

**MINUTES OF THE BATHFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THE 15th MARCH 2004 IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, BATHFORD.**

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| Present | Councillor Mrs S.Beazer | Chair |
| | " Mr P.Ardley | |
| | " Mrs S. Broadway | |
| | " Mrs M. Breeze | |
| | " Mrs W.Chambers | |
| | " Mr S.Cherry | |
| | " Mrs J. Hooker | |
| | " Mr J.Lloyd | |
| | " Mr R. Wickham | |

Apologies

Councillor Mr A.Ginn

Before the meeting commenced the local Policeman and his Sergeant explained their position in relation to the village and the allocation of resources within the force as a whole. They then answered questions from the Councillors and members of the public.

Public Five Minutes.

280 A member of the public raised the question of the allocation of council housing and was any priority given to local people. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Somer Community Housing Trust asking what was the policy on allocation of housing.

Action

Clerk

Minutes of the Last Meeting.

281/252 amend to read "Councillor Ardley has taken over as co-ordinator."

282/265 amend to read "A new scale of rents for the playing field and the allotments has been prepared". After which the minutes were signed as a true record of proceedings.

Matters arising

283/250 Future of Tynedale. The letter has now been sent. Councillor Wickham has also written to the local paper.

284/251 Warleigh Lane Sweeping. The programme has not yet been received.

285/256 Two Wheeler Vehicles. No action as yet.

286/257 Rural Transport. Councillor Cherry reported that the Batheaston Parish Council were trying to organise a local bus service.

287/278 Lavington's Yard. No action as yet from the planners.

Correspondence

288 Letter from Cotswold Wardens suggesting that a stone stating that the village was part of the Cotswold ANOB be erected on the triangle by the Crown. This was agreed.

289 Letter from the Police Authority requesting financial support for Community Support Officers. It was decided to review the situation in six months.

290 Letter from local farmer regarding trespass on his land. It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Broadway would speak to him. In the meanwhile an item would be put in the bulletin.

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| | Action | Councillor Mrs |
| Broadway | | Clerk |
| 291 Letter from B&NES asking for Council to complete a questionnaire on special expenses. The Clerk will provide the necessary figures. | Action | Clerk |

Planning.

292 A very successful meeting was held with planning officers.

293 The following applications were opposed:-

04/00379/FUL Jewsons View Farm. Conversion of Barn to a Dwelling.

04/00380/FUL Land at rear of 11 Dovers Park. Erection of 4 Garages.

294 A meeting will be held to consider a proposal to erect a communications installation at Meadow Farm, Bathampton.

295 Garages at Mountain Wood. Nothing has yet been decided by Somer Trust.

Committee Reports

Amenities

296 The cradle seats for the swing have been purchased and are awaiting fitting. The Roundabout has been repaired. The contractors bidding for the gates have been asked to provide a full specification. A quote to repair the fence has been received.

297 The Cricket Club have produced drawing for the upgrade of their pavilion. These have been accepted but planning consent must be obtained.

298 A letter has been sent to the RFC asking that they expedite matters on the take over of the Scout/Youth Hut. The solicitors acting for the RFC have also written regarding the transfer of the licence.

Highways

299 The steps from Birdcage Walk to the Manor are in need of repair. B&NES deny ownership. It is thought that they belong to the Church.

300 The leaking water in Ostlings Lane is the responsibility of Wessex Water.

301 The top section of the wall in Church Street needs repair. This will be reported to B&NES.

302 Councillor Mrs Chambers will deal with a letter from a parishioner regarding the A363/Warleigh Lane and the A363/Pump Lane Junctions.

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| | Action | Councillor Mrs Chambers |
| 303 The rumble strips are not very effective. Warning lights that react to oncoming traffic must be fail-safe or they could increase the danger at a junction such as Warleigh Lane. | | |

304 It was agreed that the Parish Council did not wish to be involved with the Parish Sweeping Scheme. The Clerk would write to B&NES accordingly.

Action

Clerk

Communications

305 Councillor Ardley reported on the first meeting of the Communication Committee. It was agreed that not enough was being done to keep the public informed of the Council's activities. Various options were being considered., including making more use of the bulletin or having the council's own newsletter.

Finance

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

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| Somer Community Housing Trust Room Hire | £ 23.50 |
| Wessex Water Allotment Water | £ 23.51 |
| Mr M.Harris Refund of overpayment of allotment rent | £ 8.25 |
| ALCA Affiliation Fee | £ 343.78 |
| B&NES Playing Field Mowing | £1325.40 |
| Community Action Affiliation Fee | £ 20.00 |
| C.F Warner Salary + Expenses + Stationary | £ 558.49 |
| R.Millbank Grass Cutting | £ 20.00 |
| S.Cherry Expenses | £ 25.64 |
| J.Smart Christmas Tree | £ 10.00 |
| Wickstead Leisure Repairs to play equipment | £1048.00 |
| Playforce Ltd Cradle Seats for Swings | £ 270.00 |

307 The tender by Mr R.Millbank of £290 per cut for grass cutting in the Village was accepted. Action Clerk

308 The tender by B&NES of £47.50 + VAT per cut for mowing the playing field was accepted.

Action Clerk

A36/A46 Road Link

309 No further action. A newsletter is being published.

Communications, Notice Boards.

310 A website is being set up.

Facilities for Youth.

311 No further action.

Items for the Bulletin

312 Date of Annual Parish Meeting. Trespass on farms. Check security burglaries. Footbridge, progress with CPO. Date of next Parish Council meeting.

Any other business

313 There was no other business.

Date of next meeting

314 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18th April, at 6.45 in the Village Hall preceding the Annual Parish Meeting.

