

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

Bayford Village Hall

DATE

5th September 2016

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chairman), Alan Fitzjohn, Jane Honeyman, Maggie Broomer (clerk), Councillors Kern Crofton, Linda Haysey and 6 members of the public.

CIRCULATION

Above listed + Bob Orme and George Rowley

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	Bob Orme, George Rowley.	
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	War Memorial – JH spoke to Peter Hilliard and due to work load is unable to return to us until after the winter and the cost would be in the region of £400. Jh to contact hi again in the spring 2017.	Noted
3.2	Charles Lambert commented that there is still about £800 in the BAG account that could be used if required to fight the quarry issues.	Noted
4.0	Finance	
4.1	Payments since last meeting :-	
	Paul Curson – July, August, September	£173.70
	John O'Connor - June, July	£319.44
	Les Swain	£170.00
	Mike Wainwright (seat)	£312.55
	Bidwells	£75.00
	CDA	£30.00
	Money Paid in	
	Bayford Cricket Club	£30.00
	VAT repayment	£668.88

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	EHDC (new homes)	£2426.00	
	At 31.08.16 Current account balance is £12,368.73		
	At 28.07.16 HIBA account balance is £830.24		
	At 30.06.16 Charity account balance is £2782.33		
4.2	BDO Audit – this has now been sent to BDO. There have been 2 queries so far :- The defib needs to go on the asset register for 2016/17. Dates of the public viewing of the accounts. These have now been sorted and are acceptable to BDO. A copy of the audit, risk assessment, asset register and statement of accounts will be on our website when completed by BDO.		Noted
5.0	Planning		
5.1	Proposed single storey rear extension,link side extension,and internal alterations – West Stable, Ashdene – status on appeal granted. Enclosure of existing outdoor arena – Ashdene Stud, White Stubbs Lane – permission refused. Internal alterations to 4 Bayfordbury Mansion, Lower Hatfield Road – permission granted. Proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house and associated operational development barn (permitted development) – Bucksbury Farm, Bucks Alley – status, prior approval is required and refused. Two storey side /rear extension, demolition of garage, erection of conservatory and front porch – 16 Well Row, - status ongoing. Change of use and conversion of an existing barn to 1 dwelling with alterations to fenestration – Flanbury Oaks, Ashdene Road – status ongoing. Internal and external alterations to house, front wall and gate – Bayford Grange – permission granted. Replacement roof lantern, alterations to 1980/90’s kitchen, new parking areas and garage openings – Bayford Grange – status ongoing. Single storey rear extension – 1A Broad Green Wood – permission refused. Single storey rear and two storey side extentions – 6E Broad green Wood. – status ongoing. Proposed extension to create carport, one and half storey extension to create improved access, garden room extension – The Lodge keepers Cottage, Stocking Lane – status ongoing.		
6.0	Any Other Business		
6.1	Playground – a initial short, questionnaire should be delivered to all residents of the village re views on playground site and necessity. Neil Morris has offered to deliver them and collect a week later. The Baker Arms have offered the use of their playground for village use as a		Noted/M W

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temporary or permanent solution. The BPC are welcome to add to the existing equipment. Views were mixed to this idea:-
 Not a village playground but owned by McMullens
 Children on licensed premises
 Subsequent ownership of the equipment bought by BPC.

Bayford Green would be a good site but would only attract village children not passing parents, ownership of road as access might be a problem.
 Other possible sites – back of village hall, land by the garages by the school, or BPC land in front of village pond.
 Grant money may be available..

All these views make a questionnaire important.

- 6.2 CL raised whether Bayford would consider creating a footpath from the station to the village like Brickenden had done but this was unlikely due to the very high costs.
- 6.3 A new village sign is to be erected near the Bucks Alley sign to be funded by CL/Gardens Day funds.with the possible wording “Speed Check Area”. KC stated that it may have to be installed by Highways. He is willing to meet relevant parties onsite to discuss this further.
- 6.4 AF said potholes were still a problem, particularly one near Home Farm in Bayford Lane..
- 6.5 The village hall committee are to donate £200 towards the defib and pay the electricians costs.
- 6.6 Martin Jackson– landlord at Baker Arms – said the water leak in Bayford Road has been reported but it is unclear if it is Highways, BT or Affinity who are responsible. Water samples have been taken to ascertain where the water is coming from. KC has offered help if required as Benington had a similar problem.
- 6.7 LH stated that there is on 18th October a training course for parish councillors re planning applications.
 Bayford is confirmed as a category 2 village and will probably need to do a neighbourhood plan..

7.0 Date and time of Next Meeting

21st November – BPC meeting
 All meetings on a Monday at 8.00pm

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.15pm

Signed..... **Date**.....