

Bathampton Parish Council

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

Present: Cllrs. M.Brennan,S.Andrews,G.Ardrey, J.Bird, and L. King .
The Chairman announced that Cllr. McMurray had resigned from the Council.

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllr. Helps & Cllr. Mayo.

2. Declarations of Interest: There were none.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th.,October, 2017 had been circulated. There being no amendments, Cllr Bird, seconded by the Cllr. Ardrey, proposed that the Minutes, be accepted. Carried unanimously.

4. Matters Arising

The co-ordinators of the Neighbourhood Watch groups in the village have been asked to make themselves known to our Chairman.

The Clerk reported that the electricity contract with E.D.F.Energy had been renewed.

Regarding the Network Rail site in Tynning Road, it seems that a planning application is expected to convert it into a permanent site which we will object to. We are still waiting for a response from Planning Enforcement.

Cllr. Mayo is to be reminded that he is to investigate whether the concrete steps leading from the canal towpath down to the Grosvenor Bridge are our responsibility. (BA1/4)

We are also still waiting to hear whether any action has been taken to clear the overhanging growth on the footpath from Devonshire Road to Bathampton Lane. (BA1/10).

D.M.

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5. Finance

a) Approval of the Financial Report for October, 2017

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

b) Approval of Expenditure for November,2017

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

Fine Pines	Christmas Tree -2016	£ 133.33(+VAT)
S.L.C.C.	Training Seminar (Clerk)	£ 69.00(+VAT)

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

CLERK

c) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that we have received confirmation of our membership of the Bath Preservation Trust.

From A.L.C.A., we have received an estimate of our affiliation fee for 2018. It is £286.65p.

5. Finance(Cont'd.)**c) Clerk's Report (Cont'd.)**

The Clerk reported that Nikki Andrews, who has advertised fitness classes on the parish noticeboards, has written a formal request to use the playing field. She explains that it is only for a small number of working mums and she only charges a nominal fee. She is professionally qualified and has Combined Liability and Personal Accident Insurance. After some discussion, it was agreed that we should give her permission. The Clerk to reply.

CLERK

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

Cllr. King reported that there is too much on-road parking as a result of "The George" charging for parking. However, Kelvin Packer(B.& N.E.S.Council Highways) is due to visit us to look at the traffic and parking problems within the village. It has been suggested that he attends our January Parish Council meeting. Cllr. King to arrange..

L.K.

b) Village Shop

The Village Shop and Post Office have closed. It is not clear what is happening. It will possibly re-open before Christmas.

c) Community Empowerment Fund

The grant of £810 is conditional on some input from the community. We would like to spend it on something in the childrens' play area. Goal posts or a new ride-on unit for young children were suggested. In addition, there is around £1500 available from Cllr. Alison Millar under the Councillors Initiative Scheme. Quotes are being obtained.

J.H.

d) 19 Down Lane

There has been no response to the letter sent requesting that a permanent marker should be placed to show the boundary between the land belonging to 19 Down Lane and the Parish Council land. However, it has been noticed that the foundations of the wall are still visible and a metal spike has been put there to show the boundary. 19 Down Lane is in the Conservation Area and, if the wall was more than 1 metre high, it would need planning permission for it to be demolished. It was suggested that we might be able to see the original wall before demolition if we look on "Street View". It was suggested that the Clerk should talk to the Planning Department again.

CLERK

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

The report had been circulated.

Cllr. King reported that the Planning Applications have been received for a two storey extension at the Coach House at the Tasburgh Hotel and for external alterations and some new building at Meadow Farm. She also reported that the new pavilion and remodelled swimming pool at The Old Rectory had been permitted.

Cllr. King said that our planning consultant, Denys Clarke, because of failing eyesight, is talking of possibly giving up. It was suggested that he might be able to continue until the end of the financial year.

L.K.

7. Group Reports(Cont'd.)

a) Planning & Conservation Group.(Cont'd.)

Cllr.King said that it was hoped to open the track which by-passes the level crossing at the end of Tynning Road before Christmas and to close the level crossing to vehicular traffic. The Manager of the Charlcombe Homes construction site is concerned about the Network Rail site and will be on our side opposing making the site permanent. He is also concerned about a possible link road, having just come across the original plans from the late 1980's.

b) Highways Group

The report had been circulated.
There was nothing further to report.

c) Footpaths

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

d) Leisure & Amenities Group

In the absence of Cllr. Helps, the Clerk said that one tenant of an allotment had given up and his plot had been assigned to a new tenant.

The Chairman reported that Cllr. Helps is obtaining quotes for football posts and playground equipment.

e) Communications & Website

With the resignation of Cllr. McMurray, there is no contact with Facebook or Twitter. We must try to keep the website up-to-date. The Clerk was asked to ensure that any documents are in pdf format.

CLERK/ G.A.

f) Policy & Finance

The Chairman said that a budget meeting has been arranged for Monday, 11th.,December at 2 pm.

**M.B./L.K./J.H.
CLERK**

8.. Open Forum

Cllr. King wondered if a Bathampton Residents Association, if one could be formed, would have some effect in fighting developments and the Link Road. There is a Federation of Bath Residents Association (F.O.B.R.A.) but it was thought that they would be in favour of the Link Road. After some discussion, it was felt that there would be no advantage in promoting such an association.

Cllr. Andrews reported that he is to attend a Highways sub-committee meeting at which there will be a representative from Highways England.

S.A.

Cllr. Ardrey reported that he is to attend the next meeting of the Environs Committee of Bath Preservation Trust.

G.A.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 14th.,December, 2017
at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.35 pm.

Signed..... Chairman,
14th.,December, 2017

