

**Bathampton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup>, September, 2013**  
**in the Village Hall, Bathampton**

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

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

2. Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup>, July, 2013 had been circulated.  
Cllr. Brennan, seconded by Cllr. Ardrey, proposed that these Minutes be accepted.  
Carried unanimously.

3. Co-option of a new Councillor.

The Chairman said that he would like to propose Sarah Batterbury to be co-opted on to the Council. This was seconded by Cllr. King and carried unanimously.

4. Finance:

a) Approval of the Financial Report for July & August, 2013

The report had been circulated

It was proposed for approval by Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Brennan.  
Carried unanimously.

b) Approval of Expenditure for September, 2013

The Chairman reported that agreement has been reached on pay increases for Local Council Staff. This amounts to 1%, back-dated to 1<sup>st</sup>, April, 2013. The Chairman asked for approval to pay these increases to the Clerk and to the handyman.

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

Bath Garden Machinery Ltd.	Servicing of Flymo	£ 76.90(+VAT)
Bath & N.E.S. Council	Printing Newsletter	£ 120.00
Canal & River Trust	Annual Rent Jubilee Gdns.	£ 66.83(+VAT)

It was proposed by the Cllr.King and seconded by Cllr. Brennan  
that the pay increases and these three invoices should be paid. Carried  
unanimously.

**CLERK**

5. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

Cllr. King reported that permission had been given for the new access in Tynning Road (for agricultural purposes only), for the verandah at 1 Warminster Road and for the greenhouse at York House, Bathampton Lane.

The Planning Group would be considering the change in the plan for the foot/cycle bridge over the river at Batheaston, as well as the applications for 19 Warminster Road and 63 Warminster Road.

5. Group Reports(Cont'd.)b) Highways Group

Cllr. Brennan reported that she had been in touch with the Highways Agency endeavoring to get the Warminster Road footpath alongside the triangular field cleared of encroaching grass and other vegetation. The path is so narrow at present, it is dangerous for pedestrians to walk along it.

Cllr. Brennan had attended a V.P.A. meeting with Highways Agency. The Vehicle Activated Sign will become permanent next April but it is not certain where it will be located. Some resurfacing of the A.36 in Bathampton is scheduled for 2014 but the extent of this is not known. One result of these meetings is that the Highways Agency is now talking to Bath & N.E.S.Council about the work being planned for upgrading the bus stops.

There was then some discussion concerning alerting motorists when they enter Bathampton and the 30 m.p.h. speed limit.

Cllr. Mayo reported that the footpath working parties had done a second cut of the hedge in the triangular field. He was aiming to do a second cut along all footpaths before the winter. It was reported that the Ramblers (formerly the Ramblers Association) have 75 teams of volunteers who are willing to come and clear vegetation.

The Chairman then mentioned the problems which had been brought to attention of the meeting by Mr. & Mrs. Metters of the High Street. It was agreed that Cllr. Brennan would talk to B.& N.E.S. Council Highways department concerning the road design and the possibility of having full width speed tables instead of humps. **M.B.**

It was also agreed that the Clerk would write to the Bursar of King Edward's School querying whether they needed such large coaches to transport the children. Cllr. Batterbury mentioned that on the first day of term the gate in the Dark Lane hedge giving access to the permissive path in the K.E. sports ground was locked. The Clerk would also mention this. **CLERK**

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

Cllr. Richards was absent but he had asked the council for a decision on the proposed bus stops outside the Village Hall. All agreed with the proposed stop for buses going into the city. However, there were two alternatives for the outward bus stop. One was opposite the inward one. (This would not be a problem because there would never be two buses there.) The second alternative is opposite the shops where the white line is alongside the kerb.. After much discussion, it was agreed that the Council preferred the outward stop to be alongside the inward stop.

The Clerk to advise Cllr. Richards. **CLERK**

d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated. Regarding the Placemaking Plan, the Chairman had circulated a note which outlined the procedure. Cllrs. King and McCann are attending a "workshop" on 28th.,September at which a "toolkit" will be provided.

5. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

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

A working group consisting of Cllrs. Ardrey, Brennan, King, Mayo and the Chairman is to be formed to make the assessments which have to be completed by 21<sup>st</sup>.,November when they are required to be uploaded to the website. Unanimous approval was given to proceed.

At a meeting of the V.P.A., the Canal & River Trust had given a presentation on the Draft Mooring Strategy which they have just published for consultation. The deadline for replies is 2<sup>nd</sup>.,November.

The Chairman suggested, and it was agreed by the Council, that the Clerk should email a copy of the draft document to Mr. Keith Rossiter, asking if he would mind looking at it and give his opinion . **CLERK**

e) Parish Web Site

There was nothing further to report.

f) Clerk's Report

Mr. Field, an allotment holder, had written querying the measurements of the poly tunnel on plot 15b. It is not known whether Cllr. Richards had replied.

A Definitive Map Modification Order has been received from Bath & N.E.S.Council. It was passed to Cllr. Mayo for his perusal. It appears to be for the cycle/footpaths along the River Avon in Bath and along the Canal.

6. Matters Arising:

The Clerk wished to have a map of the grassed area between the Warminster Road and the Holcombe Close bungalows adjacent to the steps by the Parish Council noticeboard . Also he would like one of the triangular field – both to be sent to the Land Registry in order to find out who the owners are. Cllr. Mayo said he could get one from Parish Online. **D.M.**

The ownership of the wire mesh fence running down the east side of the playing field was queried. The Clerk said that he assumed it belonged to the Parish Council. Evidently, there is a small area where the mesh has become detached. It was agreed to ask the Handyman to look at it and repair it. **M.R.**

7. Open Forum

Cllr. King asked the Clerk if he had received a reply concerning the method of receiving planning applications from B.&N.E.S.Council. He replied that hard copies are to be sent during the immediate future.

Cllr. King said that there was no news concerning Candywood Leys. Because of the new application nothing will happen before 8<sup>th</sup>.,October. Similarly no news had been received concerning Jewson's yard.

Cllr. Ardrey mentioned that the B.& N.E.S.Council's website is not up to date, displaying the names of councillors who have left our Council. **CLERK**

Cllr. Ardrey said that he would be attending the B.& N.E.S. Area Group of A.L.C.A. meeting on Wednesday,25<sup>th</sup>.,September and the A.L.C.A. A.G.M. on 2<sup>nd</sup>.,November.

8. Date of Next meeting: Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup>.,October, 2013  
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.30p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,  
17<sup>th</sup>.,October, 2013