

Bagworth and Thornton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at Bagworth Community Centre on
Monday 7th November 2016 at 7.00 pm

Present: Vice Chair Cllr S. Smith, Cllr J. Brown, Cllr P. Brighthouse, Cllr R. George, Cllr M. Holt,
Cllr G. Whittingham
Clerk to the Council: A. Murray
RFO: Roger Snowdin
County Councillor: Cllr D. Sprason
Borough Councillor: Cllr C. Boothby
2 x members of the public

1141. Vice Chair Cllr Smith reported to Council that Chairman Cllr Auckland was current indisposed and would not be attending the meeting. Cllr Smith assumed the position Chairman of the meeting and brought the meeting to order.
1142. **County Councillor Report** – No written report received. Relevant information concerning types of VAS signs has been forwarded to the Chairman. It has been reported that the Midland Main Line electrification has now been pushed back and may now stop at Corby before reaching the Leicestershire stations of Market Harborough, Leicester, Loughborough and East Midlands Parkway. The Home Care Service has been reduced from 150 to 9, with 7 new Care providers, leaving more than 400 vulnerable people with no service. Cllr Brighthouse expressed that this is the worst time of year for this to happen. Cllr Smith asked Cllr Sprason if there was contribution available from LCC for reducing speeding within the Parish. Cllr Sprason to investigate possible match funding.
1143. **Borough Councillor Report** – No written report received. Residents are encouraged to express their views on the community and crime by logging on to www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/haveyoursay The land at the corner of 121 Station Road, Bagworth is being developed by Nottingham Housing Association and will now be 100% affordable housing and is likely to be approved by the Planning Department at H&BBC. Talks between the Nottingham Housing Association and the Bagworth Club regarding the land are being held. Councils and local groups are encouraged to apply for the Parish Initiative Grant fund which now gives a 60/40 grant.
1144. **Questions from the Public** – An update regarding the land to the side of Thornton Primary School was requested. This is item 23 on the agenda and it was agreed to bring it forward on the agenda.

1145. Proposal to move item 23 – Resolution on land to side of Thornton Primary School – to item 4 on the agenda due to the interest of a member of the public present. **Resolution passed. Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Brown.**
1146. Thornton Primary School have requested the use of waste land between the School and the allotments. Their proposal is to keep it as natural as possible and use it as an eco-garden for the pupils. Ownership has now been established as the Parish Council's. Permission to use the land was agreed and it was proposed to gift the land subject to solicitors fees. **Proposed by Cllr Holt and seconded by Cllr Smith. Clerk to action and bring forward to next scheduled meeting.**
1147. **Apologies received – Cllr Auckland. Resolved to accept, Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Brown and by unanimous vote.**
1148. **To receive any declarations of pecuniary interest from members on any matter pertaining to the agenda – None received.**
1149. **To receive and approve requests for dispensations from Members on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest – None received.**
1150. **Minutes of the Parish Meeting** held on Monday 3rd October 2016 at Thornton Community Centre having been circulated were taken as read and accepted as a true record of the meeting after amendment to point 1138 amend Dog Warden to read Environmental Services. **Resolution passed. Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr George.**
1151. **Resolution to purchase speed activated signs –** All combinations of speed cameras were discussed with the speed activated sign being considered the best option. The fixing of the signs to posts were discussed and moveable brackets were recommended. Police recommended that 2 x Bagworth and 2 x Thornton would suffice. **Proposal to purchase 4 speed activated signs with rechargeable batteries and spare batteries was proposed with additional purchases up to maximum of precepted amount. Proposed by Cllr Brighthouse and seconded by Cllr Holt. Passed by unanimous vote. Cllr's Auckland and Smith and Clerk to action. Meeting to be arranged.**
1152. **Resolution to accept Balance of accounts and budget year to date** The RFO read through the report and draft/working precept document. Members were reminded that a final submission figure is to be agreed at the January meeting. No response has been received regarding the letter of complaint that was sent to HSBC. A Finance meeting is to be arranged for the week commencing 14th November to discuss the Precept for 2017/18. **Clerk to action. Resolution to accept accounts proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Holt.**
1153. **To Approve Accounts for Payment -** Accounts for payment were passed with no amendments. **Resolution passed. Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Brown and passed by unanimous vote.**
1154. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 **RESOLVED** that by virtue of the provisions of Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded

during discussion of the following business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be Item
Correspondence from the Pony Trust Ltd. **Resolution passed. Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr George and passed by unanimous vote.**

1155. Correspondence Receive – See Annex B

1. Planning Issues

- a. 16/00758/FUL (Re-consultation) – Erection of 10 no. dwellings & 4 no. flats – Land adjacent 121 Station Road, Bagworth – No objection.
- b. 16/00952/HOU – 2 storey side extension – 108 Main Street, Thornton – No objection.
- c. 16/00932/FUL – Creation of a new access by creation of handstanding and erection of 2 mtr fences (retrospective) – No objection.

1156. Clerks Report – Cllr Brown offered help with outstanding web site. Members voted to receive selected Press Releases and letter to Allotment holders was approved. **Proposed by Cllr Brighthouse and seconded by Cllr Smith.**

1157. Committees / Working Group Updates

- a) **QEII Sports Ground Bagworth working Group** – no written report submitted.
 - i) The kissing gate has been installed and fence repaired.
 - ii) **Grant Funding** – Meeting to Football Association has been arranged for Wednesday 9th November to discuss funding and match funding.
 - iii) **New Pavilion** - Initial meeting with Architect produce projected costings on new build has been held. **Cllr Smith to action.**
- b) **Bagworth New Woods Working Group** - no written report submitted.
- c) **Park Lane, Allotments** – no written report submitted. Improvements to site continuing.

1158. Precept Setting for 2017/18 financial year - Finance Committee meeting to be arranged week commencing 14th November 2016. **Clerk to Action.**

1159. Resolution for the purchase of Two Christmas Trees for Bagworth Community Centre and Thornton Community Centre. Resolution passed to a maximum of £120.00. **Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Brown. Passed by unanimous vote.**

1160. Resolution to make a Donation to The British Legion for two poppy wreaths. Contribution to be £60.00. **Resolution passed. Proposed by Cllr Brighthouse and seconded by Cllr George. Passed by unanimous vote.**

1161. Proposal to suspend Standing Orders at 9.00pm. Resolution passed. **Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Brighthouse and passed by unanimous vote.**

1162. Resolution to approve specification for ground maintenance contract 2017/19. Specification approved and tenders to be returned by 26th November 2016 and contract awarded at next

scheduled meeting. **Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Brown. Passed by unanimous vote.**

1163. **Tree works required** – Work schedule to be reissued with full specification and returned to Finance meeting. **Cllr's Smith and George to action.**
1164. **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr George reiterated to Members that the assembling of a Neighbourhood Plan involves an enormous amount of time and expense but is a critical part of the Council going forward and should be a community lead plan. Cllr's Brown, Holt and Whittingham to work with Cllr George to initiate plan.
1165. **Resolution to commence with the Management Plan for the Parish owned land & woodland.** Resolution passed to commence plan for Bagworth New Wood and Maynard Park. **Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Brown and passed by unanimous vote. Cllr George to contract and register land with RPA. Cllr George to lead.**
1166. **Resolution to appoint contractor to undertake flailing/cutting of grass/scrub bordering Bagworth New Wood.** Ownership of land to be confirmed before any work commences. **Cllr George to action.**
1167. **Resolution to the appointment of a Dog Warden Service and enforcement measures.** Areas currently being monitored and new locations to be forwarded to Rob Smart. **Cllr George to action.**
1168. **Resolution to lease plots 2 & 3 at Bagworth New Wood to current tenant of plot 1. Deferred until next scheduled meeting.**
1169. Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.
1170. Next Scheduled meeting is Monday 5th December 2016 at Thornton Community Centre.

Signed
Chair / Vice Chair

Date

Bagworth & Thornton Parish Council
Financial Report for October 2016
Cash balances as at 31st October 2016
As of this month:

General reserve	£85,397
Pavilion reserve	£34,841
Section 106 – balance remaining	£1,486
Capital expenditure	£9,500
Legal fees – Beech Avenue	£4,450
Total reserves	£135,674

A further instalment of rent has been received from Pony Rescue Ltd together with the field rent income from Robert Miles.

No rents have yet been received in respect of Bagworth New Wood.

Budget 2016-17

The first draft has been completed and has been made available for members' attention. Members are reminded that the budget and hence the precept needs to be agreed by January and HBBC notified accordingly. It would appear from various sources that the government is still considering imposing capping on local councils and whether this materialises remains to be seen. Members may wish to bear this in mind when considering the precept and also that the Council is one of higher precepting councils in the county.

The draft budget throws up a number of issues most notably the existing provision for capital projects and which of these should be implemented in 2017-18 and whether any additional projects should be considered. Members need to bear in mind the council's limited capacity for undertaking a number of substantial projects at the same time.

I think the best approach would be to do as we have done in the past and to convene a finance committee meeting to make recommendations to the Council and to agree budgetary provisions especially with regards to capital projects and ongoing maintenance costs in regard to Bagworth New Wood. Existing reserves need to be reviewed and the Council should consider whether it still wishes to proceed with the proposed expenditure. Expenditure, other than play equipment, is projected to take place in 2017-18 although it is possible that it could be made in 2016-17.

Projected expenditure consists of:

Pavilion	£150,000 (grant/S106/existing reserve)
Speed signs	£15,000 (S106)
Playground equipment replacement	£10,000 (existing reserve)
Bagworth New Wood fencing	£1,500 (existing reserve)
Maynard Park fencing	£5,600 (S106)
Signs in parks	£3,000 (existing reserve)

The cost of speed detection cameras etc and Maynard Park fencing originally were to be wholly funded by S106 drawdowns. The playground equipment reserve is intended to be utilised at some future unspecified date and the reserve is intended to ensure funds are available when needed. It ought to be possible to firm up on the pavilion proposals by the precept submission deadline.

HSBC

The Ombudsman's protocol requires that any complaint the Council has should be first addressed to the HSBC – consequently a letter has been sent and the outcome is awaited.

Scribe 2000 accounting software – awaiting quotation.

Roger Snowden
2nd November 2016

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Correspondence to be discussed
Monday 7th November 2016

Date	From	Subject	Action	Resolution
05/10/16	Andrew Granger & Co	Meeting Notes – Pony Rescue, Allotment Fields, Bagworth	For Resolution	Discussed in closed session
17/10/16	Andrew Granger & Co / Pony Trust Ltd	Pony Rescue Improvements	For Resolution	Discussed in closed session
24/10/16	Andrew Granger & Co / Pony Trust Ltd	Issues on Allotment Fields	For Resolution	Discussed in closed session
31/10/16	Pony Trust Ltd	Allotments Field	For Resolution	Discussed in closed session
11/10/16	H&BBC	National Hate Crime Awareness	For Discussion	
12/10/16	H&BBC	Community groups urged to apply for grants	For Discussion	
03/10/16	H&BBC	BT proposal to remove public payphone kiosks - consultation	For Discussion	
24/10/16	H&BBC	Press Release – Crackdown on littering from vehicles	For Information	
25/10/16	H&BBC	Developing Communities Fund Expressions of Interest	For Discussion	
24/10/16	Citizens Advice	Grant request	For Discussion	
25/10/16	St John Ambulance	Thank you letter	For Information	
27/10/16	LCC	Fibre broadband in your area – survey results	For Information	
27/10/16	H&BBC	Public Space Protection Order – Parish Guide	For Discussion	
28/10/16	H&BBC	Press release – Consultation on community safety	For Information	
01/11/16	HSE	Working with display screen equipment	For Information	

