

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

ayford Village Hall

DATE

26th November 2015

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chairman), Alan Fitzjohn, Bob Orme, George Rowley
Maggie Broomer (clerk) and 8 members of the public.

CIRCULATION

Above listed + Jane Honeyman, Linda Haysey

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	Jane Honeyman, Ken Crofton, Colin Taylor, Jason Ruben	
2.0	Minutes of previous meeting	
2.1	Minutes of the previous meeting were read, signed and agreed by all the councillors.	Noted
3.0	Matters Arising	
3.1	Rose Triangle – David Mann has yet to confirm the 1 year contract that we are awarding him. MW to chase this.	MW
3.2	Bridleway, verges, village hall, cricket field and sports field – getting original documents for proof of ownership is impossible to obtain so MW to approach Land Registry and see if they will accept the copies we have.	MW
4.0	Finance	
4.1	Payments since last meeting:	
	Paul Curson – Sept and Oct	£115.80
	John O’Conner – August	£159.72
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	Bill Brace (Teak Oil)	£59.76
	Friendly Club Xmas lunch	£25.00
	C. Nunn (poppy wreath)	£25.00

At 30.10.15 Current account balance is £13,859.75

At 30.10.15 HIBA account balance is £829.94

At 30.10.15 Charity account balance is £2781.28

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4.2	<p>Precept for 2016/17</p> <p>Exceptional expenditure planned for 2016 – 2017</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Defibrillator -</td> <td>£1,673</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Life belt for pond</td> <td>£200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tree surgery by pond</td> <td>£1,880</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Playground</td> <td>£16,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lewis pond consultancy,</td> <td>£1,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Support for Memorial Hall</td> <td>£250</td> </tr> </table> <p>It is likely that we will be able to obtain grants towards some of these expenses, but clearly this Council is facing a year or two of significant exceptional expenditure. We therefore propose to increase our precept by 10% from £4100 to £4510. We note that this Council has kept the precept at the same level for several years, and therefore an increase on this scale is reasonable, and will enable this Council to proceed with these plans.</p>	Defibrillator -	£1,673	Life belt for pond	£200	Tree surgery by pond	£1,880	Playground	£16,000	Lewis pond consultancy,	£1,000.	Support for Memorial Hall	£250	Noted
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4.3	<p>BDO Audit – this was duly returned and the two points raised were :- “Although a precept was set by the due date the council did not prepare an adequate budget to support and evidence the precept request.” This has been addressed by item 4.2 for next year.</p> <p>The council have included grant monies received in box 2 rather than box 3 - other receipts.</p>													
5.0	<p>Planning</p>													
5.1	<p>Proposed side and rear extensions – West Stable, Ashendene – appellant is appealing</p> <p>Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and loft conversion with 3 dormers to rear – 48 Ashendene Road – permission granted.</p> <p>Demolition of existing barns and erection of three dwellings with garaging and parking – permission refused.</p> <p>Further internal alterations to The Manor House – permission granted.</p> <p>Demolition of detached outbuilding in rear garden and replacement with new garage/garden room – Spring Cottage, Bayford Green – status ongoing.</p>	Noted												
6.0	<p>Any Other Business</p>													
6.1	<p>Defibrillator</p> <p>No further developments at present, but the precept payment has been increased to reflect the cost of purchase. Bayford Hall committee are planning a quiz evening to raise funds for this. Ken Crofton has suggested various means of funding – MB to contact.</p>	Noted/MB												
6.2	<p>Willow Corner Pond</p> <p>Thanks to GWR and BO for all their hard work in clearing the area around the pond. Thanks also to some of the Willow Corner residents for refreshments and the Baker Arms for the offer of food and drink when more work is carried out. On behalf of the residents Neil Morris thanked the BPC for their work. Lewis Collins to come in the spring to supervise AF clearing the pond with his digger, also he is to plant Norfolk Reed , supply and install Siltex and liase with the Environment Agency.</p>	NotedMB												

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	<p>Peter Musk to remove tree in pond and prune the weeping willow. MB to contact re a date for the work.</p> <p>Posts to be replaced and hard standing provided and at the same time new posts will be erected around rose triangle.</p> <p>A lifebuoy is to be purchased and erected by the pond.</p>	
6.3	<p>Rural Broadband Meeting</p> <p>GWR and Paul Smith attended the recent Broadband meeting. There appear to be no plans for the superfast service from the church to the B158 via Bayford Lane. The rest of the village is on the map and is scheduled for the end of 2017/ early 2018.</p>	MW
6.4	<p>Playground</p> <p>There are 3 options re the playground :- Do nothing Repair existing Move to new site and buy new equipment. It will be necessary to issue a survey to all the residents in the village for their views. NM has offered to hand deliver these. Response could be by email. Gardens Day may be able to help with funding this new project. Present site to be locked permanently – AF to do this It was suggested wooden picnic tables would be good as would matting on the grass for parking. MW to sort out a time plan before next meeting.</p>	Noted/MW
6.5	<p>The demolished road sign on the road to the station has now been repaired by AF and reinstalled. Thanks to him. Also the owner of the car that hit this will subsequently be sent a bill for this work.</p>	Noted
6.6	<p>Quarry</p> <p>The enforcement notice was served in June it has still to put into practice but apparently about to be implemented.. The new objection by Lyons has been rejected – they are now in breach of their operating licence and there are height issues as well as contamination issues. The overfill is so significant and should be dealt with in the water Hall complex but concern is raised that this could be being used to try and force the unwanted extension and opening Broad Green or Bunkers South against local wishes. This could be one of the largest active illegal sites now in the UK. 2 more independent surveys are to be requested. There has been concern expressed by a resident below Bunkers of the threat of a landslide due to the height of the infill. Lorries should not be using the route past County Hall/B158 to get to the quarry but instead the A414 and Holwell Lane. A letter is to be sent to Brian Owen re the BPC's concerns.</p>	GR
6.7	<p>The email from Dawn Grocock re metal on bridleway near junction of Ashendene and White Stubbs Lane has been sorted by AF.</p>	
6.8	<p>There is currently work being carried out to council properties at Willow Corner, Riversmead gave permission for the fenced off area on the grass but unfortunately the contractors Bensons have used BPC land. They are to make good the site when the work is finished.</p>	Noted
6.9	<p>War Memorial – JH has been in touch with Peter Hilliard in the summer but he had a back problem and would be in contact when better. JH to chase this up.</p>	Noted/JH
6.10	<p>DriveSafe Petition – JH has so far 15 residents interested in this action. She has sent the details to the Police and Crime Commissioner and awaiting response</p>	Noted

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	which could take up to 3 months.	
6.11	BO has asked if we could get Highways to erect 2 signs at each end of Bucks Alley re a lorry ban as it is used as a cut through on the lorry sat nav. MW to write a letter.	Noted/MW
6.12	Due to cost it is unlikely that Bayford will be getting a footpath to the station similar to the one to Brickendon.	Noted
6.13	Maintenance is needed to the pond in front of the school in Ashdene Road – ownership is not clear.	Noted
6.14	The area around the bus stop needs weeding.	
7.0	Proposed date of future meeting at 8.00pm - 2016	
7.1	Thursday 28 th January – BPC meeting Thursday 24 th March – Parish Assembly Thursday 12 th May – Annual Meeting Thursday July 7 th – BPC meeting	Noted
	There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.45pm	

Signed.....

Date:.....