

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

Bayford Village Hall

DATE

25th November 2024

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chair), Alan Fitzjohn, Bob Orme, George Rowley, Chris Orme and Maggie Broomer (clerk), Bob Deering (EHDC Councillor), 7 members of the public

CIRCULATION

Above listed + Oliver Riley and Ken Croften

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	Oliver Riley, Ken Croften	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	Bellswood – item 7.1 BD reported that a legal officer from EHDC was looking into the case. Waiting for an update. The asking price for the derelict farmhouse has dropped to £900k.	Noted
4.0	Finance	
4.1	Payments out since last meeting	
	Glendale Grounds – grass cutting – September	£206.40
	Glendale Grounds – grass cutting – October	£206.40
	Litter picking – October	£74.01
	Litter picking - November	£74.01
	Direct Debit to Zen Internet	£7.79
	Wreath	£25.00
	Balances – 30th August 2024	
	Current Account -	£20243.50
	Business Savings Accounts -	£2858.30
		£852.90
4.2	The precept form from EHDC was filled in and it was decided to keep it at the same	Noted

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	amount as last year at £4981.00.	
4.3	After a recent phone call with Barclays Bank MB was informed that JH was still listed as a signatory. As a result of this a Mandate Change Form was filled in and signed by MW and AF as other signatories to authorise removing her name	Noted
5.0	Planning	
5.1	14 Well Row – Conversion of a barn a one bedroomed detached annexe. Alterations to fenestration. - status ongoing. BPC objected.	Noted
6.0	Clerks Notices	
6.1	Tree Planting Viability MB received a phone call from Caitlin Williams EHDC saying that due to a procurement strategy / risk assessment having not taken place and with the lack of manpower and time to plant the trees this plan has been shelved for this year. It is hoped to resurrect it in a years time.	Noted
7.0	Any Other Business	
7.1	BHNCC – a financial statement dated 1.1.24 – 25.9.24 has been received.	Noted
7.2	Friends of Baker Arms No change since last report. OR not at meeting.	Noted
7.3	Traffic Calming / Rose Triangle No update since last meeting. Bayford School has received a complaint from a local resident re speeding through village at school time but not sure if it was a parent.	Noted
7.4	Willow Corner Village Pond Tidy Up 6 people turned up to help councillors. Another 2 hours is needed to tackle the school pond. It was decided weather permitting to arrange this for 8 th December at 10am.	BO/GR
7.5	Land on B158 Bayfordbury It has been noticed that an entrance been made and black plastic laid in the same place as last year. BD suggested writing to Sarah Saunders head of planning at EHDC.	MB
7.6	Footpath from Bayford Station to village It was asked if this would be possible. The cost to do this would be huge and BPC does not have that sort of money. It was suggested that BPC would cut the verge and hedge and roller the grass on the right hand side going to the station to enable those on foot to walk on it.	BO, GR, AF
7.7	Rubbish Bin Bin by bus stop constantly overflowing. A new larger bin from EHDC has been requested - MB to chase this and at BD's suggestion email Ben Wood at EHDC.	MB
7.8	Neville Hudson thanked AF for cutting the hedges on the approach roads to the village..	Noted
7.9	Converting land by garages at school entrance to car park. No further update as land owned by EHDC and they would have to give their permission for change of use.	Noted
7.10	Neil Morris chair of village hall committee has asked for BPC to pay for new battery and pads for the defib on village hall outside wall. This was agreed.	MB
7.11	It was reported that there are a couple of dead trees needing to be removed on the bridleway Ashdene Road.	AF

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8.0 Date and Time of Next Meetings at 8pm Village Hall on Mondays

- 13th January 2025
- 10th March – Parish Assembly
- 28th April – Annual Meeting
- 21st July
- 15th September
- 24th November

Meeting ended at 9.20 pm

Signed.....

Date:.....