

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th November 2021

Present: L. King (LK) (Vice Chair), D. Beard (DB), G. Ardrey (GA) and Clerk L. Daly.

Two members of the public in attendance (Kevin Guy, Liberal Democrat Group Leader for Bathavon North) and a member of the public who expressed an interest in becoming a Bathampton Parish Council Councillor.

		Actions
		Actions struck through are complete
2021/114	Welcome: Due to the Chair being unable to attend, the Vice Chair chaired the Meeting. The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2021/115	Apologies: Cllrs M. Brennan (MB) (Chair), J. Helps (JH) & T. Purpuri (TP)	
2021/116	Declarations of interest	
	There were none.	
2021/117	Minutes of the previous meeting	
	The Minutes of the meeting held on the 21 st October 2021 had been circulated. The Minutes were AGREED and APPROVED and Signed by the Vice Chair.	
2021/118	Review of actions carried forward from previous meetings	
	<p>The actions carried forward were reviewed.</p> <p>Cllr Beard referred to the issue raised in the meeting on the 21st October regarding stones and mud from the Bridleway being washed onto the A36 following heavy rainfall. It was reported by Cllr Beard that following an onsite review by a BANES inspector this issue was a consequence of a build-up of debris in the ditches making the ditches level with the bridleway and therefore ineffective at taking excess water away.</p> <p>It was further reported by Cllr Beard that the BANES highway drainage team had stated that they do not have responsibility for maintaining the bridleway, but he was awaiting a response from the BANES Public Rights of Way team to find out if this would sit under their remit. The inappropriate use of gravel as a surface material on the sloped bridleway was noted and Cllr Beard would highlight it's usage in his discussions with BANES.</p>	
2021/119	Finance	
	a) <u>Financial Report for October 2021</u>	
	This had been circulated previously.	
	<u>Table 1</u>	
	<p>The clerk referred to her report and noted a cash movement of +£10,683.16 during October. The Clerk highlighted that this increase was primarily due to the receipt of the second Precept instalment totalling £11,500.</p> <p>The Clerk referred to Table 1 and noted that the £28 allocated towards 'Contingency and Renewal' being the Village show expenses incurred by Cllr</p>	

<p>2021/120</p>	<p>Meeting Dates</p>	
	<p>The Council agreed that the Parish Council meetings during 2022 (excluding August when no meeting is held) would be held on the third Thursday of each month. This would include the month of December where the meeting would take place on the 15th.</p> <p>The Council further agreed to hold the Annual meeting of the Parish Council on the same evening as the May Parish Council meeting and schedule it for 7-7.30pm with the Parish Council meeting to follow straight afterwards.</p> <p>Regarding the Annual Assembly the Council agreed that the meeting would be held during May but a date for the meeting would be agreed later and once the village hall availability is known.</p>	
<p>2021/121</p>	<p>West of England Combined Authority (WECA) Bus Service consultation.</p>	
	<p>The Council agreed to a response to the WECA bus services survey. It was noted that the unreliability of the number 11 bus service of late should be highlighted and that WECA be asked to look at the services reliability and affordability to help encourage increased use.</p> <p>It was also agreed to suggest that the service timetable is considered in conjunction with the D1 service, in order to provide a more frequent and better used service without increased costs which would additionally help with the synchronisation issues between the bus service and trains which commuters currently face. The Clerk agreed to draft a response and send to the Vice Chair.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>2021/122</p>	<p>Ongoing Items</p>	
	<p><u>Avon Wildlife, the Meadows, Cycle Track & Weir</u></p> <p>Cllr King reported that the permanent river rescue cabinet was now in place at the toll-bridge. Cllr King also noted that she was awaiting an update regarding the transfer of the Meadows to the National Trust.</p>	
	<p><u>Drainage on the A36</u></p> <p>There was nothing further to report.</p>	
	<p><u>Climate Emergency</u></p> <p>Cllr King referred to the Climate Report circulated by Cllr Helps prior to the meeting. Cllr King reported that following the discussion regarding a possible event at the Village Hall aimed to encourage the community to bring forward ideas to help address the Climate Emergency, the Share & Repair Café would be happy to attend.</p> <p>It was additionally noted that Curo would be open to suggestions for the Vale Green e.g., planting wildflowers, additional trees but prior discussions would be needed with the Vale residents.</p> <p>The Council agreed with Cllr Kings suggestion for her and Cllr Helps to work on a plan for the event which would then be brought back to a forthcoming meeting.</p> <p>Suggestions for the event from other Cllrs for inclusion into the plan was encouraged.</p>	<p>LK/JH</p>

<p>2021/123</p>	<p>Group Reports</p>	
	<p><u>Planning & Conservation</u></p> <p>Cllr King referred to her planning report circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>It was reported that the planning permission for the Conker Crossing was due to expire. The Council were in support of the Conker Crossing trustees re-applying for a planning extension to keep the project open. The Parish Council would consider the suggestion presented by Cllr Kevin Guy for the Parish council to incur the small charge in order to do so.</p> <p>The member of the public (Cllr Kevin Guy) left the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr King referred to a planning application for St Leonard’s House (21/04994/FUL) for the erection of a double garage with new upper floor on demolition of existing single garage. It was noted that the height of the new building is unknown from review of the plans submitted but as it is set down below the road, a No objection response was suggested.</p> <p>A no objection response was suggested for tree works at Meadow View, Meadow Lane (21/04760/TCA).</p> <p>The responses for both applications were approved by the Council.</p> <p>Cllr King noted a new application received for 44 Warminster Road (21/05109/FUL) following circulation of the agenda. Due to an application for this property being permitted earlier in the month the application would need to be reviewed in more detail. The Clerk noted that an extension had been requested with the BANES planning team to enable the application to be discussed at the December Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>Cllr King noted that the planning application for Tasburgh House (21/02405/FUL) had been permitted with a number of conditions attached to it.</p> <p>A discussion was had regarding Yew Tree Barn following Bathampton Parish Council and the Bath Preservation Trust (BPT) being alerted to building activity taking place and concerns on whether the work being conducted has been permitted.</p> <p>The Council agreed to raise this with the BANE’S planning enforcement team to find out if the current works are in line with those approved and in consideration of any associated conditions. Cllr King agreed to draft a letter and send to the Clerk for submission.</p> <p>The second member of public left the meeting and prior to doing so, Cllr King suggested that he attends the December Parish Council meeting to meet the Parish Council Councillor’s not present at the current meeting.</p> <p><u>Highways</u></p> <p>Cllr Beard reported that four air quality monitors had been installed around the High Street (1 -Bathampton Lodge, 2 – Town House, 3 – Tithe Cottage 4 – between numbers 4 & 5 Bathampton High Street) at breathing level as part of a three-month trial to see if the data at lower levels verifies the data collected by the higher placed Chapel Row monitor.</p> <p>Cllr Beard agreed to speak with the BANES Clear Air Zone team to find out if the monthly data could be obtained for analysis.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">LK/Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DB</p>

	<p><u>Footpaths</u></p> <p>Cllr Beard provided an update on the footpath registration process. The Council agreed the cost of £35.10 to cover postage costs in notifying landowners of the Parish Council’s intention to apply for registration and the costs of obtaining Land Registry ownership certificates and a plan of the land for the next phase of the Definitive Map Modification Order process.</p> <p>Cllr Beard reported that the Buddleia tree that was blocking the visibility for pedestrians using the Miller Walk to Bathampton Lane steps had been removed. Cllr Beard further reported that a signpost had been put in place by the Cotswold Wardens at the top of the steps to warn pedestrians of the busy road ahead.</p> <p>Regarding the A36 pavement clearance Cllr Beard noted that Highways England (HE) had investigated, and they had concluded that it was not presently an issue that required immediate action. It was further noted that using the Footpath Volunteers to conduct the work could compromise the Parish Council’s insurance Policy and the Council agreed that this was not a viable solution.</p> <p>Cllr Beard agreed to take pictures of the pavement and growth and report on FixMyStreet which would include the stretch of pavement between the top of Down Lane and the steps leading to Holcombe Close.</p> <p><u>Leisure & Amenities</u> Cllr Helps had circulated a report ahead of the meeting. There was nothing further to report.</p> <p><u>Policy & Finance</u> There was nothing further to report.</p> <p><u>BPC’s Digital Presence</u> There was nothing further to report.</p>	<p>DB</p>
<p>2021/124</p>	<p>Open Forum</p>	
	<p>Cllr King referred to an email sent to the Clerk regarding the registration of the Village’s defibrillator via ‘The Circuit’ to enable emergency services to have a national overview on their location. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Practice Manager at Pulteney Practice who would put her in touch with the ‘Community Heartbeat Trust’ who installed the equipment.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>2021/125</p>	<p>Date of next meeting. Thursday 16th December 2021, 7:30pm.</p>	
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00 pm</p>	

Signed:

Chair:

Date: