded by the Chairman, proposed that it be approved. Carried.

d) To Approve Expenditure for November, 2012

The Clerk reported that four invoices had been received since the last meeting as follows:-

Viking Direct	Toner Cartridges	£ 81.96(+VAT)
Mant Leisure	4 Swing Seats & Tail Chains	£ 191.96(+VAT)
Mant Leisure	8 Quick Fix Links	£ 22.10(+VAT)
K & A Canal Trust	Membership Renewal	£ 25.00

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

Brennan that these invoices should be paid. Carried unanimously. **CLERK**

5. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

The report had been circulated

Cllr. King reported that No.7A Devonshire Road had been demolished preparatory to building another house. It seems that permission has been given but we have received no formal notice of permission.

Regarding Candywood Leys, we have received notification that the owners have been given 28 days from 30th.,October in which to make a planning application. It is being dealt with by the

Enforcement Department, the Officer involved being James Jackson.
The Clerk was asked to make a further enquiry at the end
of November.

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5. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

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

An application for tree work at Still Meadows in Bathampton Lane has been received after a long delay in the post. We have been granted an extension of two weeks to consider the details and make a response.

G.A.

b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated.

In the absence of Cllr. Christley, Cllr. Mayo reported on Footpaths. The footpath which runs from the Warminster Road (opposite Devonshire Road) up to the Downs is over grown and on one side there is an unoccupied house. B.& N.E.S.Council has agreed to cut back the offending hedge. They have also agreed to make improvements to a boggy area near to the radio mast and to another muddy gully. Cllr. Mayo is hopeful that they will also be able to install steps on the path down to the swing bridge.

Cllr. Mayo had attended a meeting in which he was updated on Parish Online. They now have Tithe Maps for purchase at £50 and he asked if we should purchase them. It was agreed not to for the present. He informed them concerning the Valley Parishes Alliance. Cllr. Mayo said that he would like to be able to demonstrate what Parish Online could do but the signal is not good enough in the Village Hall. It was suggested that perhaps Wi-Fi could be installed by the Management Committee.

There have been reports of rubbish on land behind Hantone Hill but as this is on private land, we cannot do anything about it.

Cllr. Richards had spoken to the new manager of "The George" about the possibility of having a Christmas tree on Jubilee Gardens. However, he was not supportive.

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Richards reported that the seats and tail chains on the four flat seat swings had been replaced.

He then passed around a copy of the suggested wording for each of the two memorial plaques to go on the Village Cross. Approval was given.

Regarding the proposed bus stop in front of the Methodist Church, Cllr. Richards had sent our objections to B.& N.E.S Council and had received an answer in which they seemed to want to stick to their original plan. A further plan had now been received for a bus stop in Bathampton Lane near to the junction with the Warminster Road. It was suggested that there is no need for a shelter as no one waits for the bus there.

M.R.

d) Policy & Finance Group

Park & Ride east of Bath

Eight sites have been put forward. Batheaston & Bathford Parish Councils are hoping that we will support the Avon Valley Rugby Club site along with them.

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d) Policy & Finance Group(Cont'd.)

Park & Ride east of Bath (Cont'd.)

It is their hope that with the three parishes most concerned, supporting this site, then the other members of the Valley Parishes Alliance will be persuaded to support it also. There was then much discussion about the relative values of each site with a wide divergence of opinion.

Eventually, the Chairman called for a vote. The result was as follows: In favour of the Avon Valley Rugby Club 1: Against 5: Abstentions 1
There was thus no consensus in favour. The V.P.A. is meeting on 27th., November. The Chairman said that a report from the Consultants is coming and we may know more by our December meeting.

The suggestion of a new railway station and car park in Bathampton between the London line and the Bradford-on-Avon line has some serious backing but is probably too expensive, estimates of the cost being £25-45 million.

e) Web Site Development

As Cllr. Christley was absent, it was agreed to leave this until the next meeting. The Clerk would put this on the agenda.

CLERK

f) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from J.& K. Primrose who are keen to do grounds maintenance. Passed to Cllr. Richards.

An invitation had been received from our local branch of C.P.R.E. to attend a function in Bath at which the poet, Andrew Motion will be speaking and presenting the awards for the Village of the Year Competition. Cllr.

Jones is attending and invited other councilors to attend.

K.J.

We have received two requests for grants for the coming year. The first is from Bathampton Cricket Club and the second from Mrs. Jane Shepherd on behalf of the village Maxi Club. The Clerk would reply to this latter one saying that we will consider the request sympathetically in January when we consider our grant payments for the coming year.

CLERK

6. Matters Arising:

Cllr. Richards said that he will pursue having a Christmas Tree outside the Village Hall especially as the Management Committee has agreed to it being connected up to the village Hall electricity supply.

M.R.

The Clerk reported that he was still waiting for two Councillors' Register of Interests.

D.M./S.C.

7. Open Forum

There were no items for discussion.

8. Dates of Parish Council Meetings,2013-2014

The Clerk had circulated a list of proposed dates and queried whether we wished to have the December meeting on the 12th., or 19th., December. It was agreed to fix it for 12th.,

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9. Date of Next meeting: Thursday, 13th.,December, 2012
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.15 p.m.

Signed.....Chairman
13th.,December,2012