

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

Bayford Village Hall

DATE

20th November 2023

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chairman), Alan Fitzjohn, Bob Orme, George Rowley, Oliver Riley, Bob Deering EHDC Councillor and Maggie Broomer (clerk), 10 members of the public

CIRCULATION

Above listed + Ken Crofton

| ITEM | MINUTE | ACTION |
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| 1.0 | Apologies | |
| 1.1 | Christopher Orme | |
| 2.0 | Minutes of the Previous Meeting | |
| 2.1 | Minutes of the previous meeting were sent out to all Councillors beforehand, having been agreed they were signed by the Chair. | Noted |
| 2.2 | Matters Arising | |
| | None | Noted |
| 3.0 | Finance | |
| | Payments out since last meeting | |
| | Glendale Grounds – grass cutting – September | £198.00 |
| | Glendale Grounds – grass cutting – October | £198.00 |
| | Rose plot and footpath maintenance – L. Swain | £375.00 |
| | Litter Picking October - December | £222.03 |
| | Balances – 31ST October 2023 | |
| | Current Account - | £22,291.73 |
| | Business Savings Accounts - | £2816.66 |
| | | £840.47 |
| 3.1 | Precept form was filled in for EHDC for the same amount as last year of £4981.00 | Noted |

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| 4.0 | Planning | |
| 4.1 | <p>Demolition of rear extension. Erection of part single and part 2 storey rear and side extension – 9 Broad Green – permission granted.</p> <p>Demolition of single storey/ rear projection. Construction of 2 storey and part single storey side extension, new single storey side orangery extension. Change to windows. – Ashdene Farm – permission granted.</p> <p>18 Well Row – 2 proposed outbuildings to provide a gym and office. Demolition of garage – permission was refused in July – appeal now lodged with Planning inspectorate in Bristol.</p> <p>Old Playground – Erection of 1 detached house and construction of vehicular access – appeal now lodged with Planning Inspectorate in Bristol re conditions attached to the granting of this application.</p> | Noted |
| 5.0 | Clerks Notices | |
| 5.1 | It was agreed to renew our annual subscription to Herts Preservation Trust at a cost of £20. | MB |
| 5.2 | <p>MB read out the crime report for Bayford from Herts Police showing :-</p> <p>1 x criminal damage Sept.</p> <p>1 x burglary Sept.</p> <p>2 x burglaries Oct.</p> <p>1 x burglary outbuildings Nov.</p> | Noted |
| 5.3 | Letter received from CAB thanking us for our donation of £100. | Noted |
| 5.4 | A reminder to MW to arrange new email addresses for all councillors and clerk under the regulations of GDPR. | MW |
| 6.0 | Any Other Business | |
| 6.1 | <p>Mobile Home</p> <p>Illegal depositing of a mobile home, van and trailer on Bayfordbury land adjacent to B158.</p> <p>Bob Deering reported that there would now be a possible court order as the home has not been removed in the time scale issued by the Enforcement Officers notice. There is an Article 4 on the land.</p> <p>This land and the surrounding areas have been up for sale on Right Move with a misleading description of what the land could be used for.</p> <p>MB to chase enforcement for an update.</p> <p>Fence replacement may be down to BPC.</p> <p>Bob Deering said it was good to have villagers who are alert.</p> | Noted/MB |
| 6.2 | <p>BHNCC</p> <p>GR attended their recent AGM.</p> <p>Jonathan Slater Chairman of the club would like a few changes to the 30 year lease with the BPC taken out in 1997. These are to be listed in an email to MW.</p> <p>Some of the changes proposed by BPC were:-</p> <p>Keeping the new lease to 10 years.</p> <p>More advertising to encourage new members with a noticeboard in the centre of the village.</p> <p>Social renting - vetting a new booking with restrictions in place ie - type of event and number attending.</p> <p>This to be further discussed at next BPC meeting when all councillors have seen the proposed amendments received from Jonathan.</p> <p>BPC are still waiting for the statement of accounts.</p> | Noted |

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| 6.3 | <p>Road Safety – traffic</p> <p>The traffic survey by HCC has now been completed and the average speed was just over 30mph.</p> <p>The recommendation was for 2 more SIDs but it would be a large expenditure for BPC and not necessary to have one on each road into and out of the village.</p> <p>It was suggested to move our existing one to varying locations on Ashdene Road. Each base costs about £250. BD thought this was a good idea.</p> <p>Jane Honeyman is continuing to pursue various forms of traffic calming with the Road Safety Fund on behalf of BPC.</p> <p>It was reported that there are now several cars every week using Ashdene Road near the pub to park for the station.</p> | Noted |
| 6.4 | <p>Bells Wood</p> <p>EHDC are unaware of any historical planning permission being granted for this site. The new owner wants to upgrade the site and tree pruning is progressing. Access is not good for older people who might be interested in buying one of these homes.</p> | BO |
| 6.5 | <p>Friends of Baker Arms</p> <p>OR and MW have now had a meeting with Tom McMullen, he said it was not practical to carry on as a tenanted pub and a sale is likely of the whole site although not up for sale yet.</p> <p>ACV is now in place.</p> <p>200 responses to the questionnaire by the FOBA, 90% want a village pub and there were various ideas for the way forward.</p> <p>FOBA have applied to the Plunkett Foundation for their business support and this was granted on Friday.</p> <p>Plans for the next few weeks :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get a valuation of the site Discuss planning options with the Planning Dept. of EHDC. Talking to other Community pubs Fundraising <p>Right of Way</p> <p>New signs erected tend to suggest that McMullens are serious to stopping villagers using the car park as a ROW.</p> <p>To get a ROW set up is a lengthy process.</p> <p>BPC to be an applicant in starting this process. Evidence is needed to prove how many villagers use this route for up to a total of 20 years for each form filled in.</p> <p>BPC to fund the printing costs of approx. 100 – 150 forms.</p> <p>Andrea Trendler will distribute a form to the relevant villagers.</p> | Noted |
| 6.6 | <p>School Pond Maintenance</p> <p>This has been arranged for this Sunday 26th November at 10.00am.</p> | BO/GR |
| 7.0 | <p>Date and Time of Next Meetings at 8pm Village Hall on Mondays</p> <p>22nd January 2024 25th March – Parish Assembly 29th April – Annual Meeting 29th July 23rd September 25th November</p> <p>Meeting ended at 9.55 pm</p> | |

Signed.....

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