

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

Bayford Village Hall

DATE

23rd January 2023

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chairman), Alan Fitzjohn, Bob Orme, Jane Honeyman, George Rowley and Maggie Broomer (clerk), 2 members of the public

CIRCULATION

Above listed + Ken Crofton, Linda Haysey

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	Linda Haysey	
2.0	Public Issues	
2.1	<p>Future of The Baker Arms – Martin, the current tenant of pub, was present at this meeting.</p> <p>It was discussed whether to apply to EHDC to make the pub a Community Asset (ACV). If this was the case and the owners McMullens wanted to sell the whole plot the village would be given 6 months to find a buyer but the owner is not obliged to accept the offer. The pub now hosts several activities during each month to attract villagers and make it an essential part of the day to day life of the village. It was granted grade 2 listing in April 1988 and was built in 1806.</p> <p>The future plans are to sell off the cottages at the left hand side as you face the pub from the road, and keep the bar /restaurant area and tenant/managers accommodation upstairs but the B&B business would no longer exist. For a tenant to make any profit there is a strong need for the B&B.</p> <p>MW to contact planning to discuss the implications of getting it made a ACV .</p> <p>MB to find out what other villages locally have done re their pubs.</p> <p>This will be discussed further at future meetings.</p>	MW/MB
3.0	Minutes of previous meeting	
3.1	Minutes of the previous meeting were sent out to all Councillors beforehand, having been agreed they were signed by the Chair.	Noted
4.0	Matters Arising	
4.1	Future work on the phone box will be reassessed when the weather is warmer and suitable for outdoor painting.	Noted.
4.2	Rose Triangle – JH to chase Hope Merriman of HCC re the way forward for protecting the triangle from turning vehicles..	JH
4.0	Finance	
4.1	Payments made since last meeting:	
	Glendale Grounds – grass cutting – November	£180.00

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	Glendale Grounds – grass cutting – December	£180.00	
	Air Ambulance	£100.00	
	HCC – SID warranty	£1000.00	
	Balances – 30th December 2022		
	Current Account -	£22868.66	
	Business Savings Accounts -	£2798.25	
		£834.97	
5.0	Planning		
5.1	Old Playground – erection of 1 detached dwelling house – status ongoing.		
	Bayford Hall Farm – change of use of agricultural land to archery range, 42 parking spaces, wooden clad storage shed, toilets and solar panels – status ongoing		
	The Stables - Proposed change of use of land for the creation of 7 gypsy/traveller pitches (net 5 no static caravans) parking, amenity spaces and a communal dayroom – permission granted.		
	14 Ashdene Road – installation of rear UPVC conservatory – status ongoing.		
	Bayford Hall Farm - Removal of wooden garden shed and erection of car port – permission refused.		
	Tudor Manor Stables – change of use and conversion of stables to provide one new dwelling, single storey infill extension and 2 dormer windows – permission granted.		
6.0	Clerks Notices		
6.1	Essex and Herts Air ambulance – a letter of thanks for our donation of £100 has been received. A guided tour of the air base was also offered to the councillors – they decided that it would be better used by a class from Bayford school. MB to approach the Head to see if the school would be interested subject to the approval from the air base.		MB
6.2	Litter picking grant from EHDC ending on 31 st March 2023. It was decided that an initial year contract be given to Paul Curson to carry on with his role as litter picker within the village boundaries. This would now be funded by BPC.		Noted
6.3	MB asked whether the councillors felt it a good idea to present in May Coronation Mugs to all the children in the school and pre - school – 144 mugs would cost BPC £1162.80. MB to approach the heads of both for their opinions.		MB
7.0	Any Other Business		
7.1	A new solar street lamp is required at the far entrance to the Baker Arms on the grass verge on Station Road. AF to investigate prices.		AF
7.2	Willow Corner Pond - Two of AF's workers have unblocked the outflow area of the pond. There are tree roots blocking this area and at present the water level is too high to investigate further. JH commented that the inflow area is also very overgrown. BO and GR will trim the hedges around the pond and AF will supply a digger to clear round the inlet.		AF/BO/ GR

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7.3	GR stated that some of the trees in the Parish needed pruning including the leaning tree by the footpath along Ashdene Road.	Noted
7.4	Village litter Picking Day – Sunday 19 th March 2023 at 10.00am opposite the Baker Arms. GWR to organise. MB to put notices on village boards.	GWR
8.0	Date and Time of Next Meetings at 8pm Village Hall on Wednesdays – note new day of the week	
	22nd March – Parish Assembly 26 th April – Annual Meeting 19 th July 20 th September 29 th November	
	Meeting ended at 9.40pm	

Signed.....

Date:.....