

Bathampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 15th.,May, 2014
in the Village Hall, Bathampton

Present: Cllrs. A. McCann, G.Ardrey, , L. King, D. Mayo
and M.Richards

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllrs. S. Batterbury, M. Brennan
and K. Jones.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting:
The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th.,April, 2014 had been circulated.
Cllr. Richards, seconded by the Cllr. King, proposed that these Minutes be
accepted. Carried unanimously.
3. Election of Chairman for the year 2014 to 2015
Cllr. McCann was proposed as Chairman by Cllr. Richards and
seconded by Cllr. Ardrey.. There being no other nominations,
Cllr. McCann was duly elected as Chairman.
4. Election of Vice-chairman for the year 2014 to 2015
Cllr. King was proposed as Vice-chairman by Cllr. McCann and
seconded by Cllr. Ardrey.. There being no other nominations,
Cllr. King was duly elected as Vice-chairman.
5. Finance:
 - a) Approval of the Annual Accounts for 2013 to 2014
Copies of the Accounts Statement had been circulated to all
councillors. The Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Richards, proposed that
the accounts be approved. This was approved unanimously. **CLERK**
 - b) Approval of the Annual Governance Statements.
The Governance statements on the annual accounts document were
read out one by one and to each the Council gave the answer "yes".
The Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Richards, proposed approval of
these statements and again there was unanimous agreement. **CLERK**
 - c) Approval of the Financial Report for April, 2014
The report had been circulated
It was proposed for approval by Cllr.King and seconded by Cllr.
Ardrey. Carried unanimously.

b) Approval of Expenditure for May, 2014

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

Mr. M.K.Crockett	Audit Fee (Internal Audit)	£ 185.00
Cllr. McCann	A.P.M. Catering Expenses	£ 23.42(+VAT)
Cllr. Richards	Keys etc. for Allotments	£ 22.10(+VAT)

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr. Ardrey
that all three should be paid. Carried unanimously. **CLERK**

6. Group Reportsa) Planning & Conservation Group

Cllr. King reported that another application had been received for Candywood Leys. This time it is for several different outbuildings. We object to these in the Green belt. Concerning the decking on the canal bank opposite the School, it appears that the Canal & River Trust have given special permission, but the reason has not been divulged to us.

Bathampton Mill has been given retrospective permission for the repairs and making good after the flood damage of last winter.

The application for a permanent Agricultural Workers Dwelling at New Leaf Farm has been refused again.

Now that the pedestrian/cycle bridge has been erected in Batheaston, there are concerns about the path across the Meadows. Firstly, how will the path emerge onto Mill Lane? Should there be more signage to warn motorists? Secondly, no decision has yet been made about having fences or hedging to contain any animals. Double gates will probably be necessary to allow the farmer access. Work is due to finish by the end of July.

b) Highways Group

Cllr. Mayo reported that the first cutting back of the vegetation along the footpaths had been done. The residents of Holcombe Villas and the Dry Arch Growers have been reminded to cut back their hedges.

Cllr. Richards remarked that it would be good policy to get the trees at the corner of Down Lane and the Warminster Road cut back whilst Down Lane is closed for resurfacing. He would contact B.& N.E.S. Council.

M.R.c) Leisure & Amenities Group

Cllr. Richards reported that he has had no response from the C.R.T. concerning the old Lengthman's Hut. After some discussion, it was agreed that we could provide a grant of up to £1000 towards the renovation.

M.R.

He is still obtaining quotes for the new fence along the southern border of the allotments. They are all around £1000 to £1050. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr. Richards could proceed with his chosen quote.

M.R.

It was reported that the bus stop sign opposite Devonshire Road had come loose. It would be reported to Council Connect.

M.R.d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated.

The Chairman said that he was not sure if the special meeting of the V.P.A. on 22nd May will result in a meaningful discussion of the Bath Transport Strategy.

Following distribution to all councillors of the Risk Assessment Document by email, several comments had been received. After a brief discussion, the Clerk agreed to incorporate these amendments and bring

the documents, that is the Risk Assessment and the Financial Regulations to the next meeting for approval.

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6. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

e) Parish Web Site

There was nothing to report.

f) Clerk's Report

E.D.F.Enegy has written to say that they are making changes to their accounts- new numbers for their bank account, customers accounts etc. As we pay by cheque, it will have no effect on us.

Bath & N.E.S.Council have written with a decision on a footpath alongside Bathampton Mill. Certain residents wanted it adopted and put on the Definitive Map. However, the decision was not to adopt it. The papers were passed to Cllr. Mayo.

Letters of thanks for grants have been received from the Local History Research Group and from the Maxi Club.

7. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

8. Open Forum

Cllr. King mentioned the workshop to be held on Paperless processing of Planning Applications. It seems that no one is able to attend.

Cllr. Ardrey said that he would attend the A.L.C.A. Area Group Meeting on 28th.,May.

Cllr. King, being away from 5th., to 17th., June, asked Cllr. Ardrey if he could deal with any Planning Applications which came in during that time.

9. .Date of Next meeting:

Thursday, 19th.,June,2014
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.35 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,
19th.,June,2014