

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 16th October 2012 at 7-15 pm**

Present :- Cllrs K Hawkins (Chair), J Beresford-Smith, P Blanking, P Burcombe, L Brass, P Fear, S Fremantle, D Gledhill, J Heffer, D Lavington, D Robins, M Tabb, V Trenchard and M Townley (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs V Pecchia, S Cast, K Eardley, M Johns, G Riley,

Attending: Cllr M Veal

C-636 Public Participation – M Veal

Attended, for a short while, to offer updates on current Batheaston concerns: -

- (1) Pavement at shops. Understood that Highways and Planning had advised costs and waiting BPC response. Costs ranged from £10 – 50 – 70k but no such information ever received;
- (2) River crossing has commenced works after Approval in September;
- (3) Youth club – Was not aware that B&NES have continued with zero support for the last 2 years;
- (4) School Lane double yellow lines. Inadequate proposals being considered – none of which ever relayed to the BPC!
- (5) 228 bus stop timetables are either missing or at wrong Stop;
- (6) Extra bus shelters. The BPC advised where new shelters were required – but never provided; MV recommended a direct letter to the new CEO (Dr Jo Farrar) – with copies to the 3 x Dist Cllrs.

C-637 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

C-638 Minutes of Meeting held 21st August 2012

Proposed J Heffer } RESOLVED – That the Minutes be formally approved as presented.
Seconded P Burcombe } (Unanimously)

C-639 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

- (a) Website email addresses – only 2 x Councillors now need to be entered.

C-640 Chairman's Report – K Hawkins

- (a) River Crossing
Planning Application 12/02415/REG03 was considered by the PEC and approved 21st September 2012. Completion is promised for 31st March 2013 and an "opening" ceremony should be considered.
- (b) Correspondence
None advised.

C-641 Village Centre Committee Report – K Hawkins.

- (a) Pavement at Shops
Believe that VP has met with Cabinet Officers and a statement due in December. Will still send a letter to the new CEO as recommended by MV
- (b) Update on Jubilee Events
The accounts are still being resolved but the outlook seems to indicate a shortfall of £2250. Monies – for advertisements etc. - are still being pursued.

C-642 Planning & Environment Committee Report – D Robins

- (a) Gypsies & Travellers.
B&NES considered the consultation suggestions on 12th September and report awaiting issue. Only 3 sites now being considered – none at Charmy Down.
- (b) LDF Considerations
B&NES is having to re-think some of their policies – at the Inspector's request – and the Inquiry is unlikely to recommence until next July 2013.
- (c) Park & Ride
Preparatory meeting held last Monday 8th October – awaiting minutes – but no mention of the Bathampton Meadows site (nor Charmy Down). Meeting with D Trigwell and the Bath Preservation Trust and DT indicated a 25% drop in facilities.

C-643 Highways Committee Report – J Heffer

- (a) Highway Matters
 1. The signs prohibiting cycling on The Batch pavement are missing. Reinstatement requested 14th August;
 2. BT Manhole was "fixed" but problem has reoccurred. Reported to OpenReach this Monday.
 3. Recommend that 3 x Litter bins be pursued to maximum £1000.
 4. Grit bins are full but replacement of Morris Lane collapsed unit to be requested.
- (b) Footpath Matters
 5. Legalities in progress to reinstate the Solsbury Hill Footpath – missed off the "Designated Plan"

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C-644 General Purposes Committee Report – K Hawkins

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

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>Sept</u>
<u>Income</u>	£1934	£1850	£1500	£1411	£ 590	£2284
<u>Expenditure</u>	£3022	£(1233)	£(123)	£(201)	£ 1670	£ (508)

- (b) Special Payment Recommendations
Car Park Boom Repair £250, 3 Litter bins £1000
- (c) Audit 2011-12 Status

External Auditors cleared the Accounts and results advertised on the noticeboards and Website.
New appointed External Auditors for the next 5 years are Grant Thornton UK LLP

- Proposed D Lavington } RESOLVED – that The Accounts and Special Payments are approved.
Seconded V Trenchard }
- (d) Christmas Bulletin no 30
Recommended that production be completed by end of November for early December distribution.
- (e) Cheques Signatories
Only 1 of the present Chairmen is authorised to sign cheques.
New Bank Mandate to be prepared to include VP, KH, SF, LB and JH
- (f) The B&NES/NALC proposed Code of Conduct and Register of Interests documents are to be adopted as issued.

C-645 BLA Report

- (a) Nothing at this time.

C-646 Committees Composition

- (a) The latest listing was reviewed and no Councillors wished to change their present Committees.
The Committees + Organisations listing has been updated and attached to these Minutes.
- (b) Cllr Fremantle volunteered to continue as GPC chairman until May 2013

C-647 Report from all Councillors – representations and issues

- (a) All items covered as above.

C-633 Clerks Report

- (a) The dates for the cluster Meetings next year have been set as Wednesday 27th February and Wednesday 17th July 2013.
- (b) The B&NES/ALCA Liaison Meeting is set for Wednesday 17th October, at 6.30pm in The Memorial Hall, Farmborough.
- (c) Police Commissioner Election – due on Thursday 15th November.
The B&NES Electoral Department has still to respond to the BPC request to move the Polling Station to The Rhymes Pavilion.

C-634 Press Release

Nothing at this time

C-635 Date of next Meeting: -

Proposed Tuesday 18th December 2012 at 7.15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (to be confirmed)

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