

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

Bayford Village Hall

DATE

25th September 2023

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Annual Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chairman), Alan Fitzjohn, Bob Orme, George Rowley Christopher Orme, Oliver Riley, Bob Deering EHDC Councillor and Maggie Broomer (clerk), 16 members of the public

CIRCULATION

Above listed + Ken Crofton

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	None	
2.0	Public Issues	
2.1	Development of the Old Playground	
	Gavin Nelson of Bonnell Homes the property developer of this site was present at the meeting to outline the amended plans which include omitting the semi basement, increasing the footprint slightly and reconfiguring some of the rooms. Under EHDC planning laws a Section 73 now has to be submitted. The large oak tree in the grounds which has a TPO has a large branch broken off and it has been found to be diseased. A tree surgeon will be consulted. There will be a large site board on the exterior of the plot when exterior work begins in October with Gavin's contact details. Gavin is also going to continue keeping the neighbours involved with work as it progresses.	Noted
2.2	Baker Arms – Right of Way	
	There is no RofW through the Baker Arms car park. However it has been used by villagers for some time. The alternative route for walking, cycling and horse riding is via Station Road which has no pavement or verge and a blind bend. There were no signs up in the BA car park until last month prohibiting access. Andrea Trendler who used to work at HCC RofW department has strongly advised that the BPC consider pursuing a legal RofW across the Baker Arms car park. This requires as many residents as possible to testify in writing that they have used the route for all or part of the last 20 years. When the case is reviewed by county they may be asked to appear in person to justify their written statement. A relevant form will be delivered to householders in the village. This will be investigated further by BPC but first a meeting with McMullens needs to take place re the possible future of the BA – see item 2.3.	OR
2.3	Baker Arms Action Group	
	The ACV was approved by EHDC last week. Benjamin Wood is the contact at EHDC. McMullens did not oppose the application. A strongly supported Action Group 'Friends of the Baker Arms' has now been formed. A meeting between MW, OR and Tom McMullen is scheduled for mid October. There are plans now in motion for the way forward in the form of a questionnaire which can be filled in on social media or on paper. The Plunkett Foundation is advising on what needs to be done. There are already 61 responses to the questionnaire split 50% Bayford residents	MW/OR

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	<p>and equally 25% each from surrounding villages and Hertford residents. 85% of respondents want the Baker Arms to reopen, 60% offering help and 40% wanting to buy a share. The questionnaire will be available until the end of October. There is an evening social event being planned in the village hall on Friday 20th October – more details to follow.</p> <p>There has been interest from two or more sources in running the pub. It was suggested that it would be helpful to get feedback from people who have stayed in the B&B section of the pub for their views.</p> <p>Thanks to OR and everyone involved in getting the Friends of The Baker Arms off to such a speedy and positive start.</p>		
3.0	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	Noted	
5.0	Finance		
5.1	Payments made since last meeting:		
	Glendale Grounds – grass cutting – July	£198.00	Noted
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	Concord - plaque for tree – M. Broomer	£38.00	
	Litter Picking August/September	£148.02	
	Balances – 31ST July 2023		
	Current Account -	£20,024.76	
	Business Savings Accounts -	£2809.13	
		£838.22	
5.1	Current identification forms requested by Barclays Bank were filled in by MW – chair, AF- vice chair and MB – clerk.		Noted
6.0	Planning		
	Change of use of agricultural land to create archery range with creation of 25 parking spaces, wooden clad storage shelter. Installation of solar panels – Bayford Hall Farm – permission granted.		Noted
	Demolition of rear extension. Erection of part single and part two storey rear and side extension – 9 Broad Green – status ongoing.		
	Demolition of single storey/ rear projection. Construction of two storey and part single storey side extension, new single storey side orangery extension. Change to windows. – Ashdene Farm – status ongoing.		
7.0	Clerks Notices		
7.1	Citizens Advice Bureau have written to BPC again asking for a donation. It was agreed to send them a £100.		MB

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8.0	Any Other Business	
8.1	Bells Wood – AF and BO are neighbours of this site. 42 new mobile homes are scheduled for this site apparently historic planning permission was granted in 1960. No new application has been filed. The validity of this old planning application was questioned, as only a few homes have ever been installed. A website has now been set up advertising these new luxury mobile homes. Hedges and trees have been felled along the Bucks Alley by unknown person(s) and the boughs left by the side of the road and over the roadside fences. The Forestry Commission have been consulted as trees will probably need to be felled to make way for the homes. Some of the trees on the site came from the Bayfordbury Pinetum. Bob Deering has offered help when required. Herts Highways would need to give their approval due to the increase in traffic on what is mostly a single track road. BO is going to pursue this further.	BO
8.2	Rose Triangle – Hope Merriman HCC looking into suitable edging for the triangle. In the meantime traffic surveys set up by HCC are on the 3 roads into the village.	Noted
8.3	MW to look into setting up new business email addresses for councillors and clerk this is a requirement of GPDR.	MW
8.4	Telephone Box – the concrete base it is sitting on needs breaking up and levelling to make the box level. It was questioned whether it could be jacked up but one has to be careful as it is on BT land.	AF
8.5	Fly Tipping – since the last meeting there have been 2 incidents – Ashdene Road and Bucks Alley. The police were called on both occasions. CCTV and night nature cameras are not practical to be set up as there are regulations re the use of CCTV cameras in place.	Noted
8.6	The illegal access from the B158 near Bayfordbury Park Farm on to the Bayfordbury estate field has been assigned an Enforcement Officer.	Noted
8.7	The roof lining on the bus shelter needs replacing as it is leaking.	Noted
8.8	The 30mph and chevron signs are broken on Station Road approaching the village.	Noted
9.0	Date and Time of Next Meetings at 8pm Village Hall on Mondays	
	20 th November	
	Meeting ended at 9.45 pm	

Signed.....

Date:.....