

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 12th November 2013 at 7-15 pm**

Present :- Cllrs V Pecchia (Chair), J Beresford-Smith, P Blanking, P Burcombe, L Brass, P Fear, K Hawkins, B Martin,
V Trenchard & M Townley (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs S Cast, S Fremantle, K Eardley, D Gledhill, J Heffer, M Johns, D Lavington, G Riley, D Robins,
M Tabb & N Treacy

Attending: None

C-758 Declarations of Interest

None raised

C-759 Minutes of Meeting held 17th September 2013

Proposed K Hawkins } RESOLVED – That the Minutes be formally approved as presented.
Seconded P Blanking } (Unanimously)

C-760 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

- (a) K Eardley is a member of the Youth Club Committee – and not the Secretary.
- (b) Propose that any necessary additional monies for the Pavement in front of the Shops be allocated (before end of December) from the District Councillors “award” monies.
- (c) The Questions and Professional Analysis of the Vision Plan now on the Website.
- (d) A nomination agreed for the B&NES Chairman “Personnel Awards”. Notes in progress. **PBu**
- (e) BLA meetings now being attended by PF. The BLA AGM is 27th November.

C-761 Report from General Purpose Committee (Cllr Pecchia)

- (a) Toilet block A meeting B&NES officers now confirms a willingness to lease various areas – including the Meadows – to the BPC. Further meetings proposed to ‘firm up’ these proposals. **VP**
Useful meeting held with Don Foster MP, who supports our Vision Plan ambitions.
- (b) Bulletin The next issue should be available in the next 3 weeks. **VP**
- (c) Membership This Committee only has 6 members. Another volunteer required. **ALL**
- (d) Suffragette Tree. An important landmark in this Country’s history and the BPC supports the costs of necessary tree surgery. The Batheaston Society might assist? **MT**

C-762 Report from Highways, Footpaths & Lighting Committee (Cllr Pecchia)

- (a) Estate Parking Survey Useful meeting held with B&NES officers and promised actions are being pursued. **PF**
- (b) Pavement B&NES officers are now renegeing on commitments, and an urgent meeting with K Packer and his superior, M Smith, is to be progressed. **VP**
Costing exercise in progress with the construction contractors for the Bridge. **KH**
A shopper from Colerne fell and broke her arm recently and details needed. **PBu**
- (c) HGV Traffic on Bannerdown Road Second meeting held with Colerne and Jane Scott (Wiltshire Leader) and there are no investment plans for road improvements. The BPC will be consulted on any future planning applications for the hangars. **MT**
B&NES Cllr Roberts met on 11th November with her Wiltshire counterparts and “outcome” will be ascertained.
- (d) Footpath on Solsbury Hill. The Planning Inspector reviewed proposals to reinstate, visited the site on 29th October, and has approved the re-instatement.
- (e) Crossing Bridge. Advice from cyclists sought on the proposed gating system for the new Footpath onto Mill Lane. Similar advice to be pursued from District Councillors.

C-763 Report from Planning & Environment Committee (Cllr Brass)

- (a) Replacement Village Hall The re-application had little change from the first Application and was again strongly rejected.
A complaint letter sent to D Trigwell, copied to all Councillors, concerning much misleading information from his officer.

C-764 Report from Place-Making Committee (Cllr Hawkins)

- (a) Housing Sites Report details are progressing and “finalisation” meeting planned for next Tuesday 19th November. (This meeting has usurped the HFL’s proposed meeting).
This work is to complete the analysis of all the sites proposed by B&NES. B&NES will then offer “their” proposals to all residents, next March, for consultation – before proceeding further.
The BPC may wish to offer additional sites for consideration.

C-765 Presentation of Unaudited Accounts for September & October 2013 (Clerk)

- (a) Accounts - All September Accounts cleared by the Internal Auditor - Cllr J Heffer - and figures relate to Budget

	April £	May £	Jun £	Jul £	Aug £	Sep £	Oct £	
Income	1804	269	213	884	823	493	1125	Additional to budget
Expenses	3891	3999	884	7386	10268	8976	9891	Less than budget

- (b) Special Payment Recommendations

Suffragette’s Tree £450; Clerk’s Salary to increase by 11p / hour

- (c) Audit 2012-13

Availability for copies now closed.

Proposed L Brass } RESOLVED – The Accounts for September & October, and Special
Seconded P Blanking } (Unanimously) Payments are approved as presented.

C-766 Report from All Councillors – Representations & Issues

- (a) Bannerdown road is a continual problem with HGV traffic, missing tarmac and complete lack of verges attention.
- (b) P Bu offered sincere thanks to the BPC for continued support of the Youth Club. Once again the B&NES Youth Services has confirmed that there will be no monetary support this next year.
- (c) The Report from the Batheaston Neighbourhood Group will be added to the forthcoming Bulletin, and s already entered on the BPC Website.
- (d) Dog fouling reported on the high Street and Dog Warden will be advised. **MT**

C-767 Chairman's Report

- (a) Nothing to add.

C-768 Clerks Report

- (a) Minutes of the recent B&NES/ALCA Liaison Meeting issued to all Councillors. An interesting comment in the Core Strategy Report infers that B&NES might "convert" existing Green Belt land for housing.
- (b) The new Police Commissioner has offered grants for any works to assist communities.
- (c) Grateful thanks to the BPC for bringing forward the next Meeting date to Monday 9th December.

C-769 Press Release

Nothing at this time

C-770 Date of next Meeting: -

Proposed Monday 9th December 2013 at 7.15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

Chairman.....Date.....