

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

Bayford Village Hall

DATE

27th November 2014

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chairman), Alan Fitzjohn, Jane Honeyman, George Rowley, Maggie Broomer (Clerk), Bob Orme, Councillor Ken Crofton and 4 members of the public.

CIRCULATION

Above listed + Linda Haysey

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	Linda Haysey	
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 due to personal reasons has had his work has delayed this year. MW to contact him again.	MW
3.2	All future BPC meetings will be held in village hall due to there now being a charge to use the school.	Noted
3.3	Yellow lines at the school are now all done but station still needs to be painted. The delay is apparently due to cars being parked there on weekdays.	Noted
3.4	Broad Green quarry report further on in meeting.	Noted
3.5	The public access sign at Bayfordbury should now have been taken down.	Noted
4.0	Finance	
4.1	Payments since last meeting	Noted
	Paul Curson – August/ September	£114.58
	Bayford Memorial Hall – donation	£500.00
	John O’Conner – August	£145.20
	Joy Hargreaves – poppy wreath	£25.00
	John O’Conner – September/October	£290.40

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	At 30.09.14 Current account balance is £8402.61	
	At 28.10.14 HIBA account balance is £829.53	
	At 30.09.14 Charity account balance is £2779.89	
4.2	Thanks from the Chairman to David Sitwell and David Broomer for preparing the accounts and acting as internal auditor.	Noted
4.3	BDO report – apart from grant monies received in box 2 rather than box 3 there were no other matters raised in the report.	Noted
4.4	It was agreed to pay £20.00 subscription to Herts Building Preservation Trust.	MB
4.5	The precept payment for next year was set at £4100.00 – no change.	MB
4.6	It was agreed to donate £50.00 to Friendly Club Christmas lunch.	MB
4.7	Letter of thanks received from Colin Taylor on behalf of village hall committee for our donation of £500.00.	Noted
5.0	Planning	
5.1	Householder application for single storey rear extension, first floor side extension and loft conversion - 11 Broad Green Wood – permission granted	Noted
	Water Hall – the appeal hearing – extension of excavation for gravel to Broad Green – outcome dismissed. Application for the variation of condition 2 (timescales) retain materials recovery facility – outcome allowed. Application for the variation of conditions 4,25, and 54 (timescales) to extend time limit for the completion of restoration of Water Hall, Southfields and Bunkers Hill quarries – outcome allowed.	
	Erection of ancillary dayroom building and retention of earth works – The Stables Bayford Lane Bayford – status ongoing.	
	Demolition of flood damaged buildings and proposed new retail building – Riverside Garden Centre, Bayford – status ongoing.	
5.2	The proposed quarry at Broad Green - the appeal was rejected. Details under Water Hall above. Bunkers is apparently overfull - County are to review this on Tuesday 2 nd December.	Noted
5.3	The Stables – letter to be written to planning re the councils concerns. BPC not against the dayroom but are against the possible implications of another planning application in view of other conditions in the past that were recommended and have as yet to be implemented. Examples of this are moving the entrance and planting of only native species , where there is a Leylandii hedge.	Noted/MB
6.0	Any Other Business	
6.1	Playground – a company called Broadmead have been recommended by EHDC. An initial quote from them needs a site visit for a more accurate price. KC suggested contacting the clerk at Watton at Stone parish council as they have done something similar recently. EHDC will match any payment of BPC up to £9000.00.It was suggested getting sponsorship but as the site is not on a main road this was thought not possible.	Noted

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6.2	Bridleway, Ashendene Road – more funding now available and the extended work to Bayford House is due to start on 20 th January 2015. Better signage for the path and pruning of overhanging trees/shrubs is needed.	Noted/ MW
6.3	Maureen Whyman and Terry Haynes raised about the new signs re parking restrictions at the school. They are not in keeping with the village and are out of proportion with other signs in the area. KC said that HCC have no money to replace them and that regulations state this is the correct size. BPC to write a letter of complaint MW to pursue.	MW
6.4	There are several off road cars in various stages of maintenance parked in front of and on the land near to the school entrance. This land is owned by Riversmead. MW to contact them.	MW
6.5	AF commented on the potholes in Bayford Lane particularly one BT service hatch subsidence near his farm. He also stated that the new posts around the village pond, rose triangle and war memorial will be erected in January. BO has unblocked some drains in Bucks Alley.	Noted
6.6	The manure outside 4A Ashendene Road was again raised. KC has said that this time he will report it as it is probably on Highways land.	Noted
6.7	It was reported that Bayford Pre School now have a new play house and slide.	Noted
6.8	Bill Brace announced that after several years he would be stepping down from doing the maintenance of the bus shelter and the wooden seats – MW thanked him very much for his help. BB also reported that there was graffiti in the bus shelter. Neil Morris stated that most had now been cleaned off. It was suggested reporting this to our local PCSO.	Noted
6.9	EHDC has funding available for various projects in the parishes.	Noted
6.10	A quote has been received from Harry Stebbing for a new “Residents Car Park” sign by the bus shelter. This would cost £297.00. MW to look into this.	MW
6.11	MB reported that recently there had been varying notices poked into our notice board by the bus shelter. A small note has been placed inside the board to discourage this happening again.	Noted

7.0 Date of Future Meetings

Thursday 22nd January – PCM

All meetings at 8pm.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.35pm

Signed.....

Date:.....