

**Bathampton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup>., June, 2014**  
**in the Village Hall, Bathampton**

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

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

2. Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup>., May, 2014 had been circulated. Cllr. King, seconded by the Chairman, proposed that these Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Finance:

a) Approval of the Financial Report for May, 2014

The report had been circulated

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

b) Approval of Expenditure for June, 2014

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

Bathampton Village Hall	Annual Hire of Hall	£ 142.95
Mr. R.Taylor	Supplying Plants	£ 94.10
LCR Magazine	Annual Subscription	£ 17.00
Grant Thornton	External Audit Fee	£ 200.00(+VAT)

It was proposed by Cllr. Batterbury and seconded by Cllr. Mayo that all four should be paid. Carried unanimously.

**CLERK**

6. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

Cllr. Ardrey reported on the plans to build on the Warminster Road ex-M.O.D. Site. Despite planning for 189 residential units, no land has been given over for the expansion of Bathwick School, nor have any plans been made for expanding the School. We are still formulating our response.

The decking on the canal bank by a boat moored next to the Café Boat is still there. The Canal & River Trust seem unable to give us a reason why it is allowed. B.& N.E.S. Council are investigating.

Cllr. Ardrey reported that some fencing was being erected alongside the path across the Meadows in order to separate cyclists (and pedestrians) from livestock.

b) Highways Group

Cllr. Brennan reported that there is to be a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup>., June of our Dist. Councillors Geoff Ward and Terry Gazzard with Mr. Brian Metters to discuss the traffic in the High Street. Cllr. King said that she might be able to attend.

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6. Group Reports(Cont'd.)c) Highways Group(Cont'd.)

The problem of the overflowing Biffa bins by the canal opposite the School was mentioned again. A CRT Officer is supposedly monitoring the situation but it is a continuing eyesore and health hazard especially so close to the School. It was agreed that the Chairman would draft a letter, in strong terms, to be sent to the Contracts Manager of CRT. Copies would also be sent to our three Ward Councillors, to the Headmaster of the School and to the Environmental Health Department of B.& N.E.S. Council.

**A.M.**

Cllr. Mayo reported that, in three weeks time, the vegetation along the footpaths will be cut back again. Also, with the £1200 which remains from the previous Footpaths Association, three benches are to be made available to go along parts of the Bath Skyline Walk. The National Trust has offered to install and maintain them.

Cllr. Mayo is to try to find out the owner of the triangular field .

**D.M.**

A footpath in Holcombe Vale has been blocked by builders materials and equipment. Cllr. Batterbury will talk to the builders to find out if it can be opened up.

**S.B.**

The hedge outside No.3 Devonshire Road is overgrowing the footpath. The Clerk to write to the occupier.

**CLERK**c) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

The Clerk mentioned that there were still three outstanding allotment rents but these were for new tenants who had taken on the plots during the season.

d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated.

The Chairman said that Dick Whittington had responded to say that he had 14 responses to page 2 of the Housing Needs Survey.

The Chairman is attending a Workshop on the Bath Transport Strategy on 26<sup>th</sup>., June. He wonders whether specific proposed Park & Ride Sites will be mentioned.

A suggestion has been made that the V.P.A. should have sub-committee to deal with the K.& A. Canal and the C.R.T.

Following a request from Julie O'Rourke (Placemaking Plan), the Chairman has replied to say that we wish to maintain our green spaces.

e) Parish Web Site

There was nothing to report.

f) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that we have received the Footpath Maintenance Grant from Bath & N.E.S.Council.

Grant Thornton have passed the accounts. The only comment was that we should not increase the value of the total fixed assets unless new equipment has been purchased.

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6. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

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

Came & Company have written to confirm our insurance.

Bathampton Gardeners Association has sent thanks for the grant which will be used towards the Flower Show in September.

7. Matters Arising:

The Clerk mentioned the Risk Assessment document discussed at the last meeting. The Financial Regulations had already been amended to state that the Clerk would not hold more than £100. On the question of a quarterly inspection of the trees on the Playing Field, the Clerk would write to the Arboricultural Officer of B.& N.E.S.Council asking for this to be done.

**CLERK**

8. Open Forum

Cllr. Batterbury said that the gate into King Edwards Playing Field had been left locked on another occasion meaning that children walking down Dark Lane to school were confronted by cars coming to deliver other children to Mulberry House. She would try to contact the K.E.Bursar.

**S.B.**

Following the workshop held on paperless processing of Planning Applications, Cllr. King reiterated that we need to continue to receive paper copies of Planning Applications

9. .Date of Next meeting:

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup>.,July,2014  
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.40 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,  
17<sup>th</sup>.,July 2014