

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

Bayford JMI School

DATE

15th September 2014

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chairman), Alan Fitzjohn, Jane Honeyman, George Rowley, Maggie Broomer (Clerk), Bob Orme, Lynda Haysey and 10 members of the public.

CIRCULATION

Above listed

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	None	
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	Peter Musk needs chasing for a report on the trees in the playground and around the pond.	Noted
3.2	A grant towards the cost of the recent renovation of the war memorial from EHDC was thought possible by MW but LH thought it was unlikely. The War Memorial Trust will not give any financial help.	Noted
3.3	Neville Hudson asked if the proposed wooden posts around the triangle would be prone to being knocked down and on the grass areas difficult to cut but it was explained that both should be ok. AF to erect the posts shortly.	Noted
4.0	Finance	
4.1	Payments since last meeting	Noted
	Paul Curson – June / July	£114.58
	St Albans Diocese	£75.00
	Hilliard Masonry	£2000.00
	EHDC Playground Inspection	£55.86
	John O’Conner – June / July	£290.40
	Paid in	
	UK Power Networks	£5.75

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	At 29.08.14 Current account balance is £7458.65	
	At 28.07.14 HIBA account balance is £829.42	
4.2	As of the 1 st April 2014 the school will now charge us for the use of the hall for our meetings at a cost of £20.00 per hour. If the village hall were available it may be possible to have our meetings there as the rates are cheaper.	Noted
5.0	Planning	
5.1	Listed building consent for demolition of existing garage and construction of a replacement garage – Lilac Cottage – permission granted	Noted
	Listed building consent for internal alterations to the Orangery to provide partial subdivision – 1 Bayfordbury Mansion – permission granted	
	Householder application for single storey rear extension, first floor side extension and loft conversion - 11 Broad Green Wood – status ongoing	
	Single storey rear/side extension to replace existing outbuilding with extended patio – 14 Willow Corner – permission granted	
	Construction of storey and a half side and rear extension and single storey rear extension and new detached garage – 20 Well Row – permission granted	
5.2	The proposed quarry at Broad Green appeal lasted 3 days. It emerged that the University/ Observatory had a very strong case against this area being developed. There was also a strong representation from the village. It now could be up to 2 months before the decision will be known.	Noted
6.0	Any Other Business	
6.1	Playground – the recent report from EHDC found only low / very low risk problems. Relocation - it would appear expensive to move all the existing equipment. Certain items would have to be replaced. Possibly up to the value of £5000 initially – using all of the charity account money. It was questioned whether mats would be needed on top of grass. David Sitwell asked why the playground was moving, and MW replied because of the sloping land, overhanging trees it was hardly used. The land is owned by St Albans Diocese, it is not known what would happen to the land if the playground was moved. MW hoped to have the playground relocated and fully functioning by next spring.	Noted
6.2	Willow Corner Pond – more research is needed. Groundworks may be able to help - MW to contact them.	Noted/ MW
6.3	Yellow lines at school and Station – should have happened in Summer. This will need to be chased by contacting Ken Crofton HCC.	Noted/ MB
6.4	AF commented on the increase in cyclists using the lanes but there was little we can do to stop them.	Noted
6.5	A request from Colin Taylor has been received re a donation to the Memorial Hall from BPC. It was agreed to give £500.	Noted/ MB
6.6	The new proposed electoral boundaries were approved.	Noted
6.7	Bayford has yet to do a village/ parish plan. MW to speak to Brickendon PC who have done one and to also get further details on a Community Asset Register..	Noted/ MW

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6.8	MW stated that a new councillor would be needed shortly. Any offers greatly received.	Noted
6.9	EHDC has funding available for various projects in the parishes.	Noted
7.0	Date of Future Meetings	
	Monday 24 th November – PCM	
	Monday 19 th January – PCM	
	All meetings at 8pm.	

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.10pm

Signed.....

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