

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
in the Village Hall, Bathampton**

**Present:** Cllrs M. Brennan (MB) (Chair)), L. King (LK), A. Purpuri (AP), J. Helps (JH), D.Mayo (DM), S. Andrews (SA)

Two members of the public in attendance.

		<b>Actions</b>
		Actions struck through are complete
<b>2020/015</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Received from Cllr G. Ardrey & Ward Cllr S. Warren	
<b>2020/016</b>	<b>Declarations of interest.</b>	
	There were none.	
<b>2020/017</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b>	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 had been circulated. They were AGREED and APPROVED and signed by the Chair.	
<b>2020/018</b>	<b>Review of actions carried forward from previous meetings</b>	
	Items a – c to be carried forward.	<b>Clerk</b>
	d) Highway review – to be carried forward. -	<b>SA</b>
	e) Some Survey work has been conducted by Highways England, but problems on the A36 still remain. It was agreed that drainage would be included as an on-going item on the agenda.	<b>SA</b>
	f) It was agreed that the website changes required to cover our legal obligations, regarding accessibility, would be included as an on-going item on the agenda.	<b>AP</b>
	Items g – j - All items to be carried forward.	
<b>2020/019</b>	<b>Members of the public – Discussion on the 5G Mast at Bathampton Down</b>	
	Two members of the public were in attendance, Karen Churchill and Fiona Williams who wished to discuss the 5G rollout in Bath and their concerns following the recent upgrading of the mast to 5G at Bathampton Down. The Chair, Cllr Brennan welcomed them both to the meeting and invited them to speak before moving on to the meeting's Agenda items.	
	They wished to make us all aware of their concerns regarding the legal ramifications of the 5G mast and the Health and environmental risks attached to this. They highlighted that there was uncertainty on the exclusion zone for the mast (they stated that this should be 50 meters) and the communications to make people aware of this. They were	

	<p>unclear on who the landowner is for the mast site and the holder of the ICNIRP Certificate. They stated that they had already had discussions with Ward Cllrs Sarah Warren and Kevin Guy.</p> <p>Prior to leaving the meeting they left a report concerning Planning Application 19/05534/FUL with their objections against this in view of the 5G upgrading on Larkhall's Athletic Football ground. Following a discussion by the Council, it was concluded that the discussion matter was beyond the powers of a Parish Council and it was something that would need to be directed to BANES. Cllr Brennan suggested that the Clerk should contact Ward Cllr Kevin Guy to get more transparency on the matter and reassurance that BANES have fully assessed the potential dangers involved in the upgrading and assurance that the mast and exclusion zone are compliant with the relevant standards.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>2020/020</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
	a) <u>Financial report for January 2020</u>	
	This had been circulated previously.	
	<u>Table 1</u>	
	The clerk spoke to the report and noted that the bank balance had increased month on month. It was noted that this was primarily due to the receipt of our third and final CIL installment and the receipt of further allotment rents.	
	<u>Table 2</u>	
	Transactions from the 1 <sup>st</sup> January up to the 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2020 were noted.	
	<u>Table 3</u>	
	<p>The listed items were APPROVED for payment. The expenses for the Handyman were APPROVED and signed off by Cllr Brennan.</p> <p>The Clerk offered to check the printing costings for the Parish Council newsletter against a couple of other printers (including the printers used by the Village Show) to make sure the current price was competitive.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
	The report was APPROVED by the Council and signed by the chair.	
	b) <u>Clerk's report</u>	
	<p>The Clerk's report covering everything from the previous meeting (16<sup>th</sup> January 2020) had been circulated.</p> <p>The Clerk noted that the Precept requirement had been acknowledged by BANES, setting the precept for 2020/21 at £23,000. It was further noted by the Clerk that the payments would be received in two installments of £11,500, payable at the beginning of April and early October.</p>	





	<p>hall and whether access to the grounds is required. It was felt that the Handyman’s responsibilities were to maintain the grass at the front of the hall with no access being required to the hall grounds. The Clerk agreed to follow this up with the Handyman.</p> <p>Regarding the request from a local licensed ice cream seller to sell ice creams via a traditional bike at Jubilee Gardens, there was some concern of the impact this would have on other businesses within the area, i.e. The Canal Boat, but it was agreed to wait until we have a copy of our lease agreement from the Canal and River Trust (CRT) before deciding how we should proceed. The Clerk stated that she had already requested this from (CRT) but the lease agreement had been archived and would take time to locate. The Clerk also noted that she would follow this up with David Faull (Surveyor at CRT) who she had received the contact details for.</p> <p>It was agreed that no action was required, regarding the proposal to Stop Up a section of Mill Lane, Bathampton. Bathampton Parish Council confirmed that they had no objections to this.</p>	<p><del>Clerk</del></p> <p>Clerk</p>
	<p>All other items of correspondence, phone calls etc. were noted.</p>	
<p><b>2020/021</b></p>	<p><b>Street Lighting Maintenance</b></p>	
	<p>The clerk read over the Street Lighting document which had been compiled for Cllrs to consider ahead of the meeting. The Clerk reminded the Cllrs that they had previously given approval for the Clerk to express interest in joining other Parish Council’s as a collective to seek out alternative Street Lighting Maintenance Suppliers. This was in view that the new contract received from our current supplier (SSE Lighting Services) included highly inflated prices, per quarter.</p> <p>To Progress forward, three options were presented for consideration:</p> <p>Option 1 – To tender for Street Lighting Maintenance independently.</p> <p>Option 2 – To form a single consortium and tender as a collective.</p> <p>Option 3 – To form a single consortium and for BANES Highways to ask Volker (The supplier recently contracted to BANES) to take this collective on as an addition to the BANES contract.</p> <p>Due to Bathampton being a small parish with few lights, the Cllrs present agreed that Option 3 would be of preference to help negotiate a better deal and to opt for the supplier contracted to BANES in January 2020. This was agreed on the basis that Option 3 was favored by the majority of those included within the Parish</p>	

	Council consortium. The Clerk agreed to feed this back to help move the discussions forward.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>2020/022</b>	<b>Environmental Maintenance</b>	
	Ward Cllr Kevin Guy wasn't present at the meeting to introduce the proposed Environmental Scheme. The discussion would be delayed and reintroduced onto the agenda once he is able to attend.	
<b>2020/023</b>	<b>High Street Drains</b>	
	<p>Cllr Brennan provided an update from David Beard, our local Flood Rep following a meeting he had with Simon Morrissey from BANES. It was noted that the Survey of gullies and drains in the High Street took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> February. It was confirmed that the drainage system is poor, and a better solution is required to help prevent further flooding. Simon Morrissey had suggested that the best drainage solution would be to reinstate the open drain which had been in place many years before. This would require bridging to the houses on the south side of the High Street. Cllrs expressed concern that this would further narrow the road and add to the existing traffic problems. It was agreed that a viable proposal is required. Cllr Brennan also suggested that it would be beneficial if Cllrs could take some time to look on the dog's head water trough side of the High Street, ahead of the next Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Brennan asked whether the Cllrs would be happy for David Beard to join Bathampton Parish Council as a councillor. The Cllrs were unanimous in agreeing that if David Beard was to put himself forward at our next meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, they would be very happy to co-opt him onto the Council. Cllr Brennan asked the Clerk to copy David Beard into the emails that she circulates with the Agenda and papers for the next Parish Council meeting.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>2020/024</b>	<b>Severance Study</b>	
	<p>Cllr Andrews followed on from his discussion within the January Parish Council meeting where he reported back on his walk around the village with BANES Cllrs Joanna Wright and Sarah Warren. The location of potential crossings was further discussed. It was agreed that the proposed crossing positioned at the Dry Arch would offer no value to the community and therefore the suggested location was considered unsuitable.</p> <p>It was agreed that the preferred locations would be at the top of Down Lane where an improvement was needed to the current crossing to improve safety and at the top of Bathampton Lane.</p> <p>Cllr Andrews agreed to put a proposal together detailing our preferred crossing locations and to send this along with a map of the village to Ward Cllr Sarah Warren and Fiona Powell. He also stated that he would need to get confirmation on who will communicate</p>	<b>SA</b>

	with Highways England and to understand what additional information they may require from us.	
<b>2020/025</b>	<b>Bathampton Parish Council Newsletter</b>	
	<p>Cllr Helps reported a request from Saint Nicholas Church to include service times onto the 'What's on' page of our newsletter. It was highlighted that any additional information included onto this page would increase the total pages of the newsletter. The Cllrs weren't in favor of this due to the increased costs, but it was agreed that the Art Group information could be removed as the group is usually full, which would make space for the service times to be included. Cllr Helps agreed to make the necessary changes.</p> <p>Cllr Mayo also offered to log in to the Parish Council website and make sure that the Word Press site being used is the most up to date version and to update if required.</p>	<p><b>JH</b></p> <p><b>DM</b></p>
<b>2020/026</b>	<b>Ongoing Items</b>	
	<p><b>a) <u>Avon Wildlife, the Meadows and Cycle Track &amp; Weir</u></b></p> <p>Cllr King reported back following her meeting with the Bathampton Meadows Alliance Working Group. (BMAWG). It was noted that the Bathavon North Forum on the 17<sup>th</sup> February heard from Mark Minkley, BANES Council Officer for Environmental &amp; Design where they updated on the Community asset transfer process for the transfer of ownership of Bathampton Meadows to the National Trust. It was reported that everything is going through and BANES are very happy for this to happen. It was highlighted that the presentation used by Mark had previously been circulated by the Clerk prior to the Parish Council meeting. It was further noted by Cllr King that everything regarding the transfer was looking very positive and it was looking to be completed by the summer.</p>	
	<p><b>b) <u>Clean Air Zone.</u></b></p> <p>The Cleveland Bridge closure was discussed. It was noted that the 18 tonne weight restriction has had a positive impact on HGV traffic flow. There was however a feeling that the lack of policing on the bridge had resulted in some HGVs using the bridge again. It was agreed that we would be fully supportive of a permanent 18 tonne weight limit ban and the Clerk would report this back to BANES. There were also concerns for when the bridge is fully closed to all traffic during the repair process, and what level of traffic will consequently divert through Bathampton Village. It was agreed that we needed to get confirmation on what measures are going to be in place for when the bridge is closed and the timings for these. The clerk agreed to email Ward Cllr Kevin Guy to highlight these concerns and to query the plans that will be in place to mitigate the risks and to ensure the Parish Council is consulted on these in good time.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

	<p>It was further highlighted that Information including a link to 'Get ready for Bath's Clean Air Zone' had been circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting. There was nothing further to report.</p>	
	<p><b>c) <u>BPC's Digital presence.</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Purpuri reported that due to his website contact being busy and the high costs to undertake a compliance assessment to ensure our website is accessible to all users, he would undertake the assessment himself. Cllr Purpuri agreed to put some time aside to carry out the assessment to ensure we are compliant by September 2020. The Clerk also offered to find out what Batheaston and Bathford are doing in order to ensure their own websites are compliant.</p>	<p><b>AP / Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>2020/027</b></p>	<p><b>Group Reports</b></p>	
	<p><b>a) <u>Planning &amp; Conservation</u></b></p> <p>Cllr King reported on the outcome of recent applications, recent applications received and planning applications awaiting a decision.</p> <p>Cllr King highlighted from her report that the willow fencing atop of an existing stone wall at the Coach House had been permitted but the height had been reduced to 30cms. Following the meeting dated 16<sup>th</sup> January, concerns regarding the application were noted and fed back to BANES as the planning group felt that listed Building Consent was required and that the willow topping would be out of character for the area and natural stonework would be a preferred material.</p> <p>It was also noted that the level crossing in Bathampton had finally been permanently closed to all traffic.</p> <p><b>b) <u>Highways</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Andrews covered Highways as item 9 on the agenda, Minute 2020/024 as well as under Minute 2020/026b.</p> <p><b>c) <u>Footpaths</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Mayo reported that all was relatively quiet regarding footpaths and he was currently working though 5-6 applications to add footpaths to the definitive map. Cllr Andrews reported a tree down on the bridleway above the A36, just past Hantone Hill and Cllr Mayo agreed to report this back to BANES.</p> <p><b>d) <u>Leisure &amp; Amenities</u></b></p> <p>Allotments were discussed within the Clerk's report. Cllr Helps also noted that the reflective bollard had been put back up on Down lane.</p>	<p><b>DM</b></p>

	<p>e) <u>Policy &amp; Finance</u></p> <p>Cllr Brennan referred to the Valley Parishes Alliance (VPA) meeting which she was unable to attend but stated that she would circulate the minutes after the meeting. There was nothing further to report.</p>	<b>MB</b>
<b>2020/028</b>	<b>Open Forum</b>	
	<p>The clerk referred to an email received on the 20<sup>th</sup> February, regarding a large tree that had come down and was balancing on the bridge, crossing the stream within the woods towards Bathampton Down (between house numbers 63 &amp; 62 on the Warminster Road). Cllr Mayo agreed to report this back to BANES.</p> <p>Cllr King noted that the Charlcombe Homes sign at the bottom of Down Lane was still there, but it had been forgotten when the other signs had been collected. It was noted that it would be collected as soon as possible.</p> <p>Cllr Andrew's and Cllr Purpuri wished to give their apologies of absence ahead of the Parish Council meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> March.</p>	
<b>2020/029</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting. Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 7:30pm in the Village Hall.</b>	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:35pm	

**Signed:** .....

**Chair**

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020**