MINUTES OF THE BATHFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 16th FEBRUARY 2004 IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, BATHFORD.

Present Councillor Mrs S.Beazer Chair

- " Mr P.Ardley
- " Mrs W.Chambers
- " Mr S.Cherry
- " Mr A. Ginn
- " Mrs J. Hooker
- " Mr J.Lloyd
- " Mr R. Wickham

Apologies Councillor Mrs S.Broadway

' Mrs M. Breeze

Public Five Minutes

246. The following items were raised by members of the public:A pothole has appeared in the High Street. Councillor Cherry will take up with
B&NES.

Action Councillor Cherry.

It was reported that West Wilts have made a good repair of the path to Lower Kingsdown.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

247 Item 228 Amend to read "£1000 will be spent on essential repairs to the equipment, £500 will be spent on the fence". After which the minutes were signed as a true record of proceedings.

Matters Arising.

248/219 a reply from the MP was awaited.

249/220 Affordable Village Housing. It was felt that future meetings should be held closer to the village.

250/222 Future of Tyndale. Councillor Wickham attended the meeting on the future of Older Peoples Homes. Tyndale was not mentioned. There will be a consultation exercise to assess the impact of closure. No decision has yet been made. A petition of over 700 names will be handed in at the next B&NES Council meeting. It was noted that over half the residents have connections with Bathford. It was agreed that a letter strongly disagreeing with closure and also asking what were the plans for the site should be sent to B&NES. Chairman and Councillor Wickham would prepare the draft.

Action Chair & Councillor Wickham.

251/235 Warleigh Lane, Sweeping. A reply has been receive

d from B&NES stating that there will be a sweep of Warleigh Lane at the same time as the surface dressing. It was decided to write to B&NES asking for a programme of dates when the sweep would take place.

Action

Clerk

252/244 Neighbourhood Watch. Councillor Ardley will take over as co-ordinator.

Action Councillor Ardley

253/227 Footpath at Prospect Place. A letter has been received from B&NES to the effect that the requirement for the diversion of the footpath has been withdrawn.

254/218 Aircraft Flight Paths. A reply from the CAA was noted.

Correspondence

- 256 Letter from B&NES regarding the strategy for two wheeled vehicles will be dealt with by Councillor Mrs Hooker.

 Action Councillor Mrs Hooker
- 257 Letter re Rural Transport Advisor will be dealt with by Councillor Cherry.

 Action Councillor Cherry
- 258 Letter re Rural Housing Trust will be dealt with by the Chairman.

Action Councillor Mrs Beazer

- 259 Partnership funding for Community Support Officer. Defer until visit by the Community Policeman.
- 260 Letter from B&NES re Ban of Alcohol in Public Places. At present there is no problem in the village. Await outcome of the action in Bath.

Planning

261 The following applications were supported:-

03/0326 /LBA. 114 High Street. Restoration and Alterations to Existing Conservatory.

04/0101/FUL 2,4,6&8 Box Road Construction of 8 New Dwellings.

04/00163FUL Bathford Gauging Station Single Storey Hut and two Ground Anchors.

262 The following applications have been permitted:-

03/03059/FUL Plot 3235 Warleigh. Renewal of field shelter.

03/02788/FUL 56 Dovers Park. First Floor Extension and replacement porch.

Appeal against refusal of permission for 16 Garstons. First Floor Extension. This was originally supported by the Parish Council.

264 Reply is still awaited to letter asking for a meeting to discuss various outstanding items.

Committee Reports

Amenities

265 New scale of rents for the Playing field and the allotments is proposed. These will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting.

266 Play Area Safety Report. Delivery of Swings awaited. Work to repair roundabout has been ordered. Spring Bike and Spring Frog needs repair. Well has been filled and stumps removed. No further progress on field gates.

Highways

267 Wall at Lavington's Yard has collapsed. It was reported to B&NES who cleared it up.

268. Option 1 for Warleigh Lane. The plans are with Councillors Mrs Chambers and Mrs Breeze who will discuss the plans with B&NES.

Action Councillor Mrs Chambers Councillor Mrs Breeze

Double Yellow Lines. B&NES wanted a contribution of £2000. This was refused.

270 Timing of High Street Traffic Calming is now doubtful.

Cleansing

271 Chairman will meet with B&NES to discuss cleansing boundaries and timings etc.

Finance

272 It was proposed by Councillor Lloyd, seconded by Councillor Cherry that the following accounts be presented for payment:-

SWEB Office Electricity	£ 7.99
Somer Community Housing Trust Room Hire	£23.50
Mumford's Vineyard Refreshments, Village Plan Meeting.	£ 92.00
C.F.Warner Salary and stationary	£361.25
Mrs S.Beazer Chairman's Expenses	£ 10.25

A36/A46 Road Link

273 Draft report awaited. Clerk will obtain a copy from the B&NES Website.

Action Clerk

Village Plan

274 A steering committee of 15 persons has now been set up. The various teams are now in place to produce the Village Design Statement. A series of meetings have now been arranged. There will be a fund raising event as the village has to produce 25% of the cost. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Beazer and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hooker and agreed that the Council will make a grant of £100 towards the costs.

Communications.

275 There appears to be lack of communication, particularly within Warleigh. It was decided to set up a Communications Sub Committee to co-ordinate such matters as notices boards. Bulletin etc.

The Committee will comprise Councillors Mr Ardley, Mrs Chambers and Mr Ginn.

Facilities for Youth

Leave on the agenda

Items for the Bulletin.

Tender for village handiman. Crimestoppers phone number. Footbridge update.

Any other business

278 Letter to Planning re Lavington's Yard. Action Clerk Letter from resident in Box Road thanking the Parish Council for initiating enforcement action re Hayes Leisure.

Date of next meeting.

279 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 15th March. If it is possible for the Community Policemen and/ or the MP to attend the meeting will begin at 7.00pm.