

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

Bayford Village Hall

DATE

19th July 2023

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Annual Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chairman), Alan Fitzjohn, Bob Orme, George Rowley and Maggie Broomer (clerk), 20 members of the public

CIRCULATION

Above listed + Ken Crofton and Bob Deering

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	Bob Deering	
2.0	Co-opt of 2 New Councillors	
2.1	2 new councillors were proposed – Christopher Orme and Oliver Riley. The existing councillors voted unanimously for appointing them both. All councillors were given an Acceptance of Office form to sign and the 2 new councillors additionally a Notice of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests for EHDC.	Noted
3.0	Public issue – Future of the Baker Arms	
3.1	The local turnout from parishioners and support for the pub was strong and its future debated at some length. It was fully understood that under 15% of the village were using the pub before it closed and it was running at a loss for McMullens the brewery. The greatest profit came from the B&B side of the business. Most pubs are suffering financially now and many are seen to be closing each week. Many suggestions were put forward to include making the pub a ACV – Asset of Community Value and Community Ownership, These two items were seen to be a initial starting point to secure a future existence of a pub in the village and were carried unanimously. A working group will be set up to discuss the way forward and report back at the next BPC meeting in September. It is understood that barriers have been erected on the station roadside of the car park to stop it being used as a cut through.	Noted
4.0	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
4.1	Minutes of the previous meeting were sent out to all Councillors beforehand, having been agreed they were signed by the Chair.	Noted
4.2	Matters Arising None	
5.0	Finance	
5.1	Payments made since last meeting: BHIB Council Insurance	£420.35

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	Concord – seat plaque	£48.00	
	Memorial Bench	£387.50	
	Coronation Tree	£313.00	
	Glendale Grounds – grass cutting – April	£198.00	
	N. Hudson – Band	£450.00	
	N. Morris Band food and drink	£41.45	
	Glendale Grounds – grass cutting – May	£198.00	
	Glendale Grounds – grass cutting – June	£198.00	
	Litter Picking – April - May	£148.02	
	Litter Picking – June – July	£148.02	
	Balances – 31ST May 2023		
	Current Account -	£20,568.78	
	Business Savings Accounts -	£2,803.29	
		£836.48	
5.2	The audit is now complete and will be posted on the BPC website.		MW
6.0	Planning		
	9 Broad Green – single storey rear extension – prior approval is not required.		
	The Snowdrops – Erection of single storey front extension. Single and 2 storey rear extensions – permission granted.		
	The Snowdrops – proposed replacement front walls, gates and railings – permission refused.		
	18 Well Row – 2 proposed outbuildings to provide a gym and office. Demolition of garage – permission refused.		
	14 Well Row – holiday let – Enforcement have visited but due to urgent higher priority investigations and the absence of a team leader it has been put on hold for the time being.		
7.0	Clerks Notices		
7.1	Both Bayford School and Willow Corner ponds need maintenance. It was decided to wait until the Autumn because of wildlife activity. The councillors together with help from the parishioners will set up a working party - date to be decided at next meeting.		Noted
7.2	Closure of Brickendon Lane from 24 th July until late August – for zebra crossing, traffic calming, 2 bus stops and vegetation pruning by Mandeville Road – weekdays 8-6pm and Saturday morning 8-1pm. MB has sent email requesting diversion route not to be Bayford Lane.		Noted
7.3	BHNDCC – minutes of previous AGM have been requested and also a councillor to be invited to attend AGMs as we own the cricket club.		Noted

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7.4	Phonebox – AF has already assessed it and it needs levelling – he will attend to this and let Kelly Whyman know when this is done. KW to do further maintenance.	AF
8.0	Any Other Business	
8.1	Bells Wood – has now been sold. House not habitable – owner lives in Epsom Surrey. Plans are to upgrade the site to house 20 large residential caravans. MW to apply for a TPO and to protect the trees on the land.	MW
8.2	Rose Triangle – site meeting was held with councillors, Hope Merriman - Herts Highways and Ken Crofton recently. A new speed survey is required by HCC before any plans of traffic calming and protection round the rose triangle can take place. This can take a few weeks/months. Hope listened and noted the requests of BPC councillors and will report back when any progress has been made.	Noted
8.3	There will be new business email addresses for councillors and clerk this was thought to be more professional.as most councils have this in place. MW has received a quote for website £150 for the first 2 years then an annual fee. This was agreed by all councillors.	MW
8.4	A resident from Broad Green Wood has asked if the glass on the noticeboard by BGW could be cleaned as it is difficult to read the notices.	MB
8.5	The BPC was asked if there was anything that the council could do about the poor state of the Bayford Lane. Unfortunately this is a nationwide problem with no money to sort out the problem.	Noted
8.6	It was noted the massive excavations at The Stables have resulted in a permanent wet road on the B158 by the site. This will only get worse over winter. It will be monitored.	Noted
9.0	Date and Time of Next Meetings at 8pm Village Hall on Wednesdays 20 th September 29 th November Meeting ended at 9.45 pm	

Signed.....

Date:.....