

Parish Council Meeting

Bayford JMI School, Parish Assembly, 21st April 2008

Present: Alan Fitzjohn (Acting Chairman), Bob Orme, Jackie Fulcher, George William Rowley, Maggie Broomer (Clerk) + 8 members of the public

Absent: Michael Wainwright, Linda Halsey

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0 Election of Chairman		
	MEW elected as Chairman for the next year, proposed by B.Orme and seconded by J. Fulcher, carried unanimously.	Noted
2.0 Approval of Minutes		
2.1	The minutes of the previous parish council meeting held on 21st January were confirmed as read.	Noted
2.2	The minutes of the parish assembly held on the 7th April were read. JF queried the amount already in the bank for Gardens Day. It was confirmed as being £1,500.00 and not £15,000.00 as was announced on the evening. The minutes were then confirmed as read.	Noted
3.0 Matters Arising		
3.1	None.	Noted
4.0 Planning Applications and Decisions		
4.1	A comprehensive list of planning applications for the past year was submitted to all councillors. The only change was the application from New Pond House, which had now been withdrawn.	Noted
4.2	The councillors asked for a letter to be written to EHDC objecting to the size of the 'flank' wall and the close proximity to the neighbours at 6c Broad Green Wood.	MB
4.3	The councillors also asked for a letter to be written to EHDC re the application for a 3 bed residential annexe at Bayford Grange to state that the planning permission must be permanently linked to the Grange to prevent it being sold as an individual residence in the future.	MB
5.0 Finance		
5.1	Account Balances: - Community Account - at 31st March - £1,990.99 Cheque for Playground Inspection £52.88 Cheque for Angela Turner £138.58 Business Premium Account: - at 11th April - £2,753.81 Business Reserve Account: - at 8th February - £812.20	Noted
6.0 Correspondence		
6.1	Grass Cutting Contract with John O'Connor to be started BO asked for the football ground to have a lower cut. MB to action this request.	MB
6.2	Cricket Club Bayford Green needs resurfacing and Bayford Cricket Club have an obligation to pay 50% of the bill - this amounts to £300.00. Also the peppercorn rent for the pavilion is £30.00. The secretary is currently	MB

away however Mark Morris has agreed to receive the invoices. MB is awaiting a response.

- 6.3** Insurance Came and Company - Norwich Union have quoted an annual amount of £452.20 or with 3 year LTA £429.59. Allianz (old insurer) has quoted an annual premium of £556.77. It was decided that MB should contact Allianz and see if we can negotiate a reduction to be within £50.00 of the quote from Norwich Union. If successful we would remain with Allianz. MB
- 7.0 Any Other Business**
- 7.1** Hertfordshire Highways have booked the jet to clear the village pond outfall for the 7th May. They previously cleared the drain from Willow Corner to the outfall in the field above Well Row. Noted
- 7.2** Christopher and Robert Mudd have volunteered to renew the fence, goal and goal posts on Bayford Green. This is very helpful as the gatepost is rotten and the barbed wire fencing is dangerous. Some work has already been undertaken and now in the process of obtaining prices for the remainder. Noted
- 7.3** We have now received a pamphlet illustrating the type of fence to be used around the playground together with a price list. It was decided that MB should contact Dean Chilton so that this can be forwarded to him for his approval. The Parish Council will make the payment and AF agreed to obtain the materials. MB/AF
- 7.4** The councillors have declined the invitation to the East Herts Rural Parish Conference. Noted
- 7.5** The Citizens Advice Bureau has written to the Parish Council with a request for a donation - it was rejected. Noted
- 7.6** Notification has been received from BT that a number of payphones are to be removed in the area. However, the Bayford payphone was not on the list. Noted
- 7.7** Councillors informed of: - Noted
- Date of Herts County Show,
 - Details of East and North Herts NHS Trust becoming Foundation status,
 - Local Development Framework - new name for planning system,
 - Stansted expansion plans,
 - NATS - rerouting of aircraft,
 - Changes to Government Offices handling planning applications - re tree preservation, compulsory purchase orders and listed buildings and the new national standard planning application form
 - Housing Capacity Assessment have been done for East Herts up to 2021.
- 7.8** GWR has asked if the football pitch could be levelled out. AF responded saying this would be difficult to achieve but may be possible in the Spring. BO suggested it would be better done in September. Noted
- 7.9** GWR apologised to BO and family and to Terry Hayne for leaving them Noted

- behind on village clearance day
- 7.10** The governors of the school are going to be sending out letters to those residents living near the school ponds as they want to regenerate them. They are currently trying to get a grant from Greenlung but donations would be welcome, as £9,000.00 is needed. Working parties can't be used because of health and safety issues. GWR
- 7.11** JF informed the meeting that the lead flashing from the village hall chimney was removed last week. T. Hayne added that part of the church lightning conductor had now been taken. As a future deterrent, he is trying to get hold of details about security paint from the police. Noted
- 7.12** JF reported that the new floor in the village hall would cost £12,000.00 to replace. A lottery grant can take up to 3 years to be processed but all the funds at present are going towards the 2012 Olympics. Noted
- 7.13** It was noted that there was an accident outside the school the other morning due to the problems with parking and the size of lorries using the Bayford roads. Noted
- 7.14** Bill Brace reported that Footpath 1 has a broken rail and needs general repairs. AF to discuss the repairs with Robert Sherriff. AF
- 7.15** Joyce Mentern commented that the new gate to Dean Chiltern's field was out of place with the surrounding area. The councillors stated that as it was on private land there was nothing that could be done. Noted
- 7.16** T. Hayne asked for everyone to be vigilant in the village and let the police know immediately of any unusual vehicles or people acting strangely. Noted
- 8.0** **Date of Next Meeting**
- 8.1** There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.20pm. Noted
- 8.2** The date of the next regular meeting is to be Monday 7th July 2008 held at Bayford JMI School at 8.00pm Noted