

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

Bayford Village Hall

DATE

25th November 2019

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chairman), Alan Fitzjohn, Bob Orme, Jane Honeyman and Maggie Broomer (clerk), 10 members of the public.

CIRCULATION

Above listed + George Rowley, Linda Haysey and Ken Crofton

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	Linda Haysey	
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.	Noted
3.0	Matters Arising	
	MW has yet to arrange a meeting between BPC, Baker Arms and McMullens.	MW
4.0	Finance	
	Expenditure since last meeting	Noted
	Payments out since last meeting	
	John O'Conner – August	£167.70
	John O'Conner – Sept / Oct	£335.40
	M. Swain – rose triangle/ footpath maintenance	£165.00
	Paul Curson litter picking Aug. – Oct	£189.48
	Lifebuoy Rings – M.Broomer	£105.44
	Income	
	EHC Litter Picking – 6.10.19 Increase of £1.86 per month	£765.37
	EHC Precept payment 27.9.19	£2480.50
	At 3.10.19 Current account balance is £15,617.52	
	HIBA account balance is £833.48	
	Charity account balance is £2793.25	

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4.1	The precept payment form from EHC was filled in for 2020/21. It was decided to request the same payment as this year £4961. Although there is a healthy balance in the current account there will be expenditure on some of the traffic calming measures recommended in the Feasibility Study.	Noted/MB
4.2	Online banking with Barclays Bank has not yet been finalised, awaiting JH,GR and BO to fill out a form and take ID in to our local branch.	Noted/GR JH,BO
4.3	Grass Cutting contract – John O’Conner have lost the contract with EHC from the end of this year so will have very little work in this area. A new company called Glendale Services is taking over and will be in contact in the new year. Our current contract runs until the end of March 2020.	Noted
5.0	Planning Rumballs Hump/The Stables – letter submitted to planning on 4 th July – update – ongoing enforcement case. There have been complications with an issue on this site that has delayed any feedback to us. Construction of detached four bay garage – The Granary, Bayfordbury – permission refused. Demolition of conservatory, 2 storey front and rear extensions, front porch and balcony, alterations to roof – 3 Broad Green Wood – permission granted. Demolition of store room, construction of single storey rear extension – 10 Willow Corner – permission granted. Erection of pole barn for storage of animal feed and farm machinery (retrospective) – Bayford Hall Farm - status ongoing Replace existing rear flat roof with a pitched roof – 31 Ashdene Road - status ongoing.	Noted
6.0	Any Other Business	
6.1	Horsebox - has left the village after a letter was written to them on behalf of Bayford PCC whose land they were parked on stating there would be legal action if they did not move by a set deadline. This will be monitored for the time being. Vago Nordigan has asked for a wooden sign to be put up in the parking area by the church to state “No overnight parking allowed”. Apparently Colin Taylor is arranging this. MW to contact CT to confirm this. VN also reported that grass cuttings are being left between Acorn Bank and Church Cottages. AF to speak to Neville Hudson as his gardener may be responsible.	MW/AF
6.2	Bucks Alley sign – dimensions are still needed. BO to measure this and then MB can order one to match the Little Berkhamsted sign.	BO/MB
6.3	Telephone Kiosk – contract was signed at meeting, MB to send it to BT together with a cheque for £1. Jason Ruben has offered to sort out the electrics to the box. Future uses for the box are yet to be decided.	MB/Noted
6.4	JH – stated that the preliminary results of the study are in. Due to no street lighting we are limited to what measures we can do. The following were suggestions:- A staggered speed limit along Ashdene Road suggested 60 – 40 - 30 mph. An unmanned pedestrian crossing by the school with a possible 20mph speed limit at the school in the morning and afternoon busy times. Clearer markings at the rose triangle. Anti skid surfacing. Clearer bend signage for the sharp bend in Bayford Lane just down from the church.	Noted

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	Weight restrictions on the lanes. Pathway to Bayford Station .It was suggested the banks could be flattened to allow pedestrian to walk on them rather than in the road.	
6.5	Bayford School ponds – water level is still low at present and in contrast the overflow pipe is located high up. Mounds of sludge to be flattened and levelled out. Plants around the pond need strimming.AF to trim the front hedge. A meeting is to be arranged with the new head of Bayford School Dr Malcolm Foster to get an idea of how he would like the ponds to be landscaped for the pupils use.	Noted
6.6	AF – asked if there was any way of knowing for the future when fireworks would be set off in the village so as pet owners could be aware. There was no definite answer to this problem.	Noted
6.7	Joyce Mentern – said the horse chestnut tree by bus shelter needs pruning.	Noted
6.8	Bayford Lane footpath – MB said that the stile reported to HCC a year ago still has not been repaired and it is now in a bad state. MB has left another answerphone message. HCC have agreed in the past that a stile is needed due to the close proximity of the road and they will repair it.	Noted
6.9	AF said the bridleway between Bucks Alley and Bayford House needs some maintenance. Andrea Trendler to report back re the permitted width allowed for a bridleway.	Noted
6.10	JR has checked the defib today and battery level is ok. There is also a defib at the cricket club and at Acorn Bank.	Noted
6.11	JM said the new footpath by Church Cottages is unstable and slippery it needs extra chippings. AF and BO have offered to sort this.	AF/BO
6.12	Maureen Whyman stated £2000 was raised at the Bayford Christmas Fair yesterday and this is to be split between the school and the church.	Noted
6.13	Bayford Councillors names to be listed on both noticeboards with the contact point being the pc@begesford.co.uk email address.	MB
6.14	Village Clean Up - provisional date to be confirmed by GR – Sunday 22 nd March 2020.	GR

7.0 Date and time of Next Meeting 2020

All meetings in village hall at 8.15pm.

13th January – BPC meeting

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

Signed.....

Date:.....

