

Bathampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th.,February, 2016
in the Village Hall, Bathampton

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

1. **Apologies**: These were received from Cllr. S. Andrews,

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st., January, 2016 had been circulated. There being no amendments, Cllr. Helps, seconded by Cllr. King, proposed that these Minutes, be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. **Matters Arising**

Regarding the "Good Councillor Training" offered by A.L.C.A., the Clerk confirmed that it was now arranged for Thursday, 28th.,April in the evening.

The Clerk reported that he had been unable to find the letter from Jacob Rees-Mogg concerning the High Hedges Legislation. It was suggested that Mr. Keith Rossiter might have a copy.

CLERK

4.. **Finance:**

a) **Grants to Village Organizations**

The applications for grants had been circulated to the Council. The Chairman had spoken to the Co-ordinator of the Local History Research Group concerning its large bank balance. It was explained that this was a bequest specifically to fund the publication of its findings. After some discussion, Cllr. Ardrey, seconded by Cllr. King, proposed that the grants should be paid at the same rates as last year. Carried unanimously.

CLERK

b) **Approval of the Financial Report for January,2016**

The report had been circulated. There was some discussion about the Handyman's expenses, especially his mileage claim. The Clerk is to ask him to keep a record of his journeys and so justify his monthly mileage claim.

CLERK

The report was then proposed for approval by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Bird. Carried unanimously.

c) **Approval of Expenditure for February,2016**

The Clerk reported that three invoices had been received as follows:-

A.L.C.A.	Course Fee -Pensions Auto-enrolment.	£ 20.00
Bath Preservation Trust	Annual Membership Fee	£ 15.00
C.P.R.E.	Annual Membership Fee	£ 36.00

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

CLERK

d) **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that he had received details for the diversion of path BA1/11 from Bath & N.E.S.Council. This is to correct the records so that they correctly show the path which has been used for the past 20 years. The Cotswold Conservation Board has written to say that a parish councillor from Hinton Charterhouse is now the Parish Council representative on its Board.
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4.. Finance:(Cont'd.)

d) Clerk's Report(Cont'd.)

The Society of Local Council Clerks are proposing to split into two. One organization, to be known as the Association of Local Council Clerks would be responsible for offering employment advice and support and would in effect be a Trade Union. The other, keeping the Society of Local Council Clerks name, would remain as the professional body unconstrained by trade union law.

B.& N.E.S.Council have confirmed that we will be receiving the precept of £23,000 and the Local Council Tax Support Grant of £1,020 during the next financial year.

5. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group.

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. King reported that the practice nets at the King Edward's School playing field have been given permission.

Work is continuing on the cycle track across the meadows. A first draft of a Management Plan has been produced but it needs further amendment. Regarding dog fouling, a litter bin is being organized in an attempt to lessen the problem.

Regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy (C.I.L.), the situation is somewhat confused . Jewson's Yard will be subject to the previous Section 106. Following a meeting with Charlcombe Estates, it appears that there is a sum of £50,000 allocated for lighting in Tynning Road. It was suggested that it might better be used for the School.

Placemaking Plan

757 properties were given the survey form and 261 replies in favour were received. The Plan goes to the Cabinet in March and there is to be a public hearing mid year.

b) Highways Group

Cllr. Andrew's report had been circulated.

We have been advised that work is to start on resurfacing the canal towpath. However, it was unclear when it was to start and how long the path will be closed. The Clerk is to ask Cllr. Andrews for more details.

CLERK

c) Footpaths

Cllr. Mayo said that there was little to report on footpaths.

d) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Helps reported that, except for one, all the allotment rents have been received.

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5. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

d) Leisure & Amenities Group(Cont'd.)

Concerning the inclusive swing, a satisfactory risk assessment has been done. A quotation for £1675.50 has now been received for supplying and installing it. Cllr. Helps asked the Council's permission to order it, as it now seemed to be more expensive than originally quoted. This is because installation involves removal of two of the original swings and modifications to the chains so that it fits our frame. She proposed the purchase, seconded by Cllr.Ardrey. Carried unanimously.

CLERK

The Commando Wall has now been removed.

e) Communications

Cllr. McMurray said that there was little to report. However, he thought that he would add a link from our website to the Meadows Alliance.

Concerning the Scrutiny Panel Day on 22nd.,March, he would put a mention of it on the website nearer the time.

He reported that the Playing Field group was now back to four members.

f) Policy & Finance

The report had been circulated.

Park & Ride

The Chairman reported that the Batheaston Meadows Alliance is looking at air pollution data as well as the usage of other park & rides across the city. It seems that many of them are nearly empty much of the time. There was much discussion and another factor to be borne in mind is B.& N.E,S, Council's plan to create another 9000 jobs in the city.

The L.D.F has met three times. Its recommendations will go to the Scrutiny Panel before being passed on to the cabinet. The Batheaston Meadows Alliance is gathering evidence to go before the Scrutiny Panel on Tuesday, 22nd., March. The meeting is scheduled from 10 am to 4 pm but it was suggested that it would restrict attendance by those who work. A finishing time of 7 pm would be more appropriate. The Clerk to request this as well as asking for an agenda.

CLERK

The Bathavon Forum is meeting again on 23rd.,March. The Chairman thought that she might attend this time.

The Chairman said that we should arrange a date for the Annual Parish Meeting. It is to be held in May and the suggestion was during the week beginning Monday, 23rd., May.

B.& N.E.S.Council is reviewing its support of bus services. The Chairman is putting together a reply concerning our local service i.e. the no. 4.

The Clerk to send the reply.

CLERK

6. Open Forum

The Chairman then asked Cllr. Bird what area of the Council's work would she like to be involved in? She thought perhaps that she would prefer Highways rather than Leisure & Amenities.

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7. Date of Next meeting

Thursday, 17th., March, 2016

At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,
17th., March, 2016