

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

Bayford Village Hall

DATE

17th September 2015

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

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

CIRCULATION

Above listed + Jane Honeyman, George Rowley

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	Jane Honeyman, George Rowley, David Sitwell, Colin Taylor	
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	The Stables, Bayford Lane – an objection letter was written to EHDC Planning Dept. but apart from the type of street lighting being used they plan to not follow up any other points raised in our letter.	Noted
3.2	Bridleway – Three solicitors have been written to regarding original documents for ownership of this piece of land and other verges in Bayford. As yet only one Moon Beever have replied and they only have copies of title deeds and documents relating to roadside verges previously owned by the Clinton Baker family. In their letter they state that the originals were given to parish council at the time.	Noted
4.0	Finance	
4.1	Payments since last meeting:	
	Paul Curson – July and August	£115.80
	John O’Conner – May and June	£319.44
	St Albans Diocese	£75.00
	John O’Conner – July	£159.72
	EHDC Playground Inspection	£59.76
	At 28.08.15 Current account balance is £11,980.49	
	At 28.08.15 HIBA account balance is £829.84	
	At 28.08.15 Charity account balance is £2780.93	

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5.0	Planning	
5.1	<p>Planning permissions:</p> <p>Replacement of stables, Bayford Hall Farm – permission granted</p> <p>Change of use and conversion of an existing barn to 1 dwelling – Flanbury Oaks, Ashendene Road – permission refused</p> <p>Single storey rear extension – Spring Cottage, 37 Bayford Green – permission granted</p> <p>Proposed side and rear extensions – West Stable, Ashendene – permission refused</p> <p>Internal alterations to Bayford Manor – permission granted</p> <p>Further internal alterations to Bayford Manor – status ongoing</p> <p>Rear and side extensions to The Directors House, Bayfordbury - permission refused</p> <p>The Stables, Bayford Lane – update of BPC complaint letter</p> <p>Proposed 2.5 storey rear extension, new garage to front and side summer room, The Directors House – status ongoing.</p>	
6.0	Any Other Business	
	Defibrillator	
6.1	<p>A defibrillator in a security coded stainless steel case to be placed on the outside wall of the village hall would cost £2020 from Community Heartbeat or £1673 from Primary Care Supplies. This price includes training from both companies and the code to open the case would be obtained from the local ambulance service to stop any vandalism. Bayford Gardens – no funds available at present ?? maybe next Open Day in 2016. It was felt by all that this would be a valuable lifesaving piece of equipment for the village. Jason the chairman of Bayford Hall committee has suggested a quiz night that they would host to raise money for this in the near future.</p>	Noted
	Rose Triangle	
6.2	<p>Two Quotes have been received from - Les Swain for yearly maintenance of £295 and to replace existing rose bushes - £246. Additionally, an offer has been received from David Mann of D and R Property Services with free maintenance but with board advertising company. It was felt that David Mann would be given a trial period of 1 year but first MB to speak to Les to see if he would prefer the option of similar terms.</p>	MB
	Willow Corner Pond	
6.3	<p>A quote has been received from Peter Musk re pollarding trees and brambles - £1885 + VAT</p> <p>MW had a meeting at the pond with Groundwork and they suggested that specialist contractors are needed to clear the pond and reinstate it back to an attractive feature. MB said that recently she had used a company called Ponds by Lewis</p>	MB

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	Collins who would be able to undertake the work and he is coming to look at the pond on Saturday 19 th Sept.	
	Rural Broadband Meeting	
6.4	Mark Prisk, our local MP, is holding a special conference for local communities to discuss an upgrade in Broadband in our area. There are places for 2 representatives from each PC to attend on 6 th November in Ware. MW and possibly Paul Smith to attend as he has already researched a lot about Broadband in Bayford.	MW
	Playground	
6.5	The playground inspection report has been received from EHDC with several areas needing attention. It was felt for the time being to close and lock the playground to prevent use until a decision has been made re its future use. Kompan – appear to be the most reasonable priced company. But with only 4 pieces of equipment the prices are as follows :- A carousal with bars - £1890 Installation - £242 Seesaw with tyres - £740 Installation - £270 Two bay Swing - £3550 Installation - £552 Komplay combination - £3300 Installation - £677 Grassmats - £5662 Total - £16,883 without VAT	Noted
6.6	Additional funding for any of the above projects – Herts County Council – have a locality budget of 10k for use in the parish. EHDC – grant (there was £67k in the pot but money will have been given to various ventures on 7 th September 2015. There may be no more money until April 2016. Clare Pullen is our contact at EHDC re this grant. We need to fundraise in the parish, and consult with all the residents, a letter of support from playgroups / school would help. EHDC will give between 30 – 50% of the total and have suggested asking for donations from residents. If money given we have up to 1 year to complete.	Noted
	Quarry	
6.7	No change at present although quieter than recently. GR to chase County next week re materials, topsoil and end date to farming. Still awaiting copy of meeting notes.	GR
	Sundries	
6.8	Village Hierarchy Study 2015 – this has been received from EHDC awarding the village points relating to Services and Facilities in the village. This is all part of the ongoing District Plan.	Noted
6.9	The white lettering on the village signs has been painted by Bob Harris. A letter of thanks has been sent by MB.	Noted
6.10	Mobile library is due to cease on 30 th October 2015	Noted

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6.11	Beryl Callaby raised that there are some overhanging branches from trees along Ashdene Road that need attention.	Noted
6.12	LH mentioned the Rural Conference at Braughing tomorrow if anyone was interested.	Noted
6.13	MW stated that the soakaways in Ashdene Road are blocked despite the road being brushed in June.	Noted
7.0	Proposed date of future meeting	
7.1	Thursday 26 th November 2015 – PCM at 8.00pm. There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.30pm	Noted

Signed.....

Date:.....