

Bathampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th.,October, 2014
in the Village Hall, Bathampton

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

Apologies: These were received from the Chairman - Cllr. A. McCann and
Cllrs. K. Jones and S. Batterbury.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr. King, as Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th.,September, 2014 had been circulated. Cllr. Brennan, seconded by the Cllr. Ardrey, proposed that these Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Finance:

a) Approval of the Financial Report for September, 2014

The report had been circulated

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

b) Approval of Expenditure for October, 2014

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

E.D.F.Energy	Electricity (Qtr.end 30/09/14)	£ 140.83(+VAT)
S.S.E. Contracting	Street Light Main'tce (")	£ 64.16(+VAT)
A.L.C.A.	Course Fee (Clerk)	£ 75.00

It was then proposed by Cllr. Richards and seconded by Cllr. Ardrey that all three invoices should be paid.

Carried unanimously.

CLERK

4. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

Cllr. King reported.

Notice had been taken of our comments on the planning application for the former M.O.D site on the Warminster Road. However, the latest application still appears to encroach onto Green Belt land at the eastern end of the site, this land being within our parish. However, there seems to be doubt over the exact location of the boundary which needs to be looked into.

L.K.

The Enforcement Officer who was dealing with decking on the canal bank has left his post. Cllr. Jones was to have made enquiries concerning this. Cllr. Brennan to ascertain what she found out.

M.B.

Concerning the new bridge over the river at Batheaston and the foot/cycle path across the meadows, Cllr. King is to attend a meeting with Batheaston. A joint management plan for the land needs to be worked out.

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4. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

a) Planning & Conservation Group(Cont'd.)

B.& N.E.S. Council's Highways Department, in response to Cllr. Brennan, has said that it might be able to add Mill Lane to the 20mph zone. A litter bin has been installed by the Mill Lane gate.

Concerning the proposed development at the old Jewson's Yard, a section106 agreement has been signed off. This will give contributions to youth services and the Bathampton School.

An application has been received to demolish the house at Carisbrooke in Bathampton Lane and to replace it with a new building. Dist. Cllr. Gazzard has spoken to the owner and neighbours and now wishes the application to go to the Development Control Committee for a decision.

b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated. Cllr. Brennan said that there was nothing further to report.

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Richards said that work is progressing on the Lengthman's Hut. The tiled roof is still to be done. It was suggested that a noticeboard with canal information could be sited there.

With the Gardeners' Association closing the trading hut, Cllr. Richards wondered whether we could sell the Parish Council garage and store the Handyman's equipment there instead.

Cllr. Richards said that fencing around the allotments needs replacing, but as it is rather costly, he wondered whether hedging would be better.

One or two areas of grass are not being cut by the B. & N.E.S. Contractor and Cllr. Richards suggested that our Handyman could cut them for a fee from B.& N.E.S. Cllr. Richards to follow up.

No sponsorship has yet been obtained for the Christmas tree.

M.R.
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d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated in the absence of the Chairman.

Cllr. Brennan mentioned the St. Nicholas Court housing complex. She was concerned that residents on the top floor who were becoming less mobile were not being given precedence for a ground floor unit or bungalow over mobile residents coming from out of our area. The Clerk was asked to write to Curo to enquire what its allocation policy is.

The results of the Housing Needs Survey are a little ambiguous as to whether there is a need for affordable housing. We await the discussions between Curo and B.& N.E.S.Council.

The responses to the Placemaking Plan are in the progress of being finalised.

CLERK

e) Parish Web Site

Cllr. Ardrey had put the Headlines for last month on the Web site.

In response to a query concerning putting the Minutes on the web site, Cllr. Mayo said that the Minutes should not be in Microsoft Word document format but to go on the web site, should be converted into a PDF file.

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4. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

f) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from Mrs Jane Sheperd, on behalf of the Maxi Lunch Club. This was for the other half of their grant as the Club is to continue. It was unanimously agreed that we should pay the remainder of the grant amounting to £50.

CLERK

An invitation had been received from the C.P.R.E. to a special event taking place in Bath on 23rd.,October. No one was able to attend but this prompted the Vice-Chairman to ask the Clerk to put an item on next months agenda to the effect of "Meetings and who should attend them".

CLERK

B. & N.E.S. Council have paid the second instalment of our precept and the special grant into the Parish Council's bank account.

A Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) application has been made to put the footpath to the east of St. Nicholas Court on the Map.

Passed to Cllr. Mayo for his attention.

D.M.

5.. Matters Arising:

Cllr. Mayo was asked to follow up putting the new cycle track/footpath across the meadows on to the Definitive Map.

D.M.

6. Open Forum

Cllr. Brennan said she would ask Cllr. Jones to attend the Canal Partnership Working Group Meeting on 12th.,November.

M.B./K.J.

Cllr. Ardrey said that he would be attending the Parishes Liaison meeting on 23rd.,October in Keynsham.

The copy deadline for the Newsletter is Friday,24th.,October. It was agreed that we should put in details of the shop re-opening and also make an appeal for more people to come onto the Parish Council

7. .Date of Next meeting:

Thursday, 20th.,November,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.,November,2014