

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th
SEPTEMBER 2004 IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, MOUNTAIN WOOD.**

Present	Councillor Mrs S. Beazer	Chair
	" Mr P. Ardley	
	" Mrs M.Breeze	
	" Mr S.Cherry	
	" Mrs J.Hooker	
	" Mr R.Wickham	

Apologies	Councillor Mrs S.Broadway
	" Mrs W. Chambers
	" Mr A.Ginn
	" Mr J.Lloyd

The Meeting opened with representatives of Somer Community Housing Trust explaining the present policy on allocation of housing and proposals effecting Bathford. Questions were then taken from the Councillors.

Public Five Minutes

It was reported that there was foliage encroaching onto the footpath approaching the railway bridge. The Clerk will write to the landowner.

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The Clerk will also write to B&NES concerning the verges on Warleigh Lane

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

432 Item 415 Amend to read " The hedge at the end of Ashley Road has been removed.

Item 425 Amend to read "A Speed Camera Van together with appropriate sign posting will be stationed in High Street.

After which the Minutes were accepted and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

Matters Arising.

433/398 The Clerk will ask B&NES who owns the land behind Nos 73 to 81 Mountain Wood	Action	Clerk
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434/402 Work at Warleigh Woods. The Clerk will hasten the Enforcement Officer for a reply	Action	Clerk
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435/4 03 Cycle Lane. Keep on the Agenda.

436/410 Use of Notice Boards by Public. Clerk will put a notice in the Bulletin.	Action	Clerk
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437/426 Speed restriction on A363. Clerk will write to B&NES asking that the proposed 40mph zone be reduced to 30 mph.

Action

Clerk

438/427 Cats eyes on A363. The cats eyes have still not been replaced.

Correspondence

439 Letter regarding work at gauging station. It was stated that where the path crossed the river at the railway bridge it was not designated as a footpath. The Clerk will write to B&NES asking for this length of the path to be so designated.

Action

Clerk

440 A reply is awaited to the letter asking for guidance on the retention period for planning applications.

441 Wall at the Church in Church Road. Clerk will write to B&NES concerning the ownership of the wall.

Action

Clerk

442 Supported Bus Services. The Council suggest that the services to Bathford start at the Bus Station not Foxhill. This would stop some of the bunching that occurs.

443 The Code of Conduct of Local Council Employees and the draft proposals on Licensing were noted.

Planning

444 The following applications have been refused :-

04/01931/FUL 8 Ashley Road. First Floor Single Storey Rear Extension

04/20005/FUL 5 Church Street. Rear Extension Etc.

04/01064/FUL 95 Mountain Wood. Conversion of Loft.

445 The following applications were supported:-

04/02616/FUL 34 Bathford Hill Conversion of Dairy to a Dwelling

04/02611/FUL Bathford Gardens. Construction of Building No 2 after demolition

Committee Reports.

Amenities

446 Playing Field. New Gate has been fitted. First part of the new play area equipment has been installed. Fence has been replaced. Dog fouling problems keep recurring. Cost of a new sign and installation and emptying dog waste bins is to be investigated.

Action

Councillor Cherry

446 Allotment Field. New marker posts have been fitted.

Car Parking. Negotiations are continuing with De La Rue for the lease of land for a carpark. It was proposed by Councillor Cherry, seconded by Councillor Ardley and agreed by the Council that the Council supports in principle the proposal for a carpark adjacent to the Playing Field.

447 It was proposed by Councillor Cherry, seconded by Councillor Ardley and agreed by the Council, that the Parish Council would bear the cost of obtaining outline planning permission for the carpark.

Highways

448 Footbridge A figure has been agreed with the landowner. A dead line has been set up and if it is not met the CPO will be pursued. The Matter is now in the hands of B&NES legal department.

449 A Traffic Regulatory Order for the double yellow lines is being processed.

450 It is understood that there has been correspondence between B&NES and various other bodies concerning the A363/Warleigh Lane Junction. The Clerk will write to B&NES requesting that all correspondence be copied to the Council.

Action Clerk

451 A363 Mirror. The cost of a mirror that will not be subject to weather problems will be around £680. It was agreed that if B&NES will accept public liability the Council will fund the purchase of the mirror.

Finance.

452 It was proposed by Councillor Cherry, seconded by Council Ardley that the following accounts be presented for payment :-

V.F.Parker Audit Fee	£125.00
SWEB Office Electricity	£ 8.53
Somer Housing Trust Room Hire	£ 23.50
Wessex Water Allotment Field Water	£104.56
Playforce Play Area Equipment	£719.10
C.F.Warner Salary, Expenses, Stationary	£626.14

J.W.Smart £120.00
Allotment Marker Posts

Coombes Fencing £ 2156.13
New Play Area Fence.

Local Channel

453 In the absence of Councillor Ginn there was no further action. Leave on agenda.

A363/Warleigh Lane Mirror.

454 Dealt with under item 451.

Allocation of Housing

455 Keep on Agenda

Cleansing footpaths

456 Keep on agenda

A36/A46 Link

457 No further information. Keep on agenda

Item for the Bulletin

458 Notice Boards, use by the public. Grants for environmental Projects.
Date of Next Meeting.

Any other Business

459 Councillor Lloyd has arranged with Roman Glass to look at the Bus Shelter
and make a quote for the necessary work.

Date of Next Meeting

460 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18th October.

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