

Bathampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th, December, 2016
in the Village Hall, Bathampton

Present: Cllrs. Brennan, L. King, G.Ardrey, J. Helps and D. Mayo.

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllrs. J.Bird, S.Andrews
and L. McMurray.

2. Declarations of Interest: There were none.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17^h., November 2016 had been circulated. In the absence of any amendments, Cllr. King, seconded by Cllr. Ardrey proposed that the Minutes, be accepted. Carried unanimously.

4. Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that he had heard nothing further from B.& N.E.S.Council concerning the overhanging trees in Down Lane. He will contact them again

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The suggested joint meeting with the other two parishes in our valley to consider the response to the Joint Spatial Plan, the Joint Transport Plan and the Code of Conduct has not taken place.

It was reported that sufficient numbers of people (over 51) have responded concerning footpath BA1/32 and given evidence in order to stop Network Rail closing it.

Cllr.Mayo reported that he had contacted B.& N.E.S.Council about the problem of vegetation blocking the ditch alongside the triangular field. They are looking into it.

Cllr. Helps said that she has not yet obtained further quotes for replacing the fencing around the playing field.

5. Finance

a) Approval of the Financial Report for November,2016

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

b) Approval of Expenditure for December,2016

The Clerk reported that four invoices had been received this month as follows:-

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| S.L.C.C. | Annual Membership | £108.00 |
| A.L.C.C. | Annual Membership | £ 10.00 |
| Deep Air | Meadow Area Grass Cutting | £ 80.00 |
| B.& N.E.S.Council | Annual Playground Inspection | £ 100.00(+VAT) |

The Clerk was asked to check the charge for the playground inspection.

Assuming that this is correct, then Cllr. Ardrey, seconded by Cllr. Helps, proposed that the invoices be paid. Carried unanimously.

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5. Finance(Cont'd.)**c) Approval of Allotment Rents for 2018**

The Clerk reminded the Council that we have to give one years notice of any increase in allotment rents. He will be sending out requests for the rents for 2017 within the next week or so and would like to advise tenants of any increase to come in 2018 if the Council so decides. The rent for 2017 is £7 per lug and the rents are still less than those charged by B.& N.E.S. Also, the income from them still does not cover the cost of grass cutting. Cllr. Ardrey, seconded by Cllr.King, proposed that the rents should be increased to £7.50 per lug as from 1st.,January,2018. This was carried unanimously.

d) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that he had received requests for grants from Bathampton Village Show, the Maxi Club, the Cricket Club and the Local History Research Group. These will be considered at a budget meeting in the near future.

A form has been received from Bath & N.E.S.Council for us to apply for our Precept for 2017 to 2018.

The Clerk has also received, from the Pensions Regulator, information about automatic enrolment of our employees.

6. Core Strategy, Joint Spatial Plan and Joint Transport Plan

Our reponse to these was emailed to both our local M.P.s as well as to our three Local District Councillors. Copies were also sent to the B.& N.E.S Councillor jn charge of Transport. Also copies were sent to the following organisations: Bath Preservation Trust , Local branch of C.P.R.E.

7. Ongoing Items**a) Community Speedwatch**

In the absence of both Cllrs. Bird and Andrews, we have not received an update on the running of the Speedwatch, However, there has been a request for funding for some signage to alert drivers. Also, perhaps some 20 mph stickers to go on refuse bins etc.

b) Placemaking Plan

We are still awaiting the Inspector's report which will now probably be issued in January.

c) Park & Ride

Still no news, a decision might be taken in January

d) Playground Repairs

Following the order for repairs to the Zip wire, we have heard nothing further from G.B.Sports & Leisure. Cllr. Helps asked the Clerk to contact them to see if they had received the order and to find out the present position.

CLERK**8. Group Reports****a) Planning & Conservation Group.**

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. King asked the Clerk to write to the person who applied to do tree work in Meadow Lane to ascertain what work he had done and whether he had done it with sensitivity..

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8. Group Reports(cont'd.)

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

Cllr. King reported that the management group for the Meadows Area had now been set up. There is a need for some signage but we must be careful not to have too much. Cllr. Andrews will be asked to look at this.

S.A.

Planning applications have been received for rear extensions for adjacent houses in Devonshire Road. Cllr. King said that this showed good co-operation between neighbours.

The overgrown Leylandii trees are the subject of continual concern. Our M.P. is involved but, as yet, there is still no progress.

b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated.

c) Footpaths

There was nothing to report.

d) Leisure & Amenities Group

Cllr. Helps said that there was nothing further to report. The Clerk said that he would be sending out the letters asking for the allotment rents before the end of the year.

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e) Communications

In the absence of Cllr. McMurray, there was no report.

f) Policy & Finance

The report had been circulated. Most topics have already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

9.. Open Forum

The only topic mentioned was the next newsletter. It was agreed that the deadline for copy to reach the editor would be Friday,27th.,January,2017

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 19th.,January, 2017
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.42 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,
19th.,January, 2017