

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

By videocall due Coronavirus restrictions

DATE

23rdth November 2020

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chairman), Alan Fitzjohn, Bob Orme, Jane Honeyman, George Rowley and Maggie Broomer (clerk) Linda Haysey and Ken Crofton and 3 villagers

CIRCULATION

Above listed

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	None	
2.0	Minutes of the previous meeting	
2.1	Minutes of the previous meeting were sent out to all councillors and will be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting when it can be held in village hall.	Noted
3.0	Matters Arising	
	No matters arising.	Noted
4.0	Finance	
	Payments out since last meeting	Noted/M W
	John O'Conner – September grass cutting	£167.70
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	Les Swain	£300.00
	Poppy Wreath	£25.00
	Paul Curson – Oct, Nov, Dec litter picking	£194.22
	At 30.9.20 Current account balance is £18539.84	
	HIBA account balance is £834.53	
	Charity account balance is £2796.76	
	Litter Picking has increased to £64.74 per month an increase of £1.04	
	Precept form to be filled in – it was agreed to keep it at the same amount as last year at £4961.00 last year. Form to be signed by MW when lockdown permits.	
4.1	Audit – BPC was late submitting its Certificate of Exemption but due to the confusion this year it is hoped we will not be fined.	Noted
5.0	Planning	
	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension – 46 Ashdene Road – permission refused.	Noted

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	<p>Enforcement Notice for 14 Well Row – large wooden building now erected – if the building complies with the conditions of permitted development then it will be deemed lawful. Site visit delayed due to lockdown but this will be arranged shortly. Concern was expressed by BPC that this was agricultural land and the building was not on skids.</p> <p>Weepings Wood – notification sent to planning re wood now being sold off in small areas and already a caravan plus various outbuildings onsite. Following clarification from J. Grocock one of the new owners of part of the wood said it will be used by the owners that have an overwhelming interest in woodlands and nature. JG has confirmed there is a tree preservation order in the wood on all trees. There was a covenant signed by all who have purchased part of the woods to not camp/stay overnight. No further action at present but BPC will monitor the situation.</p> <p>The Stables Bayford Lane – as a result of a recent enforcement case, it has been confirmed that the number of ‘units’ on the site does not exceed what is actually permitted. However it is the wording of the permissions that is questionable. It is now therefore necessary to obtain a legal opinion if the units are permitted or not within the realms of the permission - status ongoing.</p> <p>Demolition of existing garden stores and construction of a self- contained annexe – 58 Bayford Green – permission refused.</p> <p>Demolition of single storey outbuilding, construction of single storey outbuilding to serve as a home office and garden room – The Clock House, Ashendene - status ongoing.</p> <p>Conversion of garage, external housing for air source heat pump, electrical external socket for car, external alterations to include replacement windows and new external doors. Internal works to include creation of bathroom over garage and dry icing of beams –15 Ashendene Road - status ongoing</p> <p>Change of use of part of building from agriculture to storage of machinery and building materials for travellers sites in Herts by HCC Spatial Planning Unit at Home Farm – status ongoing. BPC have agreed to not object but did raise concerns re the number of times Bayford Lane would be used per week. AF stated that two visits per week might be made and that the vehicles used were transit type collecting fence posts and panels.</p>	
6.0	Clerks Notices	
6.1	<p>The Disclosable Pecuniary Interest forms for EHDC from each councillor need to be filled in again as EHDC lost our forms from last year. Still to be received from AF, BO, and GR. MB to resend them.</p>	MB
6.2	<p>Bayford Station Improvements – an email from Govia Thameslink stating that Bayford Station is to have – landscaping, Customer Information Screen, Covered cycle storage and an electric vehicle charge point.</p>	Noted
6.3	<p>Bayford School Pond entrance – after several visits by road safety officers they have expressed concern about this access being used. They advise closing this entrance for safety reasons and to use just the one entrance and park in the pub car park and the option of Park and Stride could be used. They were concerned about the proximity to the pond and the danger to children. Third party land would have to be acquired to make a footpath. No budget available. Short term parking restrictions would not stop the use of the road for children to walk to the entrance. This entrance will have to remain in use until the Covid restrictions are over.</p>	Noted
6.3	<p>Peter Musk – large tree at the junction of Ashendene Road and White Stubbs Lane has been removed.</p>	

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6.4	The road sign on the corner of the bend down from the church has been damaged several times the year and is awaiting Herts highways to repair/replace. Cost is a problem and it was discussed on KC advice to offer a contribution of up to £300. KC to find out how much a new sign would cost.	Noted/KC
6.5	A complaint from a resident at Bayford Green has been received re the continual lighting of bonfires in that area. EHDC currently advises, if possible, not have a bonfire at present. A note will be placed in the parish magazine and if polluting the atmosphere it is an Environmental Team issue at EHDC.	Noted/M W
7.0	Any Other Business	
7.1	School Pond update – no further work needed at present.	
7.2	Willow Corner Pond – general tidy up needed. Date was set for Sunday 6 th December at 10.00am or if wet same time following week. At the same time the bus shelter needs sweeping out and further pruning of the horse chestnut by the shelter. A 2 nd No Parking sign to be erected by the pond layby as well. The bin by the bus shelter seems to not get emptied MW to ask Paul Curson to do this when he litter picks.	Noted
7.3	Update on Blocked Drain at Willow Corner / Well Row - AF tried to clear it with his rods but came up against an obstacle. The manhole by No 14 Willow Corner was full of water. KC to contact James Vine at HH again to see when they will come and try and unblock it.	KC
7.4	War Memorial – The war memorial needs to be professionally cleaned. We have been given a recommendation from the person who used to do the work for us – a Lee Carroll. He has been contacted for a quote to clean and put a protective covering on it. This has been delayed due to lockdown.	Noted
7.5	Telephone Box – the wood parts are rotten. BO to have a look to see what needs doing and if superglue will work he will bring a large amount home from work to do this but the work can only be done in the summer.	BO
7.6	Church Wall – the churchyard is still classified as open. If it were closed it would have fallen on the PC to maintain it. The wall is listed and therefore very expensive to repair. A quote stating £75k has been received some time ago.	Noted
7.7	There is a leaning rotten post by the village sign at the church – AF to look into this.	AF
7.8	JH reported that the Road Safety Fund is active but is slow moving.	Noted
7.9	LH – the district council is asking for donations to fill shoe boxes for any vulnerable villagers. Please let her know if there are any required in the village.	Noted
7.10	Jason Grocock commented on how good it was to see the support from both LH and KC at the meeting.	Noted
8.0	Date and time of Next Meeting 2021 11 th January 2021 – BPC meeting Meeting ended at 9.25pm.	

Signed.....

Date:.....

