

**Minutes of Bathford Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall, Church Street, Bathford**

Present:

Councillor Shirley Beazer (Chair)

Councillor Stan Cherry

Councillor John Lloyd

Councillor Maureen Millbank

Councillor Hugh Baker

Councillor Peter Martin

Councillor Richard Wickham

Councillor Wendy Chambers

Councillor Susan Barclay

Clerk: Jon Cooper

**Public Five Minutes**

There were no members of the public present for the meeting.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Councillor David Le Lohé

**2. Declarations of interest in any item on the agenda**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

**3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (17<sup>th</sup> March 2014)**

Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting was proposed by Cllr Stan Cherry and seconded by Cllr Hugh Baker. The Council resolved to accept the minutes.

**4. Matters Arising**

Councillors reviewed the list of actions from the last meeting. The following matters arising were discussed:

6.3.3) Research a safe for the office – this was ongoing

6.4.6) Write to Biggs Construction regarding overhanging ivy – this had now been cut back, although a parishioner had concerns that ivy roots were still in the wall.

9.3) Update photographs and register of members interests on Parish Council website – Cllr Hugh Baker stated he would bring his camera to the next meeting to take the required pictures and Cllr Richard Wickham would update the website.

**Action: Cllr Richard Wickham & Cllr Hugh Baker**

## **5. Committee Reports**

No written reports were presented at this meeting.

### **5.1. Amenities**

- 5.1.1. The work on the Box road bus shelter was scheduled to start by the end of the month.
- 5.1.2. Work on the Cricket Club Pavilion was scheduled to begin before the end of the month. The well was also due to be filled as part of the works.
- 5.1.3. It was reported that in 2 weeks' time a children's rugby festival is due to be held at Avonvale Rugby Club which may result in increased traffic. Stewards were due to encourage people attending to park on the Crown Field.
- 5.1.4. The old rugby posts have been cut up and are in the process of being removed.
- 5.1.5. De La Rue had offered 12 people for 6 hours to complete a community project in the village. Seeding the field and painting the scout hut were suggested as tasks they could complete.

### **5.2. Communications**

No items were reported

### **5.3. Finance and Administration**

- 5.3.1. It was reported that bank statements had not been received from all accounts to state the balances as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. The Clerk was researching using online accounts that retain the 2 signatory security provision.
- 5.3.2. Papers were distributed showing the financial position at year end, reserves were up from last year although £2,000 of this was reserved for the bus shelter having come as a grant.

#### **5.4. Highways**

- 5.4.1. The potholes on Bathford Hill were reported as having been filled, there were still outstanding issues at Warleigh and Shockerwick Lane.
- 5.4.2. Cllr Richard Wickham stated that he had a snow sprayer available from his employer, the offer of which was accepted. It was noted that BANES would no longer fund the Snow Warden scheme, all costs would be have to met from Parish Council reserves.

#### **5.5. Planning**

- 5.5.1. An application on Ostling's Lane had been permitted.
- 5.5.2. The planning for converting the wooden structure near the A4 roundabout had been resubmitted. The Parish Council remain opposed to the development due to lack of vehicle access and it being on the green belt.

### **6. School Governors representative report**

There were no items to report.

### **7. Correspondence**

- 7.1. A Parishioner had been in contact regarding fly tipping on the Box Road, requesting a dustbin to alleviate this. It was noted that BANES would collect fly tipped waste and it was also their responsibility to supply public dustbins. Cllr Shirley Beazer offered to contact them in this respect.

**Action: Cllr Shirley Beazer**

### **8. Items to report**

There were no items to report.

### **9. Items for the 'Bathford Bulletin'**

- 9.1. Thanks to Parishioners for attending the APM.

### **10. Items for the next meeting**

- 10.1. A reminder was given that the next meeting was due to start at 7pm rather than 7.30pm to conduct the re-election of the Parish Council posts.

## 11. Payments for approval

11.1. Payment of the invoices presented to the council at this meeting was proposed by Cllr Stan Cherry and seconded by Cllr John Lloyd. The Council resolved to make the following payments.

**Current Account Total – £3,850.44**

	<b>Description</b>	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
Mr I Suleman	Office rent - paid by s/o		£120.00
SLCC	CiLCA Registration Fee (Paid in advance of meeting)		£150.00
Office Depot Ltd	Office Chair	£99.60	£110.15
	Cash Box	£10.55	
E.On	Street Lighting		£12.05
EDF Energy	Manor Electricity		£31.56
The Phone Co-op	Telephone & Internet		£25.76
J Cooper	Clerk Salary		£429.59
Corsham Print	Bathford Bulletin		£133.00
Valley Parishes Alliance	VPA Subscriptpion		£150.00
J Cooper	Backpay due to salary change from Jan 2014		£8.33
R Millbank	Grass Cutting for the Village		£180.00
Wynne Willson Recreation Ground	Half of budget from Precept for WW expenditure		£2,500.00

**Wynne Willson Account Total - £238.50**

	<b>Description</b>	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
R Millbank	Grass Cutting for the 'Rec'		£180.00
Tom Ledbury	Half cut with triple mower		£58.50

**Allotment Account Total - £40.79**

	<b>Description</b>	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
Wessex Water	Water Bill 15/08/13 - 21/02/14		£40.79

**12. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Parish Office, Bathford Hill, Bathford.

**The meeting closed at 7.10pm**

Signed..... (Chair)

Date.....