

Bathampton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th.,March, 2018
in the Village Hall, Bathampton

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

1. **Apologies:** There were none
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were none.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th.,February, 2018 had been circulated. Cllr Helps, seconded by the Cllr. Bird, proposed that the Minutes, be accepted. Carried unanimously.

4. Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from Mrs. Batterbury. She says that she will park her car on her drive once the skip has been filled and moved.

The Clerk also reported that he had received a reply from A.L.C.A. concerning the Handyman. It was to the effect that we should make sure that he is safety consious and uses the correct working practices. We should also review our Risk Assessment. Cllr. Helps suggested that we issue him with a tick list as a means of knowing precisely what he does and when.

CLERK

Concerning the heritage diamond-shaped, weight restriction signs on the canal bridge, Cllr. Andrews said that he would contact the Canal & River Trust to see if they could renovate them.

S.A.

Concerning the new G.D.P.Regulations, it is still not clear whether we need an external Data Protection Officer. We await further information.

5. Finance

a) Approval of the Financial Report for February, 2018

The Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Ardrey proposed that the report be approved. Carried unanimously.

b) Approval of Expenditure for March 2018

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

A.L.C.A.	Annual Subscription 2018 to 2019	£ 286.03
Fine Pines	Supplying Christmas Tree,2017	£ 133.33(+VAT)

Cllr. Bird., seconded by Cllr. King,proposed that these two invoices be paid. Carried unanimously.

CLERK

c) Clerk's Report

The Clerk had received an email from the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign. It was suggested that we register with them and so receive support in the way of advice and materials to organise our own litter picking events. It was agreed that we should register the Parish Council.

CLERK

6) On Going Items**a) Safer Routes to School.**

The grant of £1000 had been given towards the proposed pedestrian bridge.(To be known as Bathampton Conker Crossing). They were pleased to receive it.

b) Proposed conversion of Street lights to L.E.D.'s

Mr. Stephen Burrell(B.& N.E.S.Lighting Dept.) has replied to our questioning why the quote from SSE was so much higher than his own estimate. He says it is because they are quoting for much more than just changing the lamps. It included several replacement lamp standards. It was agreed that for the Parish Council to be responsible for a small number of lamps (10) in a parish where B.& N.E.S.Council are responsible for a large number is an anomaly. It was further agreed that both the Clerk and Cllr. Andrews would contact Mr. Burrell again to see if B.& N.E.S.Council could take on the responsibility in some way.

CLERK/S.A.

c) Village Shop

There was no further news.

d) 19 Down Lane

This was covered under Matters Arising.

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

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. King reported that the Planning Application for 15 Hantone Hill had been passed despite our objection to it.

An application had been received for tree work at Court Leet.

We await action from B.& N.E.S.Council regarding Network Rail's withdrawn application to make its temporary site in Tynning Road into a permanent depot.

Avon Wildlife Trust would like to take on the Meadows site. Cllr. King will be attending a meeting with them and other interested parties to find out what this entails.

L.K.

b) Highways Group

Cllr. Andrews said that the foliage has been cut back on the Warminster Road by St.George's Hill but work seems to have stopped before it was finished. He will contact them to find out why.

S.A.

Concern was expressed at the lack of litter clearance along all the main roads in the area.

S.A

Cllr. Andrews said that some potholes in the roads had been filled in but not others.

c) Footpaths

Cllr. Mayo said that there was nothing to report. He was reminded about applying to get the new Meadows footpath put on to the Definitive Map.

D.M.

He was then told of the broken kissing gate at the end of path which leads from the Hantone Hill estate onto the old plate railway track(BA1/25).

A replacement will be installed by the Cotswold Conservation Wardens.

D.M.

d) Leisure & Amenities Group

The Clerk said that he had just received the quotation from Idverde for the grass cutting. However, Cllr. Helps said that we should have more than 9 cuts during the season and asked the Clerk to ask Idverde to re-quote for 12 cuts. However, before doing that she asked the Clerk to contact B.& N.E.S.Council to make sure that the grass bank at the junction of Down Lane and High Street is on their schedule and that it is not our responsibility.

CLERK

Cllr. Helps said that she was concerned about the vegetation at 27 Devonshire Road which overhangs Down Lane and obscures the drivers view when turning out of Devonshire Road. It is not clear whether it is rooted in the garden of the house or in the road verge. It was agreed that it was not safe for the handyman to cut it because of the traffic. She had already contacted B.& N.E.S.Council to see if they would be able to deal with it.

She had also contacted B.& N.E.S.Council about putting white lines around the junction of Downside Close and Holcombe Lane in order to dissuade car parking. There was no response as yet.

J.H.

e) Communications

The Chairman said that there are now 300 followers on Twitter. There does not seem to be any sign of any one coming forward to serve on the Council and take on the responsibility for Communications.

f) Policy & Finance

There was no report .

8.. Open Forum

The Chairman said that we need to fix the date of the Annual Parish Meeting and to arrange for a speaker.

M.B.

The new manager has taken over "The George". As well as abolishing the parking charges, she has introduced a reduced menu and installed new kitchen equipment. This is to make it more of a village pub where one can have a drink and not feel obliged to eat.

Cllr. Andrews said that he could attend the V.P.A. Highways Meeting on 29th.,April.

S.A.

Cllr. Andrews said that a blue shed had appeared on or near the footpath BA1/1 which leads from the Warminster Road down to Folly Bridge. The footpath itself is a quagmire. He would contact Council Connect to report it.

S.A.

The Chairman asked if reports for the next Newsletter could be with the editor by Friday, 27th.,April.

ALL

9. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 19th.,April, 2018
at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

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

Signed..... Chairman,
19th.,April, 2018