

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

By videocall due Coronavirus restrictions

DATE

14th September 2020

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chairman), Alan Fitzjohn, Bob Orme, Jane Honeyman, George Rowley and Maggie Broomer (clerk)

CIRCULATION

Above listed + Linda Haysey and Ken Crofton

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	Linda Haysey	
2.0	Minutes of the previous meeting	
2.1	Minutes of the previous meeting were sent out to all councillors and will be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting when it can be held in village hall.	Noted
3.0	Matters Arising	
	No matters arising.	Noted
4.0	Finance	
	Payments out since last meeting	Noted
	John O'Conner – July grass cutting	£167.70
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	Paul Curson – August/September litter picking	£127.56
	At 28.8.20 Current account balance is £16070.69	
	HIBA account balance is £834.41	
	Charity account balance is £2796.37	
4.1	Audit – the audit is now complete and Certificate of Exemption to be sent to our external auditors. Thanks to David Sitwell for internally auditing the accounts.	Noted
5.0	Planning	
	Garage conversion to create a self - contained annex and link to main dwelling - 39 Ashdene Road – permission granted.	Noted
	Demolition of conservatory and construction of rear extension – 1 Tudor Manor Farm Cottages – grant permission.	
	An increase in roof height to create loft conversion and insertion of 2 rear roof lights. – 6c Broad green Wood – permission granted.	

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	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension – 46 Ashendene Road – status ongoing.	
	Enforcement Notice for 14 Well Row – large wooden building currently being erected – ?permission needed	
	Weepings Wood – notification sent to planning re wood now being sold off in small areas and already a caravan plus various outbuildings onsite - ?permission needed. MW to email David Snell head of EHDC planning for advise.	
	The Stables Bayford Lane – ongoing enforcement case, details of which we have been trying without success to get from Planning at EHDC since November 2019.MB to continue chasing.	
6.0	Any Other Business	
6.1	Sale of Old Playground – MW has signed and returned the ‘Heads of Terms’ document sent from Alex Porter at Bidwells, following the agreement by the Council to go ahead. The agreed terms are that the Council will receive £3,500 for the easement, plus up to £1,000+VAT legal expenses. The full easement documents to follow. David Aumayer as our legal representative will oversee all documents. The neighbours have been informed of the diocese’s plans.	Noted
6.2	Village sign on Station Road was partially knocked down this has been repaired by MW.	Noted
6.3	School ponds – BO repaired the gate and post during the summer holidays and the school very happy with the repairs. It will in the future need to be replaced. One of the local residents not happy that the pond entrance is being used with the associated problems with parents parking. The gate needs to be used during the Covid restrictions and recently the PCSO did speed checks on Ashendene Road at the time of afternoon closing. She was happy with the measures taken by the school to safeguard the children. Herts Highways have no plans to do anything at present. Pond area needs a general tidy up – date set for a working party on Sunday 4 th October at 10.00am.	Noted/All
6.4	Blocked drain at Willow Corner – MB to send email trail to KC for his help.	MB
6.5	New stile in one of Robert Sheriff’s fields. – it has been re-fenced but there is no space for a dog to get through. AF spoke to Robert and he will sort it.	Noted
6.6	Weepings Wood – as noted under planning.	
6.7	Traffic calming update – as reported under item 6.3. JH and MB to have a meeting at the school with Dr Foster the head and Sarah Elliott HCC Road Safety Officer re a school travel plan on Thursday 24 th September. Bayford Lane is due a surface dressing in 2022 with prep work taking place in 2021.	
6.8	Telephone Box – is in a poor state of repair. It is made of wood and cast iron. MW to get a quote for repairs.	MW
6.9	In reply to a question as to the boundaries for Paul Curson Litter Picking – it is within the 30mph signs at the entrances to the village.	Noted
6.10	AF stated that the 2 benches from the Old Playground have now been power washed. Slight repairs are needed and then they will go around the football pitch at Bayford Green.	AF
6.11	AF said the Japanese Knotweed on the edge of the football field has now died but	AF

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	the situation will be monitored.	
6.12	BO reported that the smelly drain at the Little Berkhamsted end of Bucks Alley is still smelly and there have been no repairs done yet.	Noted
7.0	Date and time of Next Meeting 2020	
	23 rd November – BPC meeting	
9.0	Meeting ended at 9.25pm.	

Signed.....

Date:.....