

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

Bayford Village Hall

DATE

28th November 2022

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chairman), Alan Fitzjohn, Bob Orme, Jane Honeyman, George Rowley, Linda Haysey and Maggie Broomer (clerk), 3 members of the public

CIRCULATION

Above listed + Ken Crofton, Linda Haysey

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	None	
2.0	Minutes of 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	MW reported that overall the phone box is in a good condition - leaning slightly, the wooden door needs attention but will wait until the spring to look for someone to renovate it. The grass around it needs cutting by Glendale when they do the rest of the grass areas in the village.	Noted.
3.2	Rose Triangle – MW spoke to Ian Nicholls and we need Herts Highways permission to add any permanent borders to the bed. MB to try and find a contact name for the person in HH who covers Bayford. The cost of the work would be funded by BPC. Temporarily posts could be used.	Noted/MB
4.0	Finance	
4.1	Payments made since last meeting:	
	Glendale Grounds – grass cutting – October	£180.00
	HBPT	£20.00
	Les Swain (rose bed maintenance)	£325.00
	East Herts Citizen Advice	£100.00
	Hilary Pickard (wreath)	£25.00
	M. Swain (footpath maintenance)	£180.00
	Balances – 29th April 2022	
	Current Account -	£23533.66

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	Business Savings Accounts -	£2798.25	
		£834.97	
4.2	The precept form for 2022-2023 was filled in and signed by the relevant councillors and clerk. It was decided to keep the payment at the same level as last year.		Noted/MB
5.0	Planning		
5.1	Old Playground – erection of 1 detached dwelling house – status ongoing.		Noted
	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		
	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 – The Stables – status ongoing.		
	Change of use of an agricultural building to use class C3 for 1 small dwelling house and 1 large dwelling house, 3 parking spaces and amenity space – Bucks Farm – prior approval is required and refused due to insufficient information provided with this application.		
	Construction of 2 storey side extension and alterations to roof – 14 Well Row – permission refused.		
	Demolition of 3 agricultural silos and barn and erection of a 2 bed dwelling with amenity space and parking – Place Farm – permission granted.		
	Removal of wooden garden shed and erection of car port – Bayford hall Farm – status ongoing.		
	Demolition of garage, single storey rear and side projections, erection of 2 storey side and 2 storey and part single storey rear extension – 18 Well Row – permission granted.		
5.2	LH stated that parish councils no longer receive New Home Bonus payments yearly. The money now goes into a central pot at EHDC in line with other councils throughout the country.		Noted
6.0	Clerks Notices		
6.1	It has been decided to apply to EHDC to make The Baker Arms a Community Asset. MW to fill in the form. Regular events held at the pub making it a valuable asset to village life are :_ A very successful village knitting group – fortnightly meeting Sing -a -long at piano – monthly Quiz night – monthly Overall the pub supports village events.		MW
6.2	Essex and Herts Air ambulance have sent an email asking for a donation. It was agreed to send £100.		
6.3	Citizens Advice Bureau have sent thank you letters both from the CEO and the Head of Communications thanking us for our donation of £100.		Noted
6.4	ASTCO Textile/ clothing bank have written asking if the PC would be interested in having a clothing bank bin in the village. The only location would be the village hall car park. The BPC would receive 30p per kilo and the bin would be emptied weekly or more frequently if needed. It was decided with bins in Hertford and Hammond Street it would raise not a lot of funds and could be unsightly in the car park.		Noted

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6.5	Linda Haysey has announced after 18 years as district councillor she will not be standing next May. Linda was thanked for her support and help over the years and we wish a relaxing time in the future.	Noted
7.0	Any Other Business	
7.1	A resident has contacted BPC re the poor lighting from the station to village. It was discussed that we used to have a light on the bend by the back entrance to the pub and this could be reinstated with a solar panel to light it. AF to look into the cost of this. The signs on the verge on this part of the road need repairing	AF
7.2	GR stated that Bayford Hall Farm are planting woodland on a large part of the farmland.	Noted
7.3	Road Safety Fund – no further developments. Jane has written to Karl Stonebank Grants and Finance Officer for an update and there is a meeting next week with HH where he will raise our concerns. It was suggested to contact Ken Crofton for his help. Bob Deering district and County Councillor in South Herts who as local resident was present at the meeting has offered his help if we would require it.	Noted/JH
7.4	GR commented that there appears to be raw sewage seeping out of a culvert on Robins Nest Hill by Bucks Alley. Little Berkhamsted PC are pursuing this. MW to email the chair Penny Stokes re the progress.	MW
7.5	Jason Ruben said there is a dead tree at the end of the bridleway by his property. He has asked if he could fell it. This was agreed.	Noted
8.0	Date and Time of Next Meetings at 8pm Village Hall on Mondays 23 rd January 27 th March – Parish Assembly 24 th April – Annual Meeting 17 th July 18 th September 27 th November Meeting ended at 9.05 pm	

Signed.....

Date:.....