

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

Bayford Village Hall

DATE

12th November 2018

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chairman), Alan Fitzjohn, Bob Orme, Jane Honeyman, Maggie Broomer (clerk), Ken Crofton and Linda Haysey. 4 members of the public.

CIRCULATION

Above listed +, George Rowley

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	None received.	
2.0	Minutes of the previous meeting	
2.1	Minutes of the previous meeting were read and item 6.9 was added as having been mentioned at this meeting but not minuted. The minutes were then signed and agreed by the councillors.	Noted
3.0	Matters Arising	
3.1	Broken footpath style has been reported to Hertfordshire Highways and at the recommendation of KC will now be forwarded to Tom Goldsmith at Hertfordshire.gov.uk with KC being copied in.	MB/KC
3.2	Thanks to all those recently – BO, GR and Neil Morris for clearing the hedge and surrounding areas by Willow Corner pond.	Noted
3.3	New wooden posts have yet to be put in place outside The Vicarage.	AF
3.4	Bayfordbury footpath signs – MW cycled there recently and noted the sign at the B158 is a normal footpath sign, the signs at either end of Hooks Grove are UH signs as in images, they are intimidating but it does say you can only follow the permissive footpath which is correct.	Noted
3.5	Community Asset Form – Baker Arms –LH sent MW details of the Community Asset form which was completed and sent off to EHDC. An email has been received from Nathan Bookbinder-Ryan, Policy Officer on the 5 th November indicating that the owners have objected to this. We need to find out what the objection is and what happens next. MW to contact Nathan by phone.	MW
3.6	Drains along Ashdene Road – MB emailed James Vine at Herts Highways and he responded by saying “when the drainage crew arrived on site it was found that the gullies outside the school required a dig out. In line with HCC’s policy these have been added to our gully dig out programme, to be completed within 12 months.”	

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4.0	Finance Payments out since last meeting	
	Bill Brace – Teak oil	£18.51
	John O’Conner – September	£167.70
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	Les Swain – rose triangle maintenance	£135.00
	Poppy wreath	£25.00
	Paul Curson – Aug - Oct	£179.70
	New amount from Nov increase of £2.02 per month	
	Payments in since last meeting	
	EHDC precept payment	£2255.00
	At 31.10.18 Current account balance is £13,251.31	
	HIBA account balance is £831.82	
	Charity account balance is £2787.69	
4.1	The precept form from EHDC was filled with an increase of 10% decided due to major works taking place in this financial year and 2019/2020 to the ponds in front of the school edging Ashdene Road. New amount will be £4961.00.	Noted
4.2	MB has submitted a form to HM Revenue and Customs for a VAT refund 2017/2018. The amount being refunded will be £732.72.	Noted
4.3	An extensive form from Barclays Bank has been received requiring information about each councillor and what our business does. The relevant parts have been filled in.	MB
5.0	Planning	
	Demolition of annexe, stables, storage and garage buildings with construction of new house – Tudor Manor, White Stubbs Lane – this application has been submitted for appeal in Bristol.	Noted
	Replacement dwelling – Bucks Warren – permission granted.	
	Removal condition 2 of householder permitted development rights and condition 4 restricting occupancy to 12 weeks – Lodge Farm - this application has been submitted for appeal in Bristol.	
	Proposed alterations to rear roof - 2A Ashdene Road – this application has been submitted for appeal in Bristol.	
	Agricultural building – Home Farm – permission granted.	
	Proposed double storey side extension – 16 Well Row – status ongoing.	
	Change of use and conversion of 2 no. barns to create 3 no. 3 bedroomed dwellings including demolition of lean to, erection of single storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration. Insertion of new doors and windows to both barns. – Lodge Farm – status ongoing.	
	It was decided to write to EHDC planning raising varying concerns of BPC over yet	

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	another planning application from this address.	
	Single storey rear extension. Conversion of garage replacing garage doors for windows – The Granary, Bayfordbury Park Farm – status ongoing.	
	Double garage and single storey front extension – 30 Bayford Green – status ongoing.	
	Public speaking at the EHDC Development Management Committee Meeting – councillors allowed to speak at any of their meetings for up to 3 minutes providing the parish council has submitted comments in relation to a planning application.	
6.0	Any Other Business	
6.1	Telecom Mast – there has been received a new proposal site but this time the mast will be on private farm land and 30m high. An email was received on the 16 th October from Harlequin Group re a pre-planning application consultation. MW to ring Niall Kelleher for a better location map and whether local residents have yet been notified.	MW
6.2	Rumballs Hump – Significant earthworks noted, and it would appear to be 11 pitches in use now. Although under the new district plan 11 pitches will eventually be allowed it appears to have taken place prematurely. MW to write to the Enforcement Officer re our concerns and also write to Jo Robb re the blockage that occurs to Bayford Lane for a period of time when new homes arrive together with bank and road sign damage which seems unreasonable.	MW
6.3	Ponds in front of school / Ashendene Road – this area needs renovating, precept payment for 2019/2020 will be raised to help cover the costs. Initially a working party will take place on Sunday 6 th January 2019 at 10.00am to clear the site. A reserve date has also been noted of 13 th January if weather is bad on the 6 th or there is work remaining to be done. All help welcomed. After this a quote will be obtained from either Peter Musk or Brookmans Park Tree Surgery to fell the larger trees where necessary. Following this advice will be taken from Lewis Collins re the pond maintenance. MB to notify the school.	All councillor
6.4	Willow Corner Pond – Neil Morris has obtained 2 quotes from Mark Walker Grounds Maintenance re cutting the grasses 16 times per year in the parish at a cost of £960.00 + vat although the sports field was not included. Map of the areas to be forwarded to NM. Maintenance to the pond area to include strimming and hedge trimming at a cost of £420.00 + vat. These 2 quotes were noted and a decision re the contract for 2019/2020 will be made when we have John O'Connors quote.	Noted
6.5	Speeding Update – JH recently attended a PCC Road Safety Fund workshop and with the backing of KC has submitted a form for a Feasibility Study to be carried out in the village by HCC to see what would be best for our village road system particularly in view of a number of speeding accidents in the village recently.	Noted
6.6	Planning Responses – MW has asked all councillors to please respond to all planning applications they receive whether they have any concerns to raise or not.	All councillor
6.7	Dip in Ashendene Road – AF reported that this is apparently getting worse in the village but there are several roads in the area similar and one in Essendon has recently been repaired.	Noted
6.8	Hedge around Softleys boundary - JH stated that the hedge needs trimming as it is encroaching on the road. MW to write to the owner asking if she would allow us to trim it.	MW

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6.9	Lower Hatfield Road – KC reported that there is a large project to take place within this financial year to re do the road signs along this road.	Noted

7.0 Date and time of Next Meeting

28th January 2019 – BPC Mtg

25th March 2019 – Parish Assembly

13th May 2019 – Annual Mtg

8th July 2019 – BPC Mtg

2nd September 2019 – BPC Mtg

18th November 2019 – BPC Mtg

All meetings in village hall and start at 8.15pm

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.45pm

Signed.....

Date:.....