

Bathampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th., July, 2018
in the Village Hall, Bathampton

Present: Cllrs. M. Brennan, G.Ardrey, S.Andrews, J.Helps, and L.King
District Councillor G. Ward also attended.

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllrs. J.Bird and D.Mayo.

2. Declarations of Interest: There were none.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st., June, 2018 had been circulated. Cllr Ardrey, seconded by the Cllr. King, proposed that the Minutes, be accepted. Carried unanimously.

4. Co-option of a Parish Councillor

As the person concerned was unable to attend the meeting, this item is carried forward to the next meeting.

CLERK

5. Matters Arising

There was much discussion about the 10 Parish Council street lamps. Three have been inadvertently converted to L.E.D. and of the remaining seven: two are in Chapel Row; two in Dark Lane: one in the recreation field; one in St.George’s Hill and the remaining one on the footpath BA1/10 from Devonshire Road to Bathampton Lane. The Clerk was asked to write to the residents of Chapel Row explaining the position and asking them their opinion concerning their two lamps. He will also contact B.& N.E.S. to ask them to cut back the tree which is obscuring the lamp on footpath BA1/10.

CLERK

In the meantime, the Clerk will endeavour to contact S.S.E. to get a representative to come and talk to us about a Maintenance Agreement.

CLERK

Cllr. Mayo reported that the new footpath across the Meadows to Batheaston could not be added to the Definitive Map early.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to email our response to the proposed Clean Air Zone to all the Council as some councillors had not received it.

CLERK

The Clerk was asked to email our former response to the HELAA to Cllr. Ardrey as we have been asked to look at it again.

CLERK

Cllr. Andrew said that he had received no response from Highways England concerning clearance of the footpath along the north side of the Warminster Road.

Cllr. Helps had emailed the resident who wanted adult exercise equipment but had received no reply.

The Clerk was asked to remind Cllr. Mayo again about spending the Community Empowerment Grant.

CLERK

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the "Conker Crossing" giving our formal approval of the project.

6. Finance**a) Approval of the Financial report for June,2018**

The report had been circulated. It was proposed for approval by the Cllr. Andrews and seconded by Cllr. Ardrey.

d) Approval of Expenditure for July,2018

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

Valley Parishes Alliance	Annual membership	£150.00
S.S.E.Contracting	Street Light Maintenance	£ 64.16(+VAT)
Mr.R.Taylor	Supplying Plants	£ 73.50
E.D.F. Energy	Electricity	£ 108.01(+VAT)
G.B.Sport & Leisure	Supply/Fit Cradle swing & Chains	£ 234.50(+VAT)

Cllr. Helps, seconded by Cllr.King, proposed that these invoices be paid, except for the electricity invoice which is paid by Direct Debit. Carried unanimously.

CLERK

c) Clerk's Report

The Clerk had received no Parish Council post this month.

7) On Going Items**a) Placemaking Plan**

The council decided that, as B.& N.E.S. have not identified any sites for development in the village, we did not need or want to take part in the complex process that they had proposed to feed into their new local plan. Cllr Brennan had spoken to George Blanchard at B. & N.E.S. who had said that it would be acceptable to update the Snapshot Character Summary and list of assets that they had on file from the last process. Cllr Ardrey agreed to review the documents and circulate proposed changes.

G.A.

b) 19 Down Lane

The owner of 19 Down Lane has demolished the old stone wall to the rear of the property which marks the boundary between her garden and the allotments. It has been replaced by a fence. It is not known whether the wall is her responsibility or ours. The Clerk will look out the deeds. The wall was an old stone wall with a cock & hen topping which had been remarked upon as visually important. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to her. If the wall is hers, she should have applied for planning permission to demolish it as it is in the Conservation Area. If, on the other hand, it is our wall, she should have come to us to ask permission.

CLERK

c) Footpath alongside BA1/9

This footpath runs from west of 62 Warminster road up to the Downs. The owners of No. 62 dispute where the boundary of their property is and have suggested a site meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to arrange such a meeting..

CLERK

d) Maintenance of Street lights

This has already been covered under Matters Arising.

e) Avon Wildlife & the Meadows

There was nothing further to report except that District Cllr. Ward said that B.& N.E.S. Council are keen to get an agreement.

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8. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group.

The report had been circulated.

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

b) Highways Group

Cllr. Andrews reported that he is keeping an eye on the canal tow path in regard to overhanging vegetation narrowing the path. He felt that the foliage alongside the footpath on the North side of the Warmister Road did not present a hazard. However, Cllr. Helps said that the surface of the path was not clear and grass and weeds had encroached on to it. Cllr. Andrews agreed to contact Highways England to try to get them to clear it.

S.A.

c) Footpaths

There was nothing to report. .

d) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated and there was nothing further to report.

e) Communications

There was nothing to report.

f) Policy & Finance

The report was circulated.

The Chairman said that she would mention that we are advertising for a new Clerk in the Newsletter. She asked the Clerk to put the advertisement in the Noticeboards and in the Doctors Surgery. Also he was asked to send a copy to A.L.C.A. to go on their website. She would send a copy to Cllr. Ardrey to go on our website.

CLERK/M.B.

The Clerk was asked to arrange that all emails to him should be addressed to:- clerk@bathamptonparishcouncil.org.uk so that when a new clerk is appointed, there will be no need to change the email address.

CLERK

9.. Open Forum

Cllr. Helps asked the Clerk to contact Idverde Ltd to request that the grass on the playing field be cut between 3 and 7 days before the Village Show on 8th.,September.

CLERK

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday,20th.,September, 2018
at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.50 pm.

Signed.....

20th.,September, 2018