

Bathampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th.,February, 2017 in the Village Hall, Bathampton

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

1. **Apologies**: These were received from Cllrs. S.Andrews & G.Ardrey.

2. **Declarations of Interest**: There were none.

3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th.,January, 2017 had been circulated. In the absence of any amendments, Cllr.Bird, seconded by Cllr. Helps proposed that the Minutes, be accepted. Carried unanimously.

4. **Matters Arising**

Cllr. McMurray confirmed that he had asked for the email address of clerk@bathamptonparishcouncil to be organised.

In the absence of Cllr. Andrews, the item concerning obtaining quotations for speed notices will be carried over to the next meeting. S.A.

The Clerk reported that he had not heard back from Batheaston P.C. and had only received an acknowledgement from Bathford P.C. following our asking if they would be willing to help fund a Judicial Review concerning the Park & Ride. Our District Councillor, Geoff Ward is to enquire about the legality of such financial support. It was agreed that we should canvas opinion about the Park & Ride in our Newsletter and by putting a piece on the website. M.B./J.H.

5. **Finance**

a) **Approval of the Financial Report for January, 2017**

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

b) **Approval of Expenditure for February,2017**

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

C.P.R.E.	Annual Membership	£ 36.00
Cosmic Computers	Computer Clean-up & repair	£ 30.00
Cllr. Helps	Key for Allotment Gate	£ 13.33(+VAT)

The Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Mayo, proposed that these invoices be paid. Carried unanimously. CLERK

c) **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation of the Precept from B.& N.E.S. Council for the forthcoming financial year.

He had received an acknowledgement from the West of England of our responses to the Joint Spatial Plan and the Joint Transport Plan.

E.D.F.Energy, who have not sent an invoice for the quarter ending , 31st.,December,2016, have written to say they would like us to pay for our electricity by Direct Debit. The Chairman, seconded by Cllr.Bird, proposed that we pay by Direct Debit in future. Carried unanimously. CLERK
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5. Finance(Cont'd.)**c) Clerk's Report (Cont'd.)**

The Clerk reported that he received a reply from Mrs. Sandy Carter enclosing the map on which she had indicated her litter-picking route around the village. He will keep it until a volunteer comes forward.

Concerning the path near to the University and Sham Castle field, the Clerk had heard from B.& N.E.S.Council that the path is not to be added to the Definitive Map.

6. Ongoing Items**a) The George Car Park**

It seems that the management of "The George" are determined to go ahead with the Pay & Display. It is still unclear what dispensations there will be for the local residents of Canal Terrace, for School teachers and parents and for canal boat owners. Cllr. King is attending a meeting of residents next Monday to agree how best to approach the pub management.

L.K.

b) Community Speedwatch

Cllr. Bird reported that the Speedwatch is continuing. Signs have been put up in two locations but if they had more signs other locations have been approved.

c) Meadows Cycle Track

Cllr. King said that there was nothing further to report.

d) Park & Ride

Now that the Council has made its decision on which site it prefers, we will be pursuing all possible avenues to prevent it occurring on the Meadows. We await the next step from B.& N.E.S.Council which will be the call-in and then probably a Planning Application.

e) Placemaking Plan

Cllr. King reported that she and the Chairman had responded concerning the Park & Ride.

f) Playground Repairs

Cllr. Helps Reported that the galvanised steel fence had been ordered from Idverde.

7. Group Reports**a) Planning & Conservation Group.**

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. King reported that the Planning Application for an extension at 57 Warminster Road is going to the Council to be decided.

An application has been received for tree work at Glebe Cottage in Bathampton Lane. We have no objection.

Cllr. King said that B.& N.E.S.Council, in its budget, has allowed money for "Safer Routes to School".

Concerning the high Leylandii, it seems that the High Hedges legislation cannot be used because the "hedge" is not keeping light off neighbouring properties. The best approach will probably be that it is in the Conservation Area.

7. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

b) **Highways Group**

In the absence of Cllr. Andrews, there was nothing further to report.

c) **Footpaths**

Cllr. Mayo was reminded that we would like to get the Meadows Area cycle/footpath put on the Definitive Map.

D.M.

d) **Leisure & Amenities Group**

Cllr. Helps said that there are now three vacant allotment plots and there is no waiting list.

She is obtaining quotations for the grass cutting of the allotment paths and of the playing field for the coming season.

The playground group has now sorted out a priority list for improvements to the playing equipment for when money is available. It was queried why B.& N.E.S.Council could not finance this as they are spending money on new play equipment elsewhere. (Our District Councillor, Geoff Ward is finding out why not.)

e) **Communications**

Cllr. McMurray has received a query as to whether we were doing anything to mark the 120 year anniversary of plasticine. He was advised that it was covered in the newsletter..

f) **Policy & Finance**

The Chairman had attended the Parishes Liaison meeting.

B.&N.E.S.Council wish to close the present library and move it to Manvers Street by the One Stop Shop. This would seem to be a cost cutting exercise (Less staff) and would leave the present premises for another use.(E She reported that Paul Meyers, a cabinet member, wishes to bring Communities together using a Community Empowerment Fund.

The Chairman is to attend the Bath Transport Commission on 17th., February..

M.B.

8.. Open Forum

The only item mentioned was that the village shop is still struggling.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 16th.,March, 2017
at
7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman,
16th.,March, 2017