

**Bathampton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th.,September, 2012**  
**in the Village Hall, Bathampton**

Present: Cllrs. A. McCann, G.Ardrey, S. Christley. K.Jones, L.King  
and D. Mayo.

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllr. M. Richards.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup>.,July, 2012 had been circulated.

Cllr. King, seconded by Cllr. Ardrey, proposed that these amended Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Finance:

a) To Approve the Financial Report for July & August,2012

The Financial Report for May had been circulated. The Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Christley, proposed that it be approved. Carried.

d) To Approve Expenditure for September, 2012

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

B.& N.E.S.Council	Printing Newsletter	£ 151.00
Canal & River Trust	Rent for Jubilee Gardens	£ 64.80(+VAT)
Mazars	External Audit Fee	£ 285.00(+VAT)
Bath Gdn. Machinery Ltd.	Nylon Line	£ 19.00(+VAT)

It was proposed by the Cllr.Jones and seconded by Cllr. Christley that these invoices should be paid. Carried unanimously.

**CLERK**

4. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

The report had been circulated

Cllr. King reported that the application for a Physiotherapy room at Hampton Cottage had been permitted.

A new application for additions to the Vodaphone Mast in Tynning Road had been received but had not yet been responded to.

b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Christley said that she is pursuing the Highways Agency with regards to a revised costing for the installation of a V.A.S. sign at the eastern end of the village.

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b) Highways Group(Cont'd.)

Cllr. Mayo reported that hedges had been cut alongside the triangular field and along the footpaths leading from the swing

bridge to Holcombe Lane and to the Dry Arch. He is getting quotes for the provision of scythes, the cost and use of, to be shared with Dry Arch Growers.

**D.M.**

Cllr. Mayo reported that there was still no update on the benches which are being paid for by the funds of the disbanded Footpaths Association.

**D.M.**

Cllr. Christley said that after the change of British Waterways to the Canal and River Trust, it is still uncertain what progress has been made by the Mooring Strategy Steering Group.

Cllr. Jones then reported that Bathampton had been awarded a prize in the large village section of the Village of the Year Competition. We have been asked to organize an event at which the plaque could be presented. Cllr. Jones would look into what would be a suitable event.

**K.J.**

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.  
In the absence of Cllr. Richards, there was nothing further to report.

d) Policy & Finance Group

The Chairman reported that a scheme had been put forward for a Park & Ride site in the Y-junction where the two railway lines meet in Bathampton. This would involve a new station, a car parking area and tunnels. As this would involve re-aligning the railway lines and would have to be done before the electrification of the line occurred in 2016, it was felt not to be feasible.

Bath & N.E.S. Council have called a meeting to look at the possible Park & Ride Sites east of Bath on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup>, October. The Chairman said that he would attend with the Council's permission. Agreed. He said that Bathampton Meadows still has Planning Permission and could be put forward again.

**A.M.**

e) Parish Web Site

Cllr. Mayo said that the site had 17 new visitors during the passed two months and on average each looked at 3.1 pages.

f) Clerk's Report

Julian House had written asking that we inform them if we know of any rough sleepers in our area. One of their cards was passed to Cllr. Jones who thought that there might be one in the west of our area between the canal and the railway.

**K.J.**

Barclays Bank have confirmed that the two new signatories are in place and can now sign cheques.

Mrs. Bassett has written to say that she has had the hedge bordering the Warminster Road cut. However, it seems to have been cut only where it was overhanging the footpath. The height has not been reduced

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f) Clerk's Report(Cont'd.)

The Audit Commission has appointed new external auditors for us for next year i.e. the year 2012-2013.

5. Matters Arising:

The ownership of the field, which the footpath up to the Dry Arch crosses, was reported by Cllr.Richards (in a memo) to belong to the house situated above the swing bridge.

The house at the bottom of The Normans with the large weeping willow is up for sale. We need to wait until the new owners are in before we can do anything to curb the nuisance of the tree.

The Handyman will paint the graffitied area of the bus shelter as soon as he can.

6. Open Forum

Cllr.Ardrey had reported that one Council who were the first to produce a Neighborhood Plan had had it rejected immediately. He would attend future Parish Cluster meetings and would inform the Clerk which of the proposed dates would be acceptable.

**G.A.**

There was some discussion about affordable housing in the area. There is no land available in Bathampton but that released by the vacation of the M.O.D. from Bath will make substantial space available in Bath.

The position regarding Candywood Leys, off Meadow Lane was queried. Enforcement action was supposed to be being taken and yet nothing further had been heard since last March. Cllr. King said that she had heard nothing further.

**L.K./CLERK**

Cllr. King had noted that a "Give and Take " day was taking place in Timsbury and wondered whether we should organize something similar in Bathampton.

Cllr. Mayo thought that it would be a good idea if we could organize a Christmas tree for the Village. There was some discussion about where it could be sited. It was agreed to pass this to Cllr. Richards for him to make enquiries.

**M.R.**

The Clerk had today received information about the new Code of Conduct and registering ones interests. We would have to agree and approve a Code of Conduct at our next meeting. The Clerk would e-mail the information to all Councillors. The problem seems to be that B.& N.E.S.Council want copies of everyone's signed acceptance and Register of Interests sent by email and they would be displayed on the Council's website. Several councilors were unhappy about this, especially if their signatures are displayed. The Clerk to make further enquiries.

**CLERK**

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| 7. <u>Date of Next meeting:</u> | Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> .,October, 2012<br>At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall | Signed.....<br>Chairman,<br>18 <sup>th</sup> .,October, 2012 |
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There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.35 p.m.