

Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th October 2022

Present: M. Brennan (MB) (Chair), L. King (LK) (Vice Chair), R. Bash (RB), J. Helps (JH), T. Purpuri (TP), G. Ardrey (GA) D. Beard (DB) and Clerk L. Daly.

Approximately 30 members of the public in attendance including Ward Cllr Sarah Warren.

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		Actions struck through are complete
2022/105	Welcome: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2022/106	Apologies: None	
2022/107	Declarations of interest	
	There were none.	
2022/108	Minutes of the previous meeting	
	The Minutes for the meeting of Bathampton Parish Council held on the 21 st July 2022 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Minutes were AGREED and APPROVED and signed by the Chair.	
2022/109	Review of actions carried forward from previous meetings	
	The Chair proposed that the Council would not go through the Actions Carried Forward from the previous meeting due to the time it would take and in view that the agenda for the current meeting was already very substantial. The Clerk was asked to circulate them to councillors following the meeting and for councillors to confirm which had been actioned.	Clerk
2022/110	Number 11 Bus	
	<p>Due to most of the public being in attendance regarding item 6 on the agenda, being the Number 11 bus, the Chair decided to commence with that agenda item. The Chair proceeded to give a summary of the situation regarding the bus service provision to the village and provided a summary of the issues which the Parish Council have brought to the attention of BANES and the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) who are the body responsible for managing bus services.</p> <p>Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed that they had a shared understanding of the issues regarding the bus service and the Chair invited Cllr Sarah Warren to provide an update from BANES regarding the current situation.</p> <p>Cllr Sarah Warren highlighted that WECA had not found any mitigation so far and BANES officers were continuing to work hard to find a resolution, including looking at alternative bus companies to run the number 11 service but neither WECA nor BANES were expecting to have anything in place before April 2023.</p> <p>Cllr Sarah Warren agreed to liaise with First Bus and challenge their data which suggested the D1 bus is not failing to pick up passengers due to overcrowding which is contradicting feedback from members of the public. It was also noted that the data received from First Bus predates the ceasing of the number 11 service.</p>	SW

	<p>The Parish Council agreed that they didn't wish BANES to pursue the possibility of a boat service on the canal as they didn't think it would effectively serve the Parish and therefore not a feasible solution to the current issues.</p> <p>Following a discussion Cllr Sarah Warren agreed to look at the possibility of rerouting existing bus routes to include Bathampton, the possibility of new routes that would be of higher route density to make it more attractive to commercial operators and to explore whether the reason why First Bus turned down the offer to run the service was due to the subsidy being insufficient.</p> <p>The Council agreed to publicise the Dial a Ride bus service within the November Parish Council newsletter.</p> <p>The Chair asked Cllr Sarah Warren to provide an update as a matter of priority regarding Sarah's request to have a school bus that would serve the children of Bathampton.</p> <p>The Chair invited questions from the members of public.</p> <p>A member of the public posed the question of whether in the interim, people who car share could get reduced price parking within Bath. Cllr Sarah Warren agreed to explore this option.</p> <p>A member of public asked for further information regarding a Community Bus service which was an option noted by Cllr Sarah Warren earlier in the meeting. The Parish Council asked the member of public to leave their contact details and the Parish Council agreed to include a mention in the November Parish Council newsletter to see if there was an expression of interest to run this scheme.</p> <p>The members of public queried whether the Parish Council could set up a public meeting to discuss the issues with the bus service. The Parish council agreed to discuss this possibility, but the Chair highlighted that they would need to be clear on the purpose of the meeting as there are currently no easy solutions to the questions being raised.</p> <p>Finally, a member of public asked for an electronic timetable to be installed on the Warminster Road bus stop at the top of Down Lane. The Parish Council agreed that this would be beneficial and agreed to put in a request.</p> <p>The Chair drew the item to a close and all, but three members of the public left the meeting.</p>	<p align="right">SW</p> <p align="right">MB/JH</p> <p align="right">SW</p> <p align="right">SW</p> <p align="right">MB/JH</p> <p align="right">Clerk</p>
2022/111	Finance	
	a) <u>Financial Report for October 2022</u>	
	This had been circulated previously.	
	<u>Table 1</u>	
	The clerk referred to her report and noted a cash movement of -£1,201 during September and £656 for the year to date.	
	<u>Table 2</u>	
	Transactions from the 1 st September up to the 30 th September were noted.	
	<u>Table 3</u>	
	<p>The Clerk referred to the items of expenditure requiring approval.</p> <p>The expenditure listed totalling £20 and the Clerk and Handyman salaries totalling £1,004.02 were approved for payment. The Chair noted that she was conscious</p>	

	<p>that the council were starting to overspend and creating the surplus for the Playground fund at year end would be challenging. The Clerk additionally highlighted that electric prices and the printing of the newsletter had recently increased.</p> <p>The Council additionally approved the Minuteman invoice totalling £220. It was noted that the Village Show committee would be contributing more and paying the difference between the print costs for black and white and colour.</p> <table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Payee</th><th>Details</th><th>Net</th><th>VAT</th><th>Gross</th></tr><tr><td>20.10.2022</td><td>BPT</td><td>Digital Subscription</td><td>£20.00</td><td>£0.00</td><td>£20.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Sub Total</td><td></td><td></td><td>£20.00</td></tr></table>	Date	Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Gross	20.10.2022	BPT	Digital Subscription	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00			Sub Total			£20.00	
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	The above invoices were checked, the report was approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.																			
	b) <u>Clerks' Report</u>																			
	<p>The Clerks' Report covering everything from the previous meeting (21st July 2022) had been circulated prior to this meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the internal quarterly review for July – September 2022 had been completed and verified by Cllr Ardrey.</p> <p>Regarding the Aerial runway tyre, it was agreed to hold off on a decision until the BANES November Inspection had been completed as the August inspection report noted it as being a low risk level item for repair. The Clerk was additionally asked by the Chair to get some advice from BANES regarding the matter.</p> <p>The Council agreed to a 0.42pence per square meter rate for the allotment rent for 2024.</p> <p>The council agreed to the cost of £150+VAT for a 11ft Christmas tree. The Clerk noted that she would place the order.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the BANES officer who had offered a site visit to discuss the issues with the VOI scooters within the village noting that the scooters are not presently causing an issue and a site visit wouldn't be needed but that the Parish Council would continue to monitor the situation.</p> <p>The Clerk referred to the other correspondence received.</p> <p>The Chair asked whether Cllr Sarah Warren had anything further to update the Council on. Cllr Beard raised the question of the reopening of the Bathampton Railway Station. It was agreed to include the Item onto the Agenda for the November meeting for further discussion.</p>	<div>Clerk</div> <div>Clerk</div> <div>Clerk</div> <div>Clerk</div>																		
2022/112	Bathampton Village Road Safety																			
	<p>The Chair invited the member of public Terry Wagstaff to the table as he had undertaken a great deal of work alongside Cllr Purpuri regarding improving road safety across the Canal bridge and surrounding areas. Cllr Purpuri provided a summary of the alternative solutions to the Conker Crossing taken from the report commissioned by BANES.</p> <p>Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed to support and fund the spend to promote and hold a consultation to provide information and seek feedback from members of the public on these road safety proposals. Unbudgeted costs of £289 for printing materials and hall hire were approved.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the consultation information (circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting) should refer to keeping everyone safe on the canal bridge</p>																			

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	<p>and not just children. It was also noted that it should be clear that the Canal bridge is forming only part of a wider road safety scheme linked to Liveable Neighbourhoods for the village and to make it clear that there is currently no budget presently available from BANES to undertake the work but moving the project forward will help increase the chances of it being funded.</p> <p>It was agreed that the consultation print materials should be reviewed one final time before print and councillors were asked to review and provide comment by midday on the 25th October.</p> <p>Cllr Sarah Warren agreed to share with the Parish Council the Liveable Neighbourhood reports of projects that are currently running in other areas.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>SW</p>
2022/113	Canal & River Trust (CRT) Rubbish compound bin	
	<p>Cllr Bash reported that he was in talks with the Canal and River Trust (CRT) regarding pedestrian safety on the Canal Path following an accident with a pedestrian and a cyclist. They also discussed the issue of the compound bin with the continual overflow of rubbish and rat infestation.</p> <p>Lee Brain from the CRT was called and placed on speaker.</p> <p>Lee Brain reported that 6 new signs were now in place around the George area asking cyclists to control their speed and to be aware of pedestrians. He also reported that with BANES who own the land on which the compound bin is situated they are trying to find a resolution to the on-going issues and to help ensure that its better maintained in future.</p> <p>Lee Brain agreed to send information to Cllr Bash on the bylaws and options for alternative signage e.g., asking people to keep to the left.</p> <p>Lee additionally agreed to speak with his colleague to find out what other walkways are doing regarding cyclist and pedestrian users, and he would feed the information back to Cllr Bash. The call with the CRT was ended.</p> <p>Cllr Sarah Warren noted that National Highways (NH) were progressing potentially two crossings within Bathampton, one at the top of Bathampton Lane and one at the top of Down lane. There was uncertainty on the grade of crossing but if they were successful, the timing would be approximately in 3 years' time.</p> <p>Cllr Sarah Warren left the meeting.</p>	<p>RB / Lee Brain</p> <p>RB / Lee Brain</p>
2022/114	BANES Local Plan partial update (LPPU)	
	<p>Cllr King provided background information on the BANES Local plan.</p> <p>Cllr King agreed to work on a response for the new local plan and would circulate suggestions for input to the Council for review.</p> <p>Regarding the Local Plan partial update, being an update to the existing plan, Cllr King suggested that there wasn't anything that would have an impact on Bathampton, and it was agreed by the Council that no action was required.</p>	LK
2022/115	Parish Council Newsletter	
	<p>The Chair noted that due to an exceptional price increase from the company who currently print the Parish newsletter, new quotes had been obtained by the Clerk and a decision to proceed with Minuteman was made.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the format of the newsletter would change to it being 6 paged and stapled. The November newsletter would be printed in full colour rather</p>	

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	<p>than black and white, but this additional cost would be incurred by the Village Show committee. The full cost of the newsletter of £220 was approved.</p> <p>The content and timings for the November newsletter content was agreed. The Clerk would follow up with the Church regarding their contribution.</p>	ALL
2022/116	Share and Repair Cafe	
	<p>Regarding the Share and Repair event scheduled to be held on the 26th November, Cllr King agreed to speak with the village show committee to ask if they could give attendees a hot drink but to charge the Parish Council for the cost of the drinks and not the retail price. The cost to hire the hall was approved.</p> <p>It was agreed to allow Terry Wagstaff the small room in which to set up information for the road safety on the Canal Bridge consultation.</p>	LK
2022/117	Ongoing Items	
	<p><u>Climate Emergency</u></p> <p>There was nothing further to report.</p> <p><u>Safer routes to school</u></p> <p>There was nothing further to report.</p>	
2022/118	Group Reports	
	<p><u>Planning & Conservation</u></p> <p>Cllr King referred to her report which had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr King highlighted that the Parish Council had received pre notification of a planning application submitted by Bath University for another all-weather sports pitch. It was however thought that they were looking at the lighting to maximise efficiency and minimise light spill.</p> <p>Cllr King referred to an application (22/03939/TCA) for tree works at 1 Harbutts. A 'No Objection' response was agreed.</p> <p>Regarding a new application (received following circulation of the agenda) (22/02984/Ful) for 74 Holcombe Vale, Cllr King noted that the planning group would suggest a response highlighting that the current documents and plans submitted are inadequate to allow them to form a proper response. And to additionally raise the issue of over-development of the site with three possible dwellings and inadequate parking.</p> <p>The Council were in support of the planning groups proposed responses to the applications received and responses would be submitted to BANES following the meeting.</p> <p>Regarding the building work that had commenced at 44 Warminster Road, and which was currently under appeal, Cllr King agreed to take a look.</p> <p>Following a discussion, it was agreed to send an email to BANES asking for them to intervene regarding the issue whereby a Bathampton Landowner has created new access from the bridleway to an adjacent field. In doing so they have blocked the drainage ditch which was now causing water to be diverted down the bridleway resulting in debris washing onto the A36.</p> <p>Cllr Beard agreed to write the copy and forward to the Clerk for sending.</p>	<p>LK</p> <p>DB/Clerk</p>

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	<p><u>Highways</u></p> <p>Cllr King referred to an email circulated before the meeting relating to a recent meeting of Trossachs Drive Residents Association to improve road safety at the entrance to Trossachs Drive. Their request was to replace the current white line with a double yellow line to prevent dangerous parking on the inside of the bend.</p> <p>The Council were in support and asked that the residents contact the Parish Council directly with the view of adding this request to the next Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). There was nothing further to report</p> <p><u>Footpaths</u></p> <p>Cllr Beard reported that following the last Parish newsletter 7 new volunteers for litter pickers had come forward. There had been no interest however regarding volunteers to maintain the village footpaths.</p> <p><u>Leisure & Amenities</u></p> <p>There was nothing further to report.</p> <p><u>Policy & Finance</u></p> <p>There was nothing further to report.</p> <p><u>BPC's Digital Presence</u></p> <p>Cllr Purpuri noted that the website had been down for a few days due to a configuration issue, but it had now been fixed. Cllr King queried traffic to the website. Cllr Purpuri agreed to arrange individual meetings with Cllrs to go through the process of setting up the group emails.</p>	LK TP
2022/119	Open Forum	
	Cllr Beard reported that preparation work e.g., surveys and ground clearance work on the A36 around Brassknocker Hill had commenced. It was reported that the work from Bathampton to Limpley Stoke was not scheduled to start until March 2024 and was subject to budget approval. It was thought that full road closure may be required.	
2022/120	Date of next meeting. Thursday 15 th November 7.30pm.	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.50 pm	

Signed:

Chair:

Date: