

**Bathampton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup>.,April, 2014**  
**in the Village Hall, Bathampton**

Present: Cllrs. A. McCann, S. Batterbury, M. Brennan, K. Jones, L. King  
and M.Richards

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllrs. G.Ardrey and D. Mayo. .
2. Minutes of the last Meeting:  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup>.,March, 2014 had been circulated.  
Cllr. Brennan, seconded by the Cllr. Jones, proposed that these Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Finance:

a) Approval of the Financial Report for March, 2014

The report had been circulated

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

b) Approval of Expenditure for April, 2014

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

Valley Parishes Alliance	Annual Subscription	£ 150.00
E.D.F.Energy	Electricity (Qtr.end 31/3/14)	£ 140.51(+VAT)
S.S.E. Contracting	Street Light Main'tce ( " )	£ 64.16(+VAT)

In addition we had been informed that invoices would be coming from Bath & N.E.Somerset Council for printing of our Newsletter (£173.50) and the Housing Needs Survey form (£93.00+VAT).

It was proposed by the Cllr. Richards and seconded by Cllr. Brennan that all five should be paid. Carried unanimously.

**CLERK**

4. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

Cllr. King reported that an application had been received for two small extensions at Elmsleigh in Bathampton Lane.

Some decking had been erected on the bank of the canal alongside a narrow boat which is moored next to the Raft Café. As we have not seen an application for permission for this, Cllr. Jones would make enquiries to Bath & N.E..Council and to the Canal & River Trust.

**K.J.**

There was then some discussion about No. 58 Warminster Road where the roof is completey shrouded. It had been given planning permission for a first floor addition last year.

b) Highways Group

Cllr. Brennan reported that resurfacing of the top section of Down Lane will commence on 19<sup>th</sup>.,May. The drainage work at the top of Down Lane has been completed.

The footpath working parties are again active.

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

Cllr. Jones reported that the Environmental Health Officer had been instrumental in getting the field adjacent to "The George" cleaned up.

There is still a problem with rubbish overflowing the Biffa bins by the canal bridge. They are the C.R.T.'s responsibility. Cllr. Batterbury will keep an eye on them and report to Cllr. Jones when the problem occurs. It was queried whether the K. & A. Canal Trust volunteers should be involved in reporting the problem.

**S.B.**c) Leisure & Amenities Group

Cllr. Richard reported that he is meeting with the C.R.T. after Easter to clarify the situation regarding the Lengthman's Hut.

**M.R.**

He is still obtaining quotes for the new fence along the southern border of the allotments.

**M.R.**

Regarding improvement of the playground equipment, he wondered if a group of interested people could be persuaded to investigate getting grants.

He reported that CURO are to clear the area around the garages.

d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated.

The Chairman reported that the questionnaire posting box will be installed in the shop. There is to be a drop-in session on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>., May from 10.00 am until 12 noon.

The Annual Parish Meeting is on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup>., May and the Chairman said that he would like scripts from the groups by 2<sup>nd</sup>., May so that he can prepare his address. After the formal business, Mr. Blades from the American Museum will give a talk.

The LibDems have circulated a paper leaflet in which they give details of their Park & Rail plan. The Chairman said that he would counter it at the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr. Brennan would ask the Highways Agency for their comments on the plan.

**M.B.**e) Parish Web Site

There was nothing to report.

f) Clerk's Report

The C.P.R.E. has written to say that there will be an increase in their membership fee this year.

A footpath modification order has been received from Bath & N.E.S. Council. Passed to Cllr. Mayo.

Bath & N.E.S. Council has advised us that the grant for maintenance of the footpaths under the Parish Agency Scheme is being increased to £608.36.

A Playground Inspection Report has been received and passed to Cllr. Richards. There are a few minor items which need attention.

**M.R.**

5. Matters Arising:

A Mr. & Mrs. Surgey had attended prior to the meeting. They have applied for planning permission for an extension to their house in Down Lane. Coupled with this they applied for a parking space in front of their house. However, B.& N.E.S. Council are now proposing to upgrade the bus stop in front the house with a raised kerb exactly where they wish to have a dropped kerb for access. Cllr. Richards would take this up with B.& N.E.S. Council.

**M.R.**

The Clerk said that he had written to B.& N.E.S. about the breaking up of the bus stop surface outside the Village Hall but had heard nothing back. He would follow this up.

**CLERK**

6. Open Forum

Cllr. Batterbury asked about the Placemaking Plan. She was told that there had been no response as yet.

Cllr. King asked if any details had emerged concerning the proposed housing on either the Jewson's Yard or the Warminster Road M.O.D. sites. She was told that there are no details as yet.

Cllr. Brennan gave her apologies for both the Annual Parish Meeting and the next Parish Council meeting.

7. .Date of Next meeting:

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>.,May,2014  
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.25 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,  
15<sup>th</sup>.,May,2014