

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

Bayford Village Hall

DATE

13th January 2020

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chairman), Alan Fitzjohn, Bob Orme, Jane Honeyman, George Rowley and Maggie Broomer (clerk), 5 members of the public.

CIRCULATION

Above listed + Linda Haysey and Ken Crofton

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	Linda Haysey and Ken Crofton	
2.0	Minutes of the previous meeting	
2.1	Minutes of the previous meeting were read, agreed by the Councillors and signed by the Chairman. Item 6.1 was amended to read Converted horsebox and Bayford Church PCC.	Noted
3.0	Matters Arising	
	Lifebelts to be fitted this weekend – weather permitting. Road sign at Bayford end of Bucks Alley to match one by Little Berkhamsted village. BO to measure it.	BO
4.0	Finance Expenditure since last meeting	Noted
	John O’Conner – November	£167.70
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	BT telephone kiosk	£1.00
	Paul Curson litter picking Nov - Jan	£191.34
	HBPT	£20.00
	Poppy wreath	£25.00
	At 31.12.19 Current account balance is £15068.42	
	HIBA account balance is £833.90	
	Charity account balance is £2794.64	
4.1	Online banking is now complete and is in use.	Noted
4.2	Charity Commission return has been filled in.	Noted

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5.0	Planning	Noted
	Erection of pole barn for storage of animal feed and farm machinery (retrospective) – Bayford Hall Farm – permission refused.	
	Replace existing rear flat roof with a pitched roof – 31 Ashdene Road – permission granted.]	
	Prior notification for track improvements – Weepings Wood, Bayford Lane – prior approval not required. This was an application from professional planners and needs to be monitored for future applications by this council. A local resident had their home address entered on to the planning application as a “related case” without their permission. They are pursuing this with the Enforcement team at EHDC.	
	Change of use of agricultural land to a Holiday Caravan Touring Park with 36 caravan spaces, shepherds hut and facilities – 1 Model Cottage White Stubbs Lane opposite Bencroft Wood – permission refused (A number of residents opposed this application, 1 supported) – this comes under Brickendon Parish. For our information only at present.	
6.0	Clerks Notices	
6.1	Echo – new police website to gather richer intelligence about concerns of residents. PCSO details can be obtained. Public feedback service. Not for reporting crime.	Noted
6.2	Ashdene bridleway – clearance work nearly finished and a 2m width has been obtained where possible.	Noted
6.3	Bill Brace stepped down from doing maintenance of the bus shelter. Many thanks to him for his work over the years.	Noted
6.4	Simon Barrow has sent an email to Mike offering his grass cutting services. We will contact him for a quote towards the end of February when our contract with John O’Conner is up for renewal.	Noted
6.5	Village Clean Up to take place on Sunday 22 nd March 2020 at 10am. Residents to be notified by email in the parish magazine and a notice on our boards. As many volunteers as possible are required.	Noted/GR
6.6	Station parking – now full every day by 9am. Cars are parking on the verge just off the main road towards Bayford. It has also been noted that Willow Corner laybys are being used by commuters. It has been decided to purchase a “No Parking residents only” sign for by the pond, the bus shelter area / the car park opposite the pub. These are all resident parking areas.	Noted/MB
6.7	Network Rail – Hornsmill Viaduct repairs. The B158 will be closed 20 th January, and the 10 th – 14 th February between the hours of 21.00 - 06.00. A signposted diversion will be in operation.	Noted
6.8	HCC have launched a Wildflower trial alongside 70 rural verges in the area – there will only be a cut once a year July/August 2020 – it will be 2 years before the first wildflowers appear.	Noted
6.9	Bucks Alley drain cleaning, resurfacing and repairs – due to emails and phone calls to Eurovia the contractors by BO and Ken Crofton all the drains in Bucks Alley are now to be cleaned as part of this work starting 13 th January.	Noted

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
7.0	Any Other Business	
7.1	Telephone kiosk – we have received another form to fill in from BT. This is a licence form. MB to email it to all councillors later tonight before MW signs it.	MB/All
7.2	Road Safety Fund Round 4 – the next round takes place this week. We are awaiting the costings of various recommended traffic calming measures.	JH/Noted
7.3	School Ponds – a working party will continue with the clearance this Saturday 18 th January late morning – weather permitting.	Noted
7.4	The Stables/Rumbells Hump – no further update from the Enforcement team at EHDC. MB to email LH for her help in getting some feedback from them.	MB/LH
7.5	AF reported that the broken stile at the far end of Church Cottages footpath will be repaired by Robert Sherriff.	Noted
7.6	AF stated that Peter Musk is going to be asked to look at several trees needing pruning.	AF
7.7	AF said that the new footpath by Church Cottages needs resurfacing and some maintenance where it is uneven and sloping. All materials will need transported by wheelbarrow.	AF
7.8	JH reported that the Fletchers and the Nordigans have ordered a new oak “No Parking” sign for the verge area by their joint properties.	Noted
7.9	Jason Ruben has redecorated the village hall, redone pipework and put in new radiators. New curtains are being made by another village resident. BPC to write and thank him.	Noted/MB
7.10	There are weeds around the bus stop verge, this will be tackled on litter picking morning.	Noted
7.11	Andrea Trendler promoted an exhibition at Hertford Museum in March on memories in Bayford and Little Berkhamsted. This Saturday in Little Berkhamsted village hall will be a time to go along and have any recollections, photos noted.	Noted

7.0 Date and time of Next Meeting 2020

All meetings in village hall at 8.15pm.

23rd March – Parish assembly

27th April - Annual meeting

13th July – BPC meeting

14th September – BPC meeting

23rd November – BPC meeting

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.35pm

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