

Bathampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th.,November, 2016
in the Village Hall, Bathampton

Present: Cllrs. Brennan, L. King, G.Ardrey, S. Andrews, J. Bird, J. Helps,,
and D. Mayo.

1. **Apologies**: These were received from Cllr. L. McMurray.

2. **Declarations of Interest**: There were none.

3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th.,October 2016 had been circulated. In the absence of any amendments, Cllr. Bird, seconded by Cllr. King, proposed that the Minutes, be accepted. Carried unanimously.

4. **Matters Arising**

The Clerk reported that he had a reply from Mrs. Carter in Down Lane concerning the overhanging trees. The Clerk was asked to contact Jane Brewer, the arboricultural officer, at B.& N.E.S.Council again to urge them to look at the site again and take remedial action.

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Cllr. Helps said that she had been in contact with B.& N.E.S.Council about the new, inadequate bus service. She was not hopeful that they would be able to do anything to improve the service.

Cllr. Mayo reported that people using footpath BA1/32 were responding to our request and were filling in the forms to present as evidence to keep the path open. He would contact the previous officials of Bathampton Footpaths Association with a view to them getting a wider circulation of the forms.

D.M.

Cllr. Bird had written to the Village Hall Management Committee about having Wi-Fi in the Hall. It had been discussed with users but no one seemed keen to pay for it.

The Clerk reported that he had sent in the nomination for the Good Neighbour Award.

5. **Statutory Documents**

a) **Approval of the Code of Conduct**

A copy of this had been circulated with no alterations from the previous edition. Cllr.Ardrey, seconded by Cllr. King, proposed it for approval. Carried unanimously.

b) **Approval of Standing Orders**

A copy of the Standing Orders document had been revised by the working group. Cllr. Ardrey said that there was still a problem with the layout. The Clerk said that numbering of the paragraphs also needed some attention. Between the two of them they would sort it out. Subject to this being done, Cllr. Ardrey, seconded by Cllr. King, proposed that it should be approved. Carried unanimously.

c) **Approval of the Financial Regulations**

This document had also been looked at by the working group. A few minor amendments had been made. Cllr. Ardrey, seconded by Cllr. Helps, proposed that it be approved. Carried unanimously.

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5. Statutory Documents**d) Approval of the Risk Assessment Document**

The previous document had been revised by the working group and had now been circulated. There being no further amendments or additions, Cllr.Helps, seconded by Cllr. Bird, proposed that it be approved. Carried unanimously.

6. Finance**a) Approval of the Financial Report for October,2016**

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

b) Approval of Expenditure for November,2016

The Clerk reported that no invoices had been received this month.

c) Clerk's Report

The only item the Clerk had to report was that he had received the notification from B.& N.E.S/.Council that the second instalments of the Precept and the Local Council Support Grant had been paid to our bank account.

7. Core Strategy**8. Joint Spatial Plan****9. Joint Transport Plan**

These three items are considered together as they are interlinked. Responses to all three consultations are needed by 19th.,December. The Chairman suggested that we should combine with Bathford and Batheaston Parish Councils to make joint responses. This was agreed and Cllrs. Andrews and King and the Chairman said that they could be involved and would attend the consultation event in the One Stop Shop w/c 5 Dec. The Chairman to contact the other parishes.

M.B.**10. Ongoing Items****a) Bathampton Meadows Cycle/Footpath**

Cllr. King reported that the formal arrangement will commence on 1st., December.

b) "The George" car park

Cllr. Andrews said that here was nothing further to report.

c) Community Speedwatch

Cllr. Andrews said that the Speedwatch is now operational. Numbers of motorists have been noted exceeding the speed limit and they will receive letters from the Police in due course. Eventually, we will receive a report.

d) Placemaking Plan

We are awaiting the Inspector's report..

e) Park & Ride

It now appears that a decision will not be taken until the new year.

f) Playground Repairs

The repairs to the zip wire have been ordered.

g) Speeding Cyclists on the Towpath

The C.& R.T. are due to put up permanent signage in December.

h) Local Bus Service

This item was covered under Matters Arising.

11. Group Reports**a) Planning & Conservation Group.**

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. King reported that a planning application had been received for a new house at Five Valleys, Warminster Road after demolition of the present house. The planning group had no objection to the house plan but felt that the garage was too close to the trees and suggested that it be sited further away.

The Planning Committee made a site visit to No.8 Warminster Road before making the decision. However, even though there was strong objection from the Parish Council and neighbours, they decided to permit the extension.

The University of Bath applied for a new car park and access track back in early 2015. The application was refused but they have now appealed the decision. The Clerk was asked to re-iterate our comments to B.& N.E.S. Council.

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Network Rail have still not put in their application for the electrical sub-station in Tynning Road.

b) Highways Group

Cllr. Andrews said that it had been a very quiet month with nothing to report except that road maintenance had been on-going.

c) Footpaths

A blocked ditch near to the footpath running from Devonshire Road to Bathampton Lane caused flooding in some gardens. The Handyman had cleared it, but it was thought that it might be the responsibility of B.& N.E.S. Council. Cllr. Mayo to contact them.

D.M.

d) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Helps reported that the replacement of the fencing could be made less expensive if we got a team of volunteers to remove the old fencing. She is getting separate quotations for removal of the old fencing and installation of new.

J.H.

The Playground Group consists of three people and there do not seem to be any others coming forward. Because of the vast expense of any new equipment, she said that they are going to produce a priority list.

J.H.

Cllr. Helps reported that the Christmas tree is being delivered on Monday, 21st., November and will be installed in time for the Christmas Fair on the following Saturday.

e) Communications

In the absence of Cllr. McMurray, there was no report.

f) Policy & Finance

The report had been circulated.

The Chairman said that the V.P.A. has a website which contains a lot of data, especially concerning a proposed link road.

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10. Open Forum

(i) Cllr. Ardrey confirmed that he had ratified the accounts for the quarter ending 30th.,September,2016

(ii) Cllr. King mentioned the notification from B.& N.E.S. Council that our street lights are soon to be changed over to L.E.D. lights. It was queried whether this included those street lights which are owned by us. The Clerk said that he would make inquiries.

CLERK

(iii) Cllr. Andrews pointed out an area of land in the extreme north west corner of our parish and which he considers is very untidy. He wondered who owned it. Cllr.Bird said that she would make inquiries from the Land Registry.

J.B.

(iv) The Chairman asked the Clerk to prepare a schedule of items to do and at what time as laid down in the Financial Regulations.

CLERK

(v) The Clerk mentioned that we need a meeting to arrange the budget for the next financial year. The Chairman asked him to suggest a few dates to the Group Leaders so that a mutually convenient date can be arranged.

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11. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 15th.,December, 2016

At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.05 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,
15th.,December, 2016