

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held
in The Rhymes Pavilion on 29th April 2014 at 7-15 pm**

Present: Cllrs S Fremantle (Chair), J Beresford-Smith, K Eardley, V Pecchia & M Townley (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs L Brass, K Hawkins,

Attending: Cllrs P Blanking, V Drew, P Fear, J Heffer, G Riley

G-449 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

G-450 Minute of the Meeting held 11th March 2014

Proposed J Beresford-Smith } RESOLVED that - The Minutes be accepted as a true record.
Seconded K Eardley }

G-451 Matters Arising from above Minutes

- (a) Meetings timetable – minor adjustments required to the May 2014 to May 2015 Timetable.
Amended copy attached to these Minutes.
- (b) Electronic recording of all Meetings was queried. No changes to SO s required in advance of new government proposals.
- (c) An email copy of the B&NES Place-Making Validation to be requested for the Website.

MT

G-452 Accounts March 2014 - Unaudited

(a) *Accounts cleared by the Internal Auditor – Cllr J Heffer – and figures relate to Budget*

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jly</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>
Income	1804	269	213	884	823	494	1125	1741	1696	(123)	845	1268
Expenditure	891	3999	3679	7386	10268	8976	9891	12131	15176	19062	16576	17779

(b) Special Payments

Internal auditor £185

Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED that - The Accounts for March, and the Special Payment
Seconded K Eardley } be recommended to the full Parish Council

(c) Audit

All papers for last year's Accounts delivered to the Internal Auditor. When completed all documents will be offered to Batheaston residents for perusal - over a 20 clear days period - and any copies – at 25p/sheet. The final papers must be issued to the External Auditors by 9th June 2014.

G-453 Toilet block / Car Park Update

- (a) The BPC lease on the toilet block ceases on 4th June 2014.
- (b) Termination letters issued to the 2 x Services providers and the 'Locking' agent.
- (c) Discussions with B&NES in progress regarding a possible lease of Toilet Block, Car Park, Gardens and Meadow. The BPC needs a legal agreement, even if staged over a period of time.
- (d) The Batheaston Gardens lease also suspended from 1st July.
PEC to consider a new role for the sub-contracted Gardener.

VP

PEC

G-454 Annual Residents Meeting – 24th April

- (a) A "dramatic" evening with 48 attendees, when all concerns were aired.
- (b) In the B&NES Core Strategy the Football Pitch is thought to be "protected" and a "Green space"
- (c) Notes of the Meeting with the Chairmen for consideration before issue.

CHAIRS

G-455 Crossing Completion

- (a) The Contractors are still to complete = Fencing, Landscaping and improvements to the newly laid Footpath. Works to be completed in May.
- (b) A Meeting with Paul Mackie (B&NES) proposed for 9.00am on Tuesday 6th May – to review progress - but to be confirmed.
- (c) A local contractor has offered to line the bridge with a fluorescent vinyl strip – without cost. Samples demonstrated and a trial length to be requested for late-night viewing.

PF/JBS/PBI

LB

G-456 Pavement at Shops

- (a) Recent email, circulated to all Councillors, confirms that B&NES will undertake the entire renovation – to the Batheaston design – pending additional capital monies.
- (b) Cabinet member to be contacted for commitment.
- (c) A "Thank You" letter of appreciation from a disadvantaged resident to the Chronicle to be pursued.

VP

VD

G-457 Neighbourhood Plans – Costs and Opportunities for Grants

- (a) The attached Resolution was thoroughly considered and approved for issue to all Councillors.
Proposed S Fremantle } RESOLVED that - This GPC Meeting approves the Resolution.
Seconded P Fear }
- (b) The Clerk is now empowered to seek Consultants and Grant monies.
- (c) An extract from the B&NES Rural Strategies Audit 2013 infers that

“...villages excluded from the Green Belt (*Batheaston RA1 Village*) may not be able to deliver the number of dwellings envisaged through polices RA1 and RA2.”

G-458 Car Sales Showroom - Potential

(a) A variety of rumours abound but this area should be included in any Neighbourhood Plan.

G-459 Seats

(a) The BPC is dedicated to providing seats to celebrate the Creed family and Douglas Jackson.

(b) The proposals appear to have been “lost” and will be re-issued for comments.

GPC

G-460 Communications

(a) Agreed that a simpler A4 leaflet be prepared every 3 months – for distribution in shops/etc. – rather than distribution to all households.

(b) The Annual Report must continue to be issued to all households each year in accordance with legal requirements.

(c) It was agreed to establish a small working party to consider other aspects of communication such as entries onto Facebook etc.....

PF/VD

G-461 Any Other Business

(a) Nothing noted

G-462 Press Release

(a) Nothing at this time.

G-463 Date of Next Meeting

Proposed for Tuesday 17th June 2014 (To be confirmed)