

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

Bayford Village Hall

DATE

10th March 2025

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Assembly Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chair), Alan Fitzjohn, Bob Orme, George Rowley, Oliver Riley, Christopher Orme, Ken Crofton HCC councillor and Maggie Broomer (clerk), 6 members of the public

CIRCULATION

Above listed + Bob Deering

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	Bob Deering EHDC Councillor	Noted
2.0	Introduction by the Chair	
3.0	Chairs Report	
3.1	<p>We have again carried out the routine tasks, such as, cutting the grass, litter picking and commenting on planning applications. There have been numerous planning applications. Some of these have been resolved but others are ongoing. The events at Bell's Wood have exercised both this Council and residents this year. The absence of paperwork relating to a possible original planning consent and licensing has been the primary cause of this uncertainty. This matter is possibly close to being resolved. However given the investment already made in the site, it will probably have some way to run.</p> <p>The road safety initiative, started as long ago as 2019 but is still on going, but commitments have been made to refurbish the rose triangle next year. We are grateful to Jane Honeyman for her continuing involvement in the matter.</p> <p>The Baker Arms has also been on the agenda throughout the year. The change of government removed the initial source of funding and we are now waiting to see if this government reinstates a community funding scheme. We are also waiting for Mc Mullen's to make a planning application and we want to ensure that the ROW issue is resolved satisfactorily.</p> <p>The issue of School parking has again been raised by the School Governors. The matter is in the hands of EHDC.</p> <p>The parking of a caravan and lorry on the Bayfordbury land opposite Bayfordbury Park Farm has also caused concerns. EHDC acted quickly to remove the caravan but the lorry and other rubbish is still there.</p> <p>It has been proposed to improve the grass verge on the road to the station to allow this to be used as a grass path off the road for people walking to the station.</p> <p>We have again tidied the School ponds and the village ponds, thanks to Bob.</p>	Noted

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	George and their teams.	
	We would like to thank on behalf of the Parish all those who have contributed to the wellbeing of Bayford residents and sought to improve life in the village. We would thank all Councillors, members of FOBA, CBS, our Council representatives, Ken Crofton and Bob Deering, for their work during this year. Also Paul Curson for litter picking. And finally we would like to thank Maggie, our clerk who has prepared all the minutes and notices and compiled the accounts and generally kept us on the straight and narrow.	
4.0	AOB	
4.1	Baker Arms - we are awaiting to view the plans prior to being submitted to EHDC Planning Dept by McMullens. We believe the new proposals are for a more modest 1 detached dwelling in the car park and McMullens are committed to having part of the original building as a pub. Government funding cuts not helping our plans. Hoping to open up Community Share Offer soon. Question – Can a building be de-listed – it was thought this is not possible.	OR
4.2	Call For Sites – KC has reassured villagers that 9 out of 10 sites will be rejected. There has been concern in the village re a proposed site being a field opposite Well Row.	Noted
4.3	Bucks Alley – should not have been used as a designated diverted route recently. KC is going to give MW the name of the officer in Highways responsible for diversions so that he can write to him re this not happening in the future. Better signage would have helped.	KC/MW
4.4	Bellswood – the wall has been knocked down and is currently being rebuilt. BPC awaiting a meeting with the Licensing and Enforcement Dept who are taking legal advice at present.	Noted
4.5	It was proposed by a parishioner that Bayford village should hold a VE Day celebration in the village hall on Monday 5 th May from 6-8pm. There were mixed opinions on this and there would need to be a lead person to organise this with a committee. A follow up meeting is needed. KC offered some funding together with BPC for the event.	Noted
4.6	Village Litter Picking – Sunday 6 th April at 10.00am. GR to organise.	
5.0	Dates of next meetings at 8pm in Village Hall on Mondays	
5.1	28 th April – Annual meeting 21 st July 15 th September 24 th September Meeting ended at 9.30 pm	

Signed.....

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