

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in  
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7-15 pm**

**Present :-** Cllrs P Fear (Chair), J Beresford-Smith, P Blanking, M Corbett, K Eardley, S Fremantle, J Heffer,,  
M Johns, K Hawkins, G Riley, M Tabb, V Trenchard & M Townley (Clerk):

**Attending:** Mr N Whitehead, Mr B Johnson, Ms P Jenner, Mr H Smallwood

**C-904 Public Participation – N Whitehead**

Mr Whitehead (representing the Batheaston Village Hall, Shared Vision Group) presented findings on traffic movements around the School Lane site – in preparation for an Application to rebuild the Church Hall. These traffic surveys were completed over 3 months, both during the day and evenings. He said that whenever the School, Scouts or any of the Churches held functions on the same night parking was extremely difficult. The proposed new Hall will be some 12% larger than existing with an area in front and on the green for 11 x off-street parking bays – including the existing 2 x Disabled bays – and a new entrance off School Lane. Mr Whitehead said that pre-application meetings are in hand with B&NES Planners and an Application will be entered soon. Copies of the display literature will be made available. It was regretted that Mr Whitehead had not given sufficient notice of his wish to address the Council, but he was thanked for this brief talk.

**C-905 Public Participation – B Johnson**

Mr Johnson wished to reiterate the presentation made last week to the GPC – for a donation of £2500 for the proposed “Fete de Musique” on 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July this year. (*this was approved – see para C-911 below*) This event echoes the first Fete in 2006 – which ran for 1 day at a cost of £12000. This year, the plan is to hold a 2 day event with an estimated cost of £16000. As in 2006 visitors from Batheaston’s Twinned town of Oudon in France will attend and will coincide with the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Twinning Association.. There is much fund-raising and grant requests in progress.

**C-906 Apologies**

Advised : Cllrs V Pecchia, P Burcombe, D Robins,  
Not advised : Cllrs L Brass, V Drew, S Cast,

**C-907 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Eardley is a Committee member for the Twinning committee and also an authorised signatory for the “Fete de Musique”.

**C-908 Minutes of the Meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Proposed	G Riley	}	RESOLVED –	That the Minutes be accepted as a true record
Seconded	J Beresford-Smith	}	(Unanimously)	

**C-909 Matters arising from the above Minutes**

(a) It was proposed that more copies of the Vision Plan might be printed. Master copy required.(this action to be passed to the GPC) **VP**

**C-910 Receipt of Standing committee reports**

(a) General Purposes – S Fremantle

i Toilet Block, Car Park and Gardens Lease

The BPC’s solicitor has created a Lease proposal - for discussion with B&NES when the “Buildings survey” is completed – due end of March. An estimate for repairs to the Gardens Walling is already available.

ii Petitions

GPC recommends approval of the Petition Policy document issued to all Councillors. Meeting agreed to approve this policy document.

(The document, which will be available from the website, will form part of BPC Standing Orders.)

iii Timetable May 15 to May 16

GPC recommends approval of document issued to all Councillors.

Meeting agreed that the timetable be considered as draft and should be reviewed by the next council when in post.

iv Valley Parish Alliance and A36/A46 Link

The VPA Chairman had written to the Bath Chronicle detailing the VPA’s objection to Link road proposals. The BPC objected to this letter as the proposals have not been formally published or adopted by either B&NES nor the Highways Agency. BPC has contacted the Bath Chronicle and advised them of this matter.

As minuted previously, BPC is uncommitted on the A46 / A36 link and Park and Rail option until such time as better and fuller information becomes available to it and the public. This Meeting agreed to withhold the annual payment to the VPA and requested the new Council to review membership to ensure the aims of VPA can be supported by Batheaston Parish Council.

(b) Highways – J Heffer

v Pavement at Shops

B&NES Cabinet pursuing and still committed to end of March, but the BPC has still to have sight of the drawings/details. The HFL propose to pursue legal action (health and safety / disability access) in April if still no progress or meaningful communication.

vi Speed Table at High St. Garage. (*SOs suspended to permit discussion with Ms Jenner & Mr H Smallwood*)

Measurements have confirmed that this table does not conform dimensionally to Highways Regulations and is “illegal”. Local residents and BPC have communicated with B&NES Highways in an attempt to get them to accept that the speed table should be reduced in height. However, it is proving difficult to obtain a firm commitment to make the required change.

- vii Bannerdown Road  
An alternative scheme to develop a pavement at the bottom of the road is being progressed.
- viii A36 Closure  
It has been observed that it is slightly easier now to drive into Bath but more congestion reported on the A350 at Chippenham.
- (c) Planning – G Riley
- ix Placemaking – Designation of Green Spaces  
Proposed by NPC and agreed by PEC. This Meeting agreed to support the submission of the sites as previously recommended by NPC. (See NPC minutes dated 17/02/2015 - N155c)  
(8 x 'For', 1 x 'Against' and 2 x 'Abstentions')
- x Car Sales  
The PEC Minutes recorded reservations about the noise generated from this site.
- (d) Neighbourhood plan – M Corbett
- xi Village Centre Presentation – 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Event was very successful with an estimated 150 – 200 visitors. 70 questionnaires were completed and left at the event and along with verbal feedback demonstrated strong support for the proposals.  
Those attendees who left their email addresses have been contacted with 'thanks'.
- xii A separate meeting held today with a B&NES planning officer to discuss planning issues gained a positive response to the proposals. A report and a contact within the Environment Agency, to discuss flood plain issues, will be provided.
- xiii A 'Locality' funding presentation in Bristol was attended by PF. It was established that the scope of the Village Centre project does not match the criteria for the Our Place and First Steps funds. Other contacts have been made and a search will continue to find a suitable fund / grant provider.  
Proposed K Eardley } RESOLVED – That all the reports are accepted.  
Seconded M Johns } (Unanimously)

**C-911 Accounts status for January/February 2015**

- (a) All figures versus Budget and the unaudited figures have been verified by Cllr Heffer

January	Income	<b>£566</b>	February	<b>£556</b>	<i>Savings Year-to-Date</i>	<b>(£851)</b>
“	Expenditure	<b>£7171</b>	“	<b>£1549</b>	<i>Savings Year-to-Date</i>	<b>£36367</b>
- (b) Special Payment Recommendations  
Buildings survey £1400; ALCA Subscription £457; BLA Donation £750; Youth Club donation £1750; Youth Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Evening £6000; Garage Rental £342; “Fete de Musique” £2500.  
Proposed V Trenchard } RESOLVED – That the January/February Accounts, and Special  
Seconded S Fremantle } (Unanimously) Payments, are approved.
- (c) “Transparency Act” requires a public posting of all expenditures above £100.  
Figures advised separately to all Councillors, and now posted to website.
- (d) Works Pensions - June 2016. Government requirement and the Clerk has fulfilled first Registration stage.

**C-912 Annual Report**

- (a) All articles required by this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- (b) Completed draft Report issue to Printers by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March
- (c) Printed Report to be delivered by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- (d) Clerk to prepare all Packs for issue to distributors on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April
- (e) Distributors to issue before Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April (*to realise 2 weeks before Annual Village Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> April*)
- (f) Distributors required for 4 x areas  
Northend to Hollies etc @ 45 Elmhurst - Fosse Lane to Catherine Way @ 80  
Eden Park @ 55 London road East @ 85
- (g) If any Distributor not able to complete deliveries would they please arrange for a friend/neighbour to complete?

**C-913 Elections – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

- (a) Polling Station confirmed as the Youth Club, School Lane.
- (b) Parish Councillor nomination papers are now with the Clerk and email copies can be issued.
- (c) A generic Parish Councillors handbook issued to all Councillors. To be entered on the website
- (d) The Clerk and Councillors to hold an “open evening session” to provide assistance and information to prospective Parish Councillor candidates.  
To be held in the Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

**C-914 Chairman’s Reports**

- (a) Offered a very grateful Vote-of-Thanks to all Councillors for their contributions over the last 4 years.

**C-915 Clerk’s Report**

- (a) Reports of B&NES / ALCA Liaison Meeting and 2 x VPA Meetings issued to all Councillors.

**C-916 Press Release**

Nothing at this time

**C-917 Date of NEW COUNCIL Meeting: -**

**Proposed Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion**

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