

# BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes

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LOCATION  
Bayford JMI School

DATE  
30th June 2014

PURPOSE OF MEETING  
Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT  
Michael Wainwright (Chairman), Alan Fitzjohn, Jane Honeyman, George Rowley, Maggie Broomer (Clerk), Bob Orme, and 7 members of the public.

CIRCULATION  
Above listed

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
1.1	L.Haysey	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	
2.1	Minutes of the previous meeting were read, signed and agreed by all the councillors.	Noted
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
3.1	Colin Taylor reported that the compost in bags in Ashdene Road are allowed to remain on the grass verge. Highways stated that it is not a health risk.	Noted
3.2	MW has pruned the horse chestnut tree.	Noted
3.3	MB reported that the peppercorn rent and insurance details have been received from Bayford Cricket Club.	Noted
3.4	Peter Musk has yet to submit a report on the trees in the playground.	Noted
3.5	Bayfordbury Public Access notices that were erected were now found out to be a mistake.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
4.1	Payments since last meeting	Noted
	Paul Curson – April / May	£116.10
	John O’Conner – April	£145.20
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	Hilliard Masonry            22.05.14	£1900.00
	Bill Brace – Paint	£18.19
	AON Insurance	£712.83
	At 31.03.14 Current account balance is £10,138.46	
	At 28.01.14 HIBA account balance is £829.22	

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	VAT repayment of £306.71	
	New Homes Bonus – allocation - £1354.00	
4.2	BDO Audit The final checklist for the audit was looked at by MW and MB – all was found to be in order and ready to be sent off.	Noted/MB
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Planning</b>	
5.1	. Demolish existing building and replace with dwelling following approval of previous planning application – Place farm, Bayford Green – appeal logged in Bristol Householder application for single storey rear extension - 10 Broad Green Wood – permission granted County Matters application for Lawful Development Certificate at Express Asphalt, Water Hole Quarry, Lower Hatfield Road – status ongoing	Noted
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
6.1	Willow Corner Pond / Parking/Playground – It is proposed to erect 2 ft posts and boards/gravel alongside the road/pond edge for cars to park. Extra parking could be created by removing the layby and creating end on parking. At present there are 7 spaces. There are several cars not taxed occupying parking bays MW to pursue getting cars moved to gain more spaces. Parking could be extended where at present there is grass in front of the playground but only if this is to be resited. It was suggested to spray weeds on pub side of the pond. The pond needs tidying up on a regular basis but retaining the natural look. The playground needs wooden posts replaced and general maintenance. There are too many overhanging trees. Concerns were voiced as to what would happen to the land if the playground was moved.	Noted
6.2	War Memorial – thanks to JH and GR for there imput in getting the restoration sorted out. Posts closer together than before are to be erected around the grass verge to protect the newly renovated memorial. CT stated there was a hole that had not been repaired – MW to investigate. Thanks to BPC from CT and Terry Hayne.	Noted
6.3	It was commented that there are many cars that speed in the village and in the surrounding lanes particularly around school times.	Noted
6.4	MW spoke to Ian Sharatt of EHDC re moving the playground and he said no planning permission is required or was there any need for fencing the area in. He gave us a name of a company who would be willing to move existing equipment. Clare Pullen EHDC is the person to contact re possible funding and the outlay is usually £20-40k for a new playground.	Noted
6.5	Linda Haysey suggested that the chairman of EHDC would be willing to come and talk at one of our meetings. It was suggested as a possible speaker for the Parish Assembly meeting.	Noted
6.6	Gardens Day – made a £28k profit. Thanks to Charles Lambert, his team, sponsors and all who supported and helped. It was noted that there was yet again to date no entry in the Mercury newspaper.	Noted
6.7	Broadband – Paul Smith presented a comprehensive document re getting faster broadband in the village. It is essential for everyone with an interest to register with Connected Counties website as this shows the level of demand in the village. Private companies like Gigaclear offer alternatives to BT but would want 45% of the community signed up. Further information and interest to contact Paul Smith at paul.smith1965@btinternet.com.	Noted

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6.8	GR reported that the Broad Green Quarry appeal has now been logged. Annie to send out an email shortly advising the best way for residents to respond. A large response is needed.	Noted
6.9	Rose Triangle – it was suggested moving the painted village sign to the triangle but this was decided not to be a safe place for it. Posts will be erected round the triangle.	Noted
6.10	Annual playground inspection to take place anytime from 16 <sup>th</sup> June.	Noted
6.11	Herts Constabulary have sent out leaflets as they need to enrol volunteer Rural Special Constables.	Noted

**7.0 Date of Future Meetings**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – PCM

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November – PCM

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> January – PCM

All meetings at 8pm.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.50pm

**Signed**.....

**Date:**.....