

Bathampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th.,September, 2014 in the Village Hall, Bathampton

Present: Cllrs. A. McCann, G.Ardrey, M. Brennan, K. Jones, L. King, K. Jones,
D. Mayo and M.Richards.

1. Apologies: These were received from Cllr. S. Batterbury.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th.,July, 2014 had been circulated.

Following an amendment of changing the word “in” to “to” immediately preceding the word “Batheaston” in the last paragraph on page 1 of 4, Cllr. Brennan, seconded by the Cllr. Richards, proposed that these Minutes be accepted. Carried unanimously.

3. Finance:

a) Approval of the Financial Report for July & August, 2014

The report had been circulated

It was proposed for approval by the Cllr. Ardrey and seconded by Cllr. Mayo. Carried unanimously.

b) Approval of Expenditure for September, 2014

The Clerk reported that three invoices had been presented for payment as follows:-

B.& N.E.S.Council	Printing Newsletter	£ 140.50
Canal & River Trust	Jubilee Gardens Rent	£ 68.52(+VAT)
Mr. N.Auty	Re-imbusement Website Fees	£ 95.95(+VAT)

The Chairman explained that Mr. Auty had inadvertently been paying the website fees for the past 6 years and it was only right that we should reimburse him for what he had paid out. It was then proposed by Cllr. Richards and seconded by Cllr. Jones that all three invoices should be paid.

Carried unanimously.

CLERK

4. Group Reports

a) Planning & Conservation Group

Cllr. King reported.

The planning application for a garden room at St Nicholas House had been permitted, despite our objection that it was a very grand design being almost a residence in its own right.

An application has been made to demolish the house at Carisbrooke, Warminster Road, and to replace it with a new house. Whilst having no objection in principle, we made comments concerning the placement of the new building, the cladding and the wildflower meadow on the roof.

We have objected to a proposed new car park at the University which is just in our parish.

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

The Enforcement Officer has talked to the owner of the boat which is permanently moored on the canal and which has plants growing on the bank. The Canal & River Trust is evidently allowing the boat to remain there for the moment.

The new bridge at Batheaston and the cycle track across the meadows has been officially opened. Concern was expressed that cyclists emerge from a gap in the hedge into Mill Lane which has a 60mph speed limit. It was felt that there should be warning signs both to warn motorists and to warn cyclists that they are emerging into traffic. Cllr. Brennan undertook to contact the Council's Highways Department to see if Mill Lane could be restricted to 30mph or even 20mph as an extension of the village's 20 mph zone.

M.B.b) Highways Group

Cllr. Brennan reported that the closure of the A.36 is now delayed until next March.

The work of resurfacing the footpaths along the Warminster Road has now been signed off. The overgrowing hedge alongside the triangular field is the responsibility of the contractor SKANSA.

The area around the waste bins by the canal bridge now appears to be much tidier.

Cllr. Mayo reported that the Footpath Working Party had now finished for the year. A bench, financed by the previous Footpaths Association, has now been installed in front of Sham Castle.

The path under Grosvenor Bridge has been re-surfaced but the slope leading to it is still very muddy.

An overhanging hedge has been reported by St. Nicholas Court. Cllr. Mayo to investigate.

D.M.

It was queried whether the new cycle and footpath across the meadows had been designated as a Public Right of Way. It was felt that this was not the case and Cllr. Mayo agreed to investigate.

D.M.

Concerning the website, there was nothing to report. Cllr. Ardrey volunteered to be responsible for writing the headlines.

G.A.c) Leisure & Amenities Group

The report had been circulated.

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

d) Policy & Finance Group

The report had been circulated.

There is nothing further to report on the Housing Needs Survey until after the meeting in early October.

At the Placemaking Plan working group meeting on 14 September, answers were agreed to questions received. The Chairman is compiling the

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e) Parish Web Site

There was nothing to report.

f) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that a company known as Internal Audit Compliances would like us to use them for auditing our accounts. To be filed in case we require their services in the future.

The Post Office wrote at the beginning of August concerning the temporary closure of Bathampton Post Office.

A reply was received from the Canal & River Trust concerning the waste disposal area by the canal bridge. This was circulated at the time.

The S.L.C.C. had written with details of its annual conference.

5.. Matters Arising:

Cllr. Mayo queried the benches on the new track across the meadows.

6. Open Forum

There was general agreement that we should have a Christmas tree and lights outside the Village Hall again this year. Cllr.Richards was asked if

he could organize one again.

M.R.

Cllr. King asked if the granting of outline planning permission for the development at Jewson's Yard would stop the possibility of the Park & Rail Scheme going ahead. The answer was it would not.

Cllr. Jones said that a drain on the Warminster Road was blocked and also had grass growing out of it. Also one street light was not working.

M.B.

Cllr. Ardrey said that he would be attending the A.L.C.A local area group meeting on 24th.,September

7. Date of Next meeting:

Thursday, 16th.,October,2014
At 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

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

Signed..... Chairman,
16th.,October,2014