

**Bathampton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup>, February, 2015**  
**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 N.Land
2. Minutes of the last Meeting:  
 The Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup>, January, 2015 had been circulated. Cllr. Richards, seconded Cllr. Ardrey, proposed that these Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Finance:

a) Approval of the Financial Report for January, 2015

The report had been circulated. It was proposed for approval by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr. King. Carried unanimously.

b) Approval of Expenditure for February, 2015

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

Bath & N.E.S.Council	Grasscutting- Allotments 2014	£ 976.78(+VAT)
Bath & N.E.S.Council	Grasscutting- Playing Fld. 2014	£ 495.60(+VAT)
Bath & N.E.S.Council	Printing Newsletter	£ 131.50
M.& J. Bowers Ltd.	Destroying Confidential Papers	£ 40.00(+VAT)
Bath Preservation Trust	Renewing Membership	£ 15.00
Broxap Ltd.	Supplying Litter Bin	£ 230.00(+VAT)
C.P.R.E.	Renewing Membership	£ 36.00

It was proposed by the Cllr.Ardrey and seconded by Cllr. King that all seven invoices should be paid. Carried unanimously.

**CLERK**

c) Updating the Council's Computer

The Clerk had circulated a paper concerning the Parish computer. Basically he was concerned that as Microsoft has withdrawn support for Windows XP, the computer would be more vulnerable to virus attack and possibly loss of confidential data. He suggested purchasing a new computer using Microsoft Windows 7. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would make further enquiries as to what is available and for further consideration at the next meeting

**CLERK**

4. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

Cllr. King reported the plans for the former M.O.D. site on the Warminster Road had been accepted at the D.C.C. meeting, despite objections from the Bath Preservation Trust and English Heritage.

Tree works at 2 High Street had been accepted.

An application has been received to build a residential annex to replace a garage at the rear of 74 Holcombe Vale.

Work is being done on the front wall at the Old Rectory but it is not clear whether it is being increased in height.

#### 4. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

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

The Chairman reported that the triangular field is up for sale but the advertisement does not make it clear whether it has planning permission or not.

There was then some discussion about the Placemaking Plan. It seems that even though we have asked and had confirmed that both the triangular field and the land adjacent to Miller Walk are to be designated as Green Spaces of Local Amenity Value, they are not shown as such on the B.& N.E.S.Council's large scale map. Also on the smaller scale map, part of the Miller Walk land is omitted. The Chairman said that the Plan is still in the draft stage and will not be going to final consultation until September,2015.

##### b) Highways Group

Cllr. Mayo reported that there had been concern over future provision of the No.4 bus route. It seems that there may be timetable changes only. Also of concern is an evening service from Bath when the A.36 is closed and the No.265 route is withdrawn from Bathampton.

Cllr. Mayo expressed concern over the new footpath/cycle route across the meadows. Cllr. King said that there is to be a management meeting to sort out what else needs to be done. In the meantime, Cllr. Mayo will ask about putting the path on the Definitive Map.

There is to be a meeting between the V.P.A. and the Highways Agency on 3<sup>rd</sup>.,March. The Chairman said that he would attend.

##### c) Leisure & Amenities Group

Cllr. Richards said that he now has two vacant allotment plots. Several rents are still outstanding.

He is getting quotations for cutting the hedges back on the west and north sides of the allotments.

Cllr. Richards ask permission to hire a skip to be placed on the allotments at the beginning of the season as in previous years. He thought that the cost would be around £245. Permission was given unanimously.

Cllr. Richards said that he would remind B.& N.E.S. Council to give us estimates for cutting the grass on the allotments and playing field for the 2015 season.

The litter bin has now been installed in Jubilee Gardens.

There has been a meeting of those interested in upgrading the playground. equipment . They will explore what is needed and the procedures for obtaining grants.

Cllr. Richards is looking for notices to exclude dogs from the playing field. It was agreed that he needs three, one for each entrance.

Finally, Cllr. Richards reported that many feral cats had been caught on the land behind Hantone Hill and the problem was now reduced.

4. Group Reports(Cont'd.)d) Policy & Finance Group

There was nothing further to report subsequent to the circulated report. The Chairman said that the next newsletter needs to be early so that we can advertise the Annual Parish Meeting. As a result he asked if copy for the next Newsletter could be with the editor by Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>.,April

The Chairman reported that he had heard from Dick Whittington that B.& N.E.S.Council and CURO after consideration of the Housing Needs Survey results, have concluded that there is no need for affordable housing in Bathampton.

e) Parish Web Site There was nothing to report.

f) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that Barclays Bank have written with changes to the Business Customer Agreement. This did not seem to effect us in any way.

Zurich Insurance have written and are keen to quote for insuring the Parish Council. The Clerk said that he would ask them to quote if our long standing agreement with Came & Co. comes to an end this May.

We have had confirmation from B.& N.E.S.Council that our Precept and Grant will be paid in two installments on 1<sup>st</sup>.,April and 1<sup>st</sup>.,October.

5. Matters Arising:

The Clerk will write to "The George" concerning the line of trees alongside the old skittle alley which were cut down.

**CLERK**

There seems to be some building work being done at Bathampton Farm but no one seems to know the details.

6. Open Forum

The Chairman mentioned that all the prospective candidates for the forthcoming election seem to be in favour of the Park & Ride and the Link Road.

Cllr. King said that the leaflet for the new cycle path appears to have been distributed in Bathampton but not in Batheaston.

Cllr. Ardrey said that he will attend the B.& N.E.S. area meeting of A.L.C.A. in Saltford on Wednesday,25<sup>th</sup>.,February. He also said that he had received a complaint about a smoky bonfire at the far end of Holcombe Lane.

The Chairman said that it seemed that the 20mph limit in Bathampton Lane was being extended up to the junction with the Warminster Road.

7. .Date of Next meeting:

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup>.,March,2015  
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,  
19<sup>th</sup>.,March,2015