

**Bathampton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup>.,September, 2015**  
**in the Village Hall, Bathampton**

Present: Cllrs. M. Brennan,S. Andrews, J. Helps, L. King, D. Mayo  
and L. McMurray.

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllr. Ardrey.

Note: Cllrs. Battenbury and Land have tendered their  
resignations from the Council

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup>.,July, 2015 had been circulated.  
Cllr. Helps, seconded by Cllr. King, proposed that these Minutes, be  
accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

It was reported that the problem with footpath BA1/11 had still not  
been resolved. The Clerk had found a copy of the Diversion Order made by  
Wansdyke Council in early 1996 but it had not been ratified by B.& N.E.S  
Council when it took over in March of that year. It seems that the  
landowners have to go through the procedure again to claim the path.

The footpath alongside 60 Holcombe Vale is now clear of builders  
materials.

4. Finance:

- a) Approval of the Financial Report for July & August,2015

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

- b) Approval of Expenditure for September 2015

The Clerk reported that three invoices had been received as  
follows:-

Grant Thornton	Audit Fee	£ 200.00(+VAT)
Andrew Dolman	Hosting Web Site	£ 100.00
Canal & River Trust	Jubilee Gardens Rent	£ 69.22(+VAT)

It was proposed by Cllr.Mayo and seconded by Cllr.Helps.  
that these invoices should be paid. Carried unanimously.

**CLERK**

- c) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that our electricity contract with E.D.F.Energy  
expires at the end of September. He had received a proposed contract  
which will last for two years. The total cost before VAT is £ 724.62 which  
gives a quarterly payment of £ 90.58 compared to our last quarterly  
payment of £ 95.67. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by  
Cllr. Andrews that we should accept this contract. It was carried  
unanimously and the Clerk was asked to sign acceptance of the  
contract.

**CLERK**

4. Finance:(Cont'd.)c) Clerk's Report(Cont'd.)

The Clerk had received a letter from the Great Western Air Ambulance asking if the Council would consider having a textile collection bin in the Parish. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would reply that we

are looking for a suitable site to locate a bin.

**CLERK**

A resident living near the allotments had written to say that she was concerned about children playing on the allotments with no apparent parental supervision. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr.Helps would send an email to those tenants with email addresses asking them to supervise any accompanying children.

**J.H.**

A reply had been received from the National Lottery, not answering our question, but giving us the telephone number for the Village Post Office to apply. It was decided to leave this in abeyance.

A Definitive Map Modification Order to add the footpath over the swing bridge to the Map had been received. Passed to Cllr. Mayo.

5. Group Reportsa) Planning & Conservation Group.

Cllr. King reported that we had still not received the plans for the development at the Old Timber Yard (Jewson's Yard) even though we had received a preview from the architect.

Cllr. King said that a meeting had taken place concerning the management of the cycle track across the meadows. It now appears that we may not have to make a monetary contribution as there are grants available. Cllr. Mayo agreed to look after this from now on to give Cllr. King more time to deal with the expected work load from the Park & Ride east of Bath.

Whilst the outcome of the consultation is not yet known, it is likely that work on the towpath will be done in early 2016 and the towpath will have to be closed. The final surface has not yet been announced but it has to be an improvement on the existing dust and stone in order to meet the funding requirements. The consultation suggested there would be signage on the shared space indicating priority to pedestrians.

b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated.

There is to be a consultation on flood measures and the Parish Flood Representatives are being asked to respond. Some while ago, we decided not to have a Flood Representative because we advised BANES that it made more sense for them to have a nominated point of contact so anyone could notify them of flooding issues.

Concern had been expressed by several residents of Bathampton Lane about the speed of traffic along the Lane. The Clerk had contacted the resident who organised the Community Speed Watch many years ago. The radar gun is still operational but there are severe restrictions on how it is used, who uses it and where it is used. The email from the organiser was passed to Cllr. Andrews to make contact.

**S.A.**

5. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

c) Footpaths

Cllr. Mayo reported that the final cut of the vegetation along the footpaths has been done for this year.

He has been asked to be involved with claiming the diverted route of BA1/11(i.e. the route which has been in use for the passed 29 years!)

d) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Helps reported that all the allotment plots are let and there are five people on the waiting list.

The Playground Group had met. One suggestion is a swing seat for a disabled child as there is one in the village.

It was reported that the light just inside the playground is no longer working. The Clerk said that it was installed by B.& N.E.S.Council many years ago. He had contacted them and they say it is our responsibility. However it is not on the schedule of lights which we have maintained by S.S.E. The Clerk to inquire further.

**CLERK**

e) Communications

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. McMurray reported that our Twitter account is now up and running and he is updating our profiles on the Facebook page.

f) Policy & Finance

The report had been circulated.

The Chairman said that she did not know the timescale for C.R.T. to do their clear up of the canal bank.

She had attended the VPA Highways meeting with Highways England. H.E. have identified that the slippage of the A36 may be a drainage issue. They are designing a scheme to check the drains for breaks using CCTV. Implementation is likely to be 2017/18. Limpley Stoke Hill also needs resurfacing. H.E. hope to do that at the same time as the drains scheme but it may need to be done earlier of it becomes a safety issue. The Chairman had enquired about the slippage on the pavement opposite Hantone Hill. H.E. are monitoring slippage on the downside of the road but nothing is funded and there is no work in the plan.

The link road from the A.36 across the valley is being mentioned again. The suggestion is that it runs from Claverton across the valley (and river) to a roundabout at the bottom of Bathford Hill. A Briefing Note is being prepared. Hinton Charterhouse are considering their position in the VPA as they feel that their parish will be in favour of a link road.

**Park & Ride East of Bath**

Some time was spent on discussing this. The Transport Strategy says that there should be a Park & Ride east of Bath so B.& N.E.S.Council are pressing ahead with this. They have identified three sites which are:-

The Avon Rugby Club ground  
The Meadows west of Mill Lane  
The Meadows east of Mill Lane

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**Park & Ride East of Bath (Cont'd.)**

Batheaston Forward are running a campaign against all three and have produced a flier encouraging a demonstration outside the Guildhall on Tuesday next when the second consultation exhibition is being staged. The first consultation exhibition is being held in our Village Hall in two days time and the Clerk was asked to print out fliers for distribution to those attending.

**CLERK**

**6. Open Forum**

Cllr. King mentioned the social get-together between the two Parish Councils- Bathampton and Batheaston. It was very useful and provided a good starting point for future co-operation between the two Councils.

Cllr. King then asked the Clerk if he could clarify the standing of the green space between Miller Walk and Bathampton Lane in the Placemaking Plan as there had been an objection to it being designated an "Open Green Space".

**CLERK**

The Chairman highlighted that the first meeting on the Bathavon Area Forum was taking place on 29 September. Three councillors had attended a meeting regarding the plan to set up a forum. The meeting was only attended by one or two parishes and did not suggest that the forum would be useful. It was agreed that no one would attend the meeting on 29 September

It was suggested that we might apply to Cllr. Geoff Ward for a grant towards the disabled swing seat under the Ward Councillor's Initiative.

**J.H./CLERK**

**7. Date of Next meeting**

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>.,October, 2015  
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.40 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,