

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

Bayford Village Hall

DATE

13th March 2017

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

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

CIRCULATION

Above listed + Councillors Ken Crofton and Linda Haysey

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	Colin Taylor	
2.0	Minutes of the previous meeting	
2.1	Minutes of the previous meeting were read, signed and agreed by all the councillors.	Noted
3.0	Matters Arising	
3.1	Parking at Willow Corner – the only way to increase parking is to redo the layby and make the parking end on thus increasing the number of spaces..	Noted
3.2	14 Well Row – the use of floodlights 24/7 was deemed not appropriate in a rural location. JH has spoken to Mel Ambrose the owner of the property but it is currently rented out. MB to speak to Steven Oates Estate Agents who are managing the property and failing any response then Environmental Health at EHDC will be contacted. The Enforcement Team to be chased re their response to our letter from December 2016.	Noted/MB
3.3	Lewis Collins will be coming to put Siltex in the Willow Corner pond on Monday 27.03.17 – AF to deliver it to the pond. AF to put up posts alongside the pond on the roadside.	AF
4.0	Finance	
	Payments since last meeting	
	John O’Conner - February	£159.72
	Clerks Salary for 2 years	£900.00
	At 28.02.17 Current account balance is £13,367.49	
	HIBA account balance is £830.44	
	Charity account balance is £2783.03	
5.0	Planning	
5.1	Replacement of existing dwelling with a new 5 bedroom dwelling – Bucks Warren -	Noted

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	status ongoing.	
	Replacement of 3 dormers with 1 dormer – 2A Ashdene Road – permission refused.	
	Change of use and conversion of an existing barn to create 3 holiday dwellings – Lodge Farm – permission granted despite objections from this council.	
	Singe storey rear extension (permitted development) – 4 Broad Green Wood – prior approval not required.	
	Change of use from indoor stabling and tack room to mixed use of workshop and storage area – Bayford Hall Farm – permission granted..	
5.2	Bucks Warren – new design is a great improvement on the old house but BPC are concerned that there appears to be no garaging, access or parking areas on the plans. The new house will be significantly larger than the existing house but the plot is large. MW to draft a letter for MB to send to planning re the above points.	MW/MB
6.0	Any Other Business	
6.1	Playground –the Baker Arms site – McMullens have stated that BPC cannot use the playground in the pub car park, nor add any equipment to the existing site. However grateful thanks to Martyn for his help in this proposed project. It has been decided to improve the football area at Bayford Green, adding benches and saving the metal slide/firemans pole at the old site to possibly relocate in the future to this area. It was discussed the future of the existing playground and it was decided to pay the rent for this year and then it is up to the Diocese to decide the future of the land as they own it although access to it is across the grass verge owned by BPC. Colin Taylor suggested that if the land was sold could some of the money go to much needed funds for re-roofing the church roof. This would not be our decision but the diocese for reasons already stated. It was suggested to mention this to the PCC.	Noted
6.2	Bayford Lane diversion – Highways were spoken to by MW re the large HGV's using the lane and apparently no site visit was done by HH prior to the diversion route being set up. There are now signs in place banning lorries from using the lane..	Noted
6.3	Water Leak – Ken Croften has been in contact with James Vine at Ringway and a team is being sent out next week to look at the manhole.A full update at next meeting.	Noted
6.4	Speed Awareness camera – Sally Brooks is away so training has been delayed but a new person is about to be appointed and training should take place in the next couple of weeks.	Noted
6.5	Rosemary Chitendo of Herts Highways is going to carry out a site visit re the possibility of a larger area of speed limits within the outlying areas of the village, also a lorry ban on Bucks Alley, potholes and a new village sign by Bucks Alley.	Noted
6.6	AF raised about the fading of white lines particularly on the B158. MW to notify H.H.	MW
6.7	GWR announced that Litter Picking would take place on Sunday 19 th March 2017 at 10.30 am.	Noted

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6.8	MB stated that one of the posts on the village sign by the church was rotten.	Noted
6.9	MW thanked all the councillors, the clerk, Ken and Linda, Bill Brace, David Sitwell, Neil Morris and Paul Curson for their support and help over the past year.	Noted
6.10	GWR thanked Mike as Chairman.	Noted
6.11	Jason Ruben reported that there were 2 overhanging trees one in White Stubbs Lane and one in Ashdene Road – AF to deal with these.	AF
6.12	Neville Hutchinson of Bayford Cricket Club has informed us that a tree needs cutting down – Peter Musk to do a site visit on Saturday.	Noted
6.13	The grass cutting contract with John O’Conner is to be renewed for another year as the price is remaining the same and we are pleased with their work.	Noted

7.0 Date and time of Next Meeting

Monday 5th June 2017 – Annual Meeting
Monday 3rd July 2017 – BPC Meeting
Monday 4th September 2017 – BPC Meeting
Monday 20th November 2017 – BPC Meeting

All meetings in village hall and at 8.00pm

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.15pm

Signed.....

Date:.....