

Bathampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th, February, 2014
in the Village Hall, Bathampton

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

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllrs. S. Batterbury and M.Richards.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th, January, 2014 had been circulated. Cllr. Ardrey, seconded by the Chairman, proposed that these Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Finance:

a) Approval of the Financial Report for January, 2014

The report had been circulated

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

b) Approval of Expenditure for February, 2014

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

Bath & N.E.S.Council	Allotment Grasscutting(2013)	£
	957.63(+VAT)	
Bath & N.E.S.Council	Playing Field Grasscutting	£
	485.88(+VAT)	
Bath & N.E.S.Council	Printing the Newsletter	£ 138.50
Bath Preservation Trust	Annual Membership	£ 15.00
C.P.R.E.	Annual Membership	£ 29.00

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

CLERK

5. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

Cllr. King reported that permission had already been given for the access road alongside the proposed Jewson's Yard development and which will enable Glass's level crossing to be closed to vehicular traffic.

We have received a copy of an application to build a two-storey side extension at 15 Hantone Hill. We have no objection. Also the Tasburgh House Hotel has applied for an illuminated sign outside the property. We have not responded yet.

A resident of Devonshire Road has complained that her neighbour, having removed the fence between the two gardens, now wants to replace it but giving her more land. She does not want this. Further enquiries to be made.

Cllr. Ardrey said that at the recent meeting which he attended, Bath & N.E.S. Council are trying to move ahead with a paperless planning process. There is some concern among the parishes about this.

Evidently Dunkerton Parish Council are already paperless and have offered to demonstrate. A workshop is to be organized.

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b) Highways Group

Cllr. Brennan reported that a resident had complained about the parked motor cycle on the footpath on the Warminster Road. It was agreed that we cannot do anything about this as the footpath is owned by the house owners.

The gully by the Scout Hut has been dug out again to try to stop the flooding across the Warminster Road at the top of Down Lane.

The pot holes on Down Lane have been reported to B.& N.E.S. Council but they have not yet been filled in.

Following the Letter from Gill Huggins, which was forwarded onto the Highways Agency, the Clerk was asked to write to enquire what the outcome was and whether she is now satisfied.

Environmental Services have taken action concerning the litter around the bins on the canal bank opposite the school.

Cllr. Mayo reported that more work has been done on the footpath from Holcombe Lane to the swing bridge. He also said that the improvements to Parish Online have now come through.

CLERK

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

Cllr. Richard's report had been circulated. There was nothing further to report.

d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated.

The Chairman reported that there is nothing further on the Placemaking Plan documents.

The draft "Housing Needs Survey" was then looked at. The only change was to delete the word "physical" in question 8. It was agreed to have a drop box in the shop where the completed survey forms could be placed. It had also been agreed to have a drop-in event on a Saturday morning in the Village Hall. Two dates had been reserved (3rd., & 10th., May).

The B.& N.E.S. Council's budget for 2014-15 having just been agreed and published, the Chairman mentioned that it contains £ 2.5 Million for a Park & Ride site East of Bath.

e) Parish Web Site

There was nothing to report.

f) Clerk's Report

Bathampton Cricket Club has written, enclosing the 2013 accounts, with a request for a grant .

Proposals for upgrading two bus stops in the Village have been received. These give details of raised kerbs and road markings. Passed to Cllr. Richards. Cllr. Jones said that the road markings on the stop

outside the Village Hall were disintegrating. The Clerk to report it. **CLERK**
B.& N.E.S. Council have sent quotations for grasscutting the allotments and the playing field during the coming season (2014). The costs have increased by 2% compared to those of last year. The Council agreed that we should accept them subject to approval by Cllr. Richards. **CLERK**

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6. Matters Arising:

At the previous meeting, Cllr. Batterbury had asked if a couple of parking spaces outside the school could be made for disabled persons. There was some discussion but it was agreed that this is a matter for the school. Cllr. Brennan to enquire from Keith Rossiter the details of the School/Church parking agreement when it was set up. She would also contact Cllr. Batterbury to find out why she has requested disabled parking. **M.B.**

7. Open Forum

Cllr. Ardrey then reported on the Parishes Liaison Meeting which he had attended.

There is an "Energy at Home" project which is to encourage parish councils to get people to install insulation in their homes.

There is a draft Parish Charter which lays down B.& N.E.S. Council's commitment to us, but this is waiting for the Connecting Communities Project to be completed.

There was an update to the Local Development Framework in which 13,000 new homes are specified.

The pilot scheme of the Parish Rangers is being developed. It may be rolled out to us in September..

8. .Date of Next meeting:

Thursday, 20th., March, 2014
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,
20th., March, 2014