

## Bathampton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th., December, 2014 in the Village Hall, Bathampton

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

1. Apologies: There were none.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup>., November, 2014 had been circulated. Cllr. Brennan, seconded by the Cllr. Ardrey, proposed that these Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Co-option of a new Councillor

The Chairman proposed that we co-opt Mr. N. Land onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr. King and carried unanimously.

#### CLERK

4. Finance:

a) Approval of the Financial Report for November, 2014

The report had been circulated

It was proposed for approval by the Cllr. Mayo and seconded by Cllr. King. Carried unanimously.

b) Approval of Expenditure for December, 2014

The Clerk reported that five invoices had been received for payment as follows:-

B. & N.E.S Council	Printing Newsletter	£125.50
K. & A. Canal Trust	Annual membership	£ 30.00
S.L.C.C.	Annual membership	£ 118.00
Mant Leisure	Cable Ride Parts	£ 96.00(+VAT)
Fine Pines Ltd.	Christmas Tree	£ 145.33(+VAT)

Cllr. Brennan, seconded by Cllr. Ardrey, proposed that all five invoices be paid. This was carried unanimously.

**CLERK**

c) Pay Rises for Clerk and Handyman

The Clerk reported that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has now reached agreement on the rates of pay applicable from 1<sup>st</sup>., January, 2015. The increase is 2.2%. The Chairman, seconded by Cllr. King, proposed that approval is given for the Clerk and the Handyman to be given the pay rises as from 1<sup>st</sup>., January. Approved unanimously.

**CLERK**

5. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

Cllr. King reported that the multiple applications for the old timber yard in Tying Road had been withdrawn. Instead, there will be one application covering all aspects of the plan. At the D.E.C. yesterday, the plans for the new house at Carisbrooke in Bathampton Lane were passed.

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5. Group Reports (Cont'd.)

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

For New Leaf Farm, using the new regulations to get permission to convert a barn into a workers dwelling had not worked. They are now appealing the refusal of the previous application. The hearing will be in January.

There is an application for a garage at Fern Cottage in The Normans, to which we have no objection.

The Enforcement Officer from the Canal & River Trust has been involved concerning the decking and plants on the bank opposite the School. He is telling boaters that they must not put materials on the bank and he will get them removed if left there. No time scale was mentioned for this and Cllr. Brennan will make enquiries.

**M.B.**

A management plan needs to be agreed with Batheaston Parish Council concerning the new cycle track/footpath across the Meadows. It was suggested that we might be able to give some financial support. This was agreed in principle but without any figure being decided.

Cllr. King said that she had many old planning applications which she would like to dispose of. Should she make enquiries about confidential waste disposal? It was unanimously agreed that she could spend up to £50 for this. However, before she went ahead the Clerk would contact B.& N.E.S. Council to see if they have a confidential waste disposal service.

**CLERK**

b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated. Cllr. Brennan said that the vegetation on the north side of the Warminster Road had now been cut back.

Cllr. Mayo had attended the annual Parish On-line meeting. There had been many new details added. For example, garages were now shown. The C.R.T. had added layers showing land ownership and navigation rights. Another layer shows population density from the 2011 census. Also, information on past flooding was available.

c) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

The litter bin has not yet been ordered and the noticeboard on the Lengthman's Hut has not yet been installed.

The bus shelter and the Christmas tree outside the Village Hall have both been installed.

The group to consider improvements to the playground met on Wednesday last but only 3 out of the 8 interested came. Another meeting is to be held in January.

The Clerk mentioned the allotment rents. Are we increasing them on 1<sup>st</sup>., January, 2016 as we are required to give 12 months notice of an increase? After some discussion, the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Ardrey, proposed that we increase the rents by 50p. from £6 to £6.50 per lug as from that date. Carried unanimously.

**CLERK**

5. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated.

The V.P.A. is becoming more active and is concerned about the political parties, both Lib-Dems and Conservative, showing support for the Park & Rail and the Link Road.

At a meeting of the Policy & Finance Group, the draft Financial Regulations document issued by N.A.L.C. was considered and alterations suggested to adapt it for own our use. The Clerk will issue an amended copy for approval at a future meeting.

**CLERK**

Cllrs. Brennan and Richards were asked to think about next years budget prior to the next meeting when the budget for 2015 to 2016 will be decided.

**M.B./M.R.**

e) Parish Web Site

Cllr. Mayo said that there was nothing to report.

f) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that he had received a list of training courses from S.L.C.C. and from B.& N.E.S. Council a request for our precept requirement for the year 2015 to 2016

6.. Matters Arising:

Cllr. Mayo was reminded about putting the new cycle track/footpath across the meadows on to the Definitive Map.

**D.M.**

7. Open Forum

Cllr. King asked if anyone knew of the Golf Club selling land. There was no news of any such sale.

Cllr. Richards said that the timber edging around the playground was deteriorating and would need attention before long.

8. .Date of Next meeting:

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>.,January, 2015  
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,  
15<sup>th</sup>.,January, 2015