

Bathampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st.,November, 2013
in the Village Hall, Bathampton

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

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

2. Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th.,October, 2013 had been circulated. Cllr. Brennan, seconded by the Chairman, proposed that these Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Finance:

a) Approval of the Financial Report for October, 2013

The report had been circulated

It was proposed for approval by Cllr. Ardrey and seconded by Cllr. King.

Carried unanimously.

b) Approval of Expenditure for November, 2013

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

Viking Direct	Paper & Toner Cartridge	£ 68.69(+VAT)
B. & N.E.S.Council	Printing Newsletter	£ 134.00
S.L.C.C.	Annual Membership	£ 116.00
Crymson Prop. Services	Paving around Memorial	£ 600.00

It was proposed by Cllr. Brennan and seconded by Cllr. Jones that these four invoices should be paid. Carried unanimously.

CLERK

4. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

Cllr. King reported that the owner of New Leaf Farm is appealing against the refusal of Planning Permission for a permanent residence for the manager. There is no further information at present.

A copy of the outline planning application for the development of the former Jewsons Yard has now been received. The Planning Group will meet to consider it shortly and will bring it to the next Parish Council meeting for further discussion and formulation of our response.

A note has been received concerning emergency work required on an oak tree in the back garden of 29 Warminster Road. It suffered major damage in the recent storm and gales. We have no objection to remedial work being carried out.

There is to be a Development Control Committee meeting to consider the action on Candywood Leys. The Chairman asked if we should attend the meeting and what our stance should be. With the exception of Cllr. Batterbury, who abstained, the remainder of the Council

agreed that we should attend and should oppose the Application.

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

Cllr. Brennan reported that she had met with the B.& N.E.S. Council's Highways Officer . He says that they are now using an evidence-based decision making process to determine where money is to be spent. He said that B.& N.E.S. Council might be able to take over the maintenance and the electricity cost of the Parish Council street lights.

The Highways Agency have sent details of the work they are to do on the footpaths along the Warminster Road. This involves cutting back overgrowth and the incursion of soil and grass and making the full width of the footpaths again available for use.

Regarding the Canal and River Trust's draft Mooring Plan, Messrs. Batho and Rossiter considered it was inadequate. It is now being rewritten.

The Chairman agreed to write the headlines of today's meeting for the Website.

Cllr. Mayo reported on the Parish Online meeting which he had attended. The maps are multi-layered and Bathampton Parish now has more than six levels available to it.

A.M.c) Leisure & Amenities Group

In his absence, Cllr. Richards had sent a message to say that the Christmas tree has now been ordered from the same company as last years at the same price. He had also obtained a promise of sponsorship from our local estate agent- Wild & Lye. When this is received, he would like us to produce a plaque to be sited in front of the tree acknowledging the sponsorship.

CLERKd) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated.

The Chairman reported that good progress was being made on the Placemaking Plan. The working group will soon have all the documents ready. It then remains for them to be put in order. The final response will be brought to the next meeting for the Councils approval.

e) Parish Web Site

There was nothing further to report.

f) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the War Memorials Trust reminding us to look after our war memorials.

King Edward's School have replied to our letter sent back in September concerned with the locked gate in the Dark Lane hedge at the beginning of the term. They have apologized and say it should not happen again. They also say that they try to keep coach movements in the High Street to a minimum.

Bathampton Gardeners Association have sent a request for a grant towards next years Flower Show. This was accompanied by their accounts for the year ending 31 December, 2012. This will be considered by the Policy & Finance Group when deciding next years grants.

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4. Group Reports(Cont'd.)
g) Clerk's Report(Cont'd)

The Clerk had heard back from the Land Registry concerning the area of grass in front of Nos. 79 to 85 Holcombe Close. It is owned by the owners of the four bungalows being divided into four strips, one in front of each property. However, there is a small strip which is unregistered, parallel to the main road footpath and situated behind and below the Parish Council noticeboard. It only fronts No.79 and part of No. 81.

5. Matters Arising:

The Chairman said that he still did not know the cost of species mapping.

Cllr. Batterbury said that the problem of dog dirt now seemed to be less.

6. Open Forum

Cllr. Batterbury said that the Headmaster of Bathampton School wishes to plant trees on an area of land adjacent to the School. It is not clear whether the land already belongs to the School.

She also reported that species mapping had been done for Freshford.

Cllr. Mayo said that the local Scouts Group have been in touch wanting to help the village. – e.g. Footpath clearance,litter clearance.

D.M.

Cllr. Brennan said that the new Highway Rangers will be holding a workshop to explain how they will operate.

M.B.

The Clerk mentioned that if the development at Jewson's Yard goes ahead, we might be able to get the developers to build a pedestrian footbridge over the canal alongside the old canal bridge as part of a Section 106 agreement. The Clerk was asked to find out as much

information as possible about such agreements.

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7. .Date of Next meeting:

Thursday, 12th.,December, 2013

At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.50p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,
12th.,December, 2013