BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION DATE

Bayford Village Hall 30th September 2024

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chair), Alan Fitzjohn, Bob Orme, George Rowley, Oliver Riley and Maggie Broomer (clerk), Bob Deering (EHDC Councillor), Ken Crofton (HCC Councillor). 3 members of the public

CIRCULATION

Above listed + Chris Orme

1.0	MINUTE Apologies		ACTION
1.1	Chris Orme		Noted
2.0	Minutes of the Previous Meeting		
2.1	Minutes of the previous meeting were sent out to all Councillors beforehand, having been agreed they were signed by the Chair.		Noted
3.0	Matters Arising		
3.1	Item 7.3 – Land by the school / garages – EHDC own the land and possibly linked to Network Homes. It was suggested that maybe the nature reserve currently on this land could be relocated to a piece of suitable BPC land to then enable this land to become a car park.		Noted
4.0	Finance		
4.1	Payments since last meeting		Noted
	Glendale Grounds – grass cutting – July	£206.40	
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	Litter picking – July - September	£222.03	
	Herts Preservation Trust	£20.00	
	Zen Internet (email) Direct debit	£7.79	
	Payments received		
	UK Power Networks	£5.75	
	EHDC Precept	£2490.50	

ITEM MINUTE ACTION

Balances - 30th August 2024

Current Account - £18209.22

Business Savings Accounts - £2847.65

£849.72

5.0 Planning

5.1 Demolition of rear conservatory and side lobby. Removal of side garage, removal of front dormer. New single storey extension. Raise part of roof height. Weather boarding added to all elevations. – 6A Broad Green Wood – permission refused.

Noted

Permission in principle for the erection of a single storey detached dwelling in place of a glasshouse – Kingfisher Nursery – permission refused.

Change of use and conversion of agricultural buildings to 3 dwellings – Bucks Farm – prior approval refused.

5.2 Oak House – The Old Playground – Gavin Nelson of Bonnell Homes has suggested that the councillors might like to have a private viewing of the new house either now or when all internal fittings are completed. It was decided to wait until the latter. He also has offered an open morning for the villagers to view the house prior to completion of sale. This was thought to be a good idea.

Noted

6.0 Clerks Notices

6.1 CAB Noted

A very grateful letter of thanks has been received for our donation of £100.

6.2 Tree Planting Viability
We have submitted our request for 22 trees and await further instructions.

Noted

7.0 Any Other Business

7.1 Bellswood MW/BD

An open morning was held yesterday Sunday 29th September - it is not known how successful this was. The price has dropped slightly. The caravans are being sold in phases.BD is still pursuing planning on this development.

MW to submit a Freedom of Interest request.

Licensing Dept. need to justify the license.

On this site there is also a derelict farmhouse for sale for £1m

7.2 Friends of Baker Arms

Noted

OR reported that the general election has slowed everything down.

The pre app by McMullens to EHDC Planning has been submitted and following the success of this we have requested to see the formal application before it is submitted.

Share prospectus is being drawn up.

Other forms of funding are being looked into - either as a grant or loan. These are the Heritage Fund, Public Works Loan Board however BPC would have to apply to meet the required criteria.

It was questioned whether several villagers could club together to raise the money for a loan.

7.3 Traffic Calming / Rose Triangle

Noted

Any work to take place has been put back to be under the 2026/7 financial year. Congratulations to JH for her persistence in attaining a result and to help from KC and BD.

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION	
7.4	Village Ponds Tidy Up This has been booked weather permitting for Sunday 17 th November at 10am or reserve date 24 th November.		
7.5	Telephone Box BO to dig a hole and jack up the box and fill with concrete within next month to make it more stable.	ВО	
7.6	Bayford Station There have been several acts of vandalisation to cars unable to get a free space in the car park and having to park on the road nearby. 1 instance of car broken into in car park – police not interested.		
7.7	Rubbish Bin Bin by bus stop overflows every week. Sally Cunnane - villager empties it on a regular basis. A new larger bin has been requested - MB to chase this as it was requested from EHDC several months ago.	MB	
7.8	Several trees need pruning on the boundary of Bayford Green Football ground. A local resident to organise this and BPC will contribute to the costs.		
8.0	Date and Time of Next Meetings at 8pm Village Hall on Mondays		
	25 th November		
	Meeting ended at 9.35 pm		
Signed Date:			