

Bathampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th., June, 2017 in the Village Hall, Bathampton

Present: Cllrs. Brennan, S.Andrews,G.Ardrey, J.Bird, D. Mayo and
L. McMurray.

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllrs. L. King and J. Helps

2. Declarations of Interest: There were none.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th., May, 2017 had been circulated. Cllr.Bird, seconded by the Chairman, proposed that the Minutes, be accepted. Carried unanimously.

4. Matters Arising

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Idverde asking them to remove the grass bank opposite the School from their contract but he had not had a reply. He was asked to contact them again.

CLERK

The Clerk also confirmed that he had sent another pro-forma to the handyman, specifically asking him to fill in his mileage for each task.

CLERK

Our insurance premium was paid last month. It was felt that the value put on our play equipment is insufficient if there was major damage and we had to buy replacements. After discussion, it was agreed to leave the value as it is because the risk was thought to be small and to put a note to this effect in our Risk Assessment document.

The Clerk had received a telephone call from the Local History Research Group in response to his note saying that we would prefer an item in the Newsletter rather than a flyer. The caller was referred to Cllr. Jan Helps, editor of the Newsletter.

The Clerk had ascertained from Batheaston P.C. that their street lights had been changed over to L.E.D.'s, it seems by accident. No prior arrangement had been made.

Cllr. Mayo is advertising the days and times for the volunteer footpath clearing.

5. Finance

a) Approval of the Financial Report for May, 2017

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

b) Approval of Expenditure for June,2017

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

Bath & N.E.S.Council	Printing Newsletter	£116.00
Cllr. J.Bird	Annual Parish meeting Refreshments	£ 36.80(+VAT)

Cllr. Mayo, seconded by Cllr. Andrews, proposed that these invoices be paid. Carried unanimously.

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d) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that he had received two more updates to the Electoral Roll since the last meeting. These showed 55 additions and only 11 deletions, obviously brought about by the impending General Election.

He had received letters of thanks from the Maxi Lunch Club and the Bathampton Village Show for the grants which we had paid them.

Bayth & N.E.S.Council have sent a leaflet informing us about their People and Communities Team.

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

It seems that the Manager of "The George" who instituted the Pay & Display parking has left. We will contact the new Manager when in post. It seems that there is new, bright lighting in the car park. The Clerk will contact the Planning Department to see if planning permission should have been applied for. Also, as he never received a reply when he queried if planning permission was required for the felling of the line of trees alongside the former skittle alley, he will re-iterate that enquiry.

(Mr. Kelvin Packer of B. & N.E.S.Council, Highways Department was expected to attend this meeting but did not.)

CLERK**b) Community Speedwatch**

Cllr. Bird reported that a new volunteer had come forward as a result of attending the Annual Parish Meeting. A speed check of vehicles on the Warminster Road has been ordered. The Police are continuing to send out warning letters to those drivers found to be exceeding the speed limit.

c) Park & Ride

The Chairman said that there was no movement at present. The Bath Preservation Trust are continuing to pressurise B.&N.E.S.Council.

d) Bathscape

There was nothing to report.

e) Website

Cllr. McMurray said that the Parish Website should be used for official papers such as Minutes, Regulations, Reports, Audit Papers and notices of forthcoming events. Also official notices from Bath & N.E.S.Council should be displayed.

It appears that we have 300 followers on Twitter and Cllr. McMurray is writing a guide so that Councillors can have access to Twitter.

L.M.**f) Cycletrack**

In the absence of Cllr. King, there was nothing to report this month.

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

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. Ardrey reported that the Planning Application for two new houses at Woodside on the Warminster Road has now been permitted by the Officer, but there are conditions.

The two-storey extension at 109 Holcombe Close has been permitted but without the balcony.

The Clerk was asked what the position was with the overhanging trees in Down Lane. The last he heard was that B. & N.E.S. Highways team had it on their schedule to look at. He would enquire what the latest position is.

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b) **Highways Group**

Cllr. Andrews reported that the abandoned car had now been removed. He will be contacting Bath & N.E.S.Council on his return to find out when cutting back of overhanging growth will be done. The road in Hantone Hill has not been swept and he will enquire about that also.

S.A.

The hedge at the corner of Down Lane and the Warminster Road is again obscuring the view of traffic coming along the Warminster Road. The Clerk to write to the owner.

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c) **Footpaths**

Cllr. Mayo reported that the first cut of overhanging vegetation is underway..

d) **Leisure & Amenities Group**

Cllr. Helps had sent her report. The replacement fencing for the playground is complete but there are problems.

The Clerk had received a letter and an email from Mrs Sheila Batterbury who has moved into 19 Down Lane. She wishes to change her garden for disabled access and needs to place a skip somewhere whilst the work is going on. She has suggested an area on the right just inside the gate of the Down Lane entrance. She is willing to pay a fee. After discussion, it was stated that we could agree to this subject to the skip not encroaching onto the trackway. We would not ask for a fee but we should point out that the allotment holders would think that the skip was there for their use. Cllr. Helps would be asked to look at the site.

J.H.

Mrs.Val Horton had sent a letter on behalf of one resident of Devonshire Road. A letter had been received by this resident from a company wishing to make a TV documentary about the Leylandii trees and wanting her to contribute. She does not want to be involved and Mrs. Horton has circulated the letter in case anyone else does wish to be involved. After discussion, it was agreed that Bathampton Parish Council did not want to take the matter further. The Clerk to advise Mrs. Horton.

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e) **Policy & Finance**

The Chairman said that there was nothing to report.

However, Cllr. Ardrey mentioned that he had attended the B.& N.E.S. Council Liaison meeting and the Parish Charter was the main topic of discussion.

8.. **Open Forum**

No items were raised.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday, 20th.,July, 2017
at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

Signed..... Chairman,
20th.,July, 2017