

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Confidential

LOCATION

Bayford Village Hall

DATE

21st July 2025

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT

Michael Wainwright (Chair), Alan Fitzjohn, Bob Orme, Christopher Orme, Oliver Riley and Maggie Broomer (clerk), 10 members of the public

CIRCULATION

Above listed + George Rowley

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	George Rowley, Bob Deering	Noted
2.0	Minutes of previous meeting	
2.1	Minutes of the previous meeting were sent out to all Councillors beforehand. Having been agreed they were signed by the Chair.	Noted
3.0	Matters Arising	
3.1	Path to station needs to be cut again.	Noted/AF
3.2	Repairs to telephone box are ongoing – BO overseeing this.	BO
3.3	For the time being the temporary home on land on B158 / Bayfordbury seems to have been stopped but there is still a truck on the site.	Noted
4.0	Finance	
4.1	Payments out since last meeting	Noted
	Glendale Grounds – grass cutting – April	£212.59
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	Glendale Grounds – grass cutting – June	£212.59
	Litter picking – June	£74.01
	Council Insurance	£645.07
	Balances – 30th June 2025	
	Current Account -	£18798.24
	Business Savings Accounts -	£2888.70
		£861.97
4.2	The audit is currently with our External Auditor David Sitwell.	Noted
5.0	Planning	
5.1	11 Broad Green Wood - .insertion of dormer window and creation of Juliet balcony at rear – permission granted.	Noted
	6A Broad Green Wood – demolition of rear conservatory, single storey side extension, first floor front extension – prior approval not required.	

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	Bellswood Caravan Site – proposed use of land as a caravan site for up to 40 caravans.- Lawful Development Certificate requested – status ongoing.	
6.0	Clerks Notices	
6.1	Willow Corner Pond – needs a big tidy up, as it is overgrown in many places. AF and BO have said they will do the hedges and the horse chestnut by the bus shelter that has dead branches later in the year. It was decided to get a professional quote re clearing the pond from George who is - LGS Ponds and Landscaping. MB to organise this.	MB
6.2	Council email accounts are to be set and used by all councillors and clerk rather than personal ones. Any problems to consult with MW who will be able to help.	MW
6.3	CAB have asked for our yearly donation of £100. It was agreed to send this to them for all the worthwhile work they do.	Noted/MB
6.4	The SID in Ashdene Rad is not working, it has been reported to HCC.	Noted
7.0	Any Other Business	
7.1	Bellswood – a local resident is now assisting both of the parish councils in presenting a case against the development of this site to Planning at EHDC. A planning solicitor from a company called Holmes and Hills in Essex experienced in planning law is on behalf of residents and PCs assisting and writing a formal letter outlining the objections of all involved. Parishioners have been invited to send in their own letters of objections. Bob Deering has also been very helpful in driving this overall objection. Previous planning applications were refused, only the house was granted. Certain old documents have now been recovered and viewed but only 3 people lived here in the past according to the electoral roll / service bills. The only rates paid were from the main house. Previous caretaker has said there have never been 40 caravans on this site. Caravan size is up to 23 ft by 65 feet and movable in up to 2 parts. 6 or 7 on site already – they will not be removed regardless of the final decision. There is not a “no stop” notice at present. A legal decision will probably decide the future of this site.	Noted
7.2	Warren House – is now for sale. Several villagers are concerned as to whether villagers will still be allowed to use the track that goes from Bayford Green to the church. This is part of the Warren House land. MW to speak to Neville Hudson re the future of the realigned footpath that goes on Warren House land thereby bypassing the land in front of Church Cottages.	MW
7.3	The station car park is now full every weekday by 8am and cars have been parking on the road but due to several episodes of vandalism this is not a recommended place to park.	Noted
7.3	No update re the Baker Arms – awaiting the planning application to be available for us to view.	Noted
8.0	Date and Time of Next Meetings at 8pm Village Hall on Mondays 22nd September 24 th November Meeting ended at 9.35 pm	

Signed.....

Date:.....