

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Monday 1st August 2011 at 7-15 pm

Present :- Cllrs V Pecchia(Chair) J Beresford-Smith, P Blanking, S Fremantle, D Gledhill, K Hawkins, J Heffer,
M Johns, G Riley, D Robins, M Tabb and M Townley (Clerk)
Apologies : Cllr L Brass, A Creed, K Eardley, D Lavington, V Trenchard
In attendance: None

C-507 Election of Vice-Chairman

Proposed	V Pecchia	}	RESOLVED –	That, as there were no other nominations, Cllr
Seconded	P Blanking	}	(unanimously)	Kevin Hawkins be elected for the term 2011-12

C-508 Minutes of Meeting held 29th March 2011

Proposed	K Hawkins	}	RESOLVED –	- That the Minutes be formally approved as
Seconded	S Fremantle	}	(Unanimously)	presented.

NB (a) The existing Standing Orders do not require the posting of each individual Councillors vote by name.

NB (b) Revised Standing Orders does not determine how many Councillors per sub-committee.

This meeting agreed to try for 7 per Committee

C-509 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

(a) None raised

C-510 Composition and Membership of Committees

General Purposes Committee	(7) =	JB-S, SF, KE, DR, VP, KH
Highways Footpaths & Lighting	(7) =	MTa, JH, MJ, GR, VP, KH
Planning & Environment Committee	(7) =	DR, LB, PB, DL, GR, VT, VP, KH
Village Centre Committee	(7) =	KH, JB-S, KE, DG, PB, VT, DR, VP

C-511 Chairman's Report & Correspondence (V Pecchia)

(a) Youth Club Centre.

1. This Meeting records its appreciation of valuable assistance from its District Councillors M Veal & G Batt in the past few weeks – with Planners and individual Cabinet Members.
2. At the recent full B&NES Council Meeting all Bathavon North District Councillors abstained on the BTP vote.
3. Meetings had been held with B&NES Nathan Hartley (Youth Services - Cabinet Member) an undertaking has been given to find funding to reinstate a 3rd youth night this year and support to reinstate previous funding for the following year.

(b) River Avon Crossing

4. Various meetings have taken place with B&NES Cabinet member R. Symonds to promote River Crossing. B&NES full Council of the 14th July approved project and funding from LST fund for this project.

An advance programme has been made available on a confidential basis showing completion start on site in Spring 2012 with completion in the summer of 2012.

(c) River Avon Footpath BA 2/5 Repair

5. Repairs late in starting but commenced last week – completion by Autumn.

(d) Park & Ride Progress

6. At last week's cluster Meeting it was reiterated that the BME will not happen... "in this Administration's lifetime". But not all Lib-Dem ward Councillors are necessarily convinced that BME is the wrong location and the future will rest on a credible alternative location being determined.

(e) Address to Bathford & Bathampton Parish Councils – concerning the Footbridge & VCC

7. Bathford PC invitation to VP to speak at their September meeting.
Still waiting written response from Bathampton PC.

(f) Nominations for B&NES Chairman's Awards

8. This Meeting recommended –
Mrs Janet Jackson, Mrs Pam Burcombe and Cllr David Lavington.

Proposed	D Gledhill	}	RESOLVED	- That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded	K Hawkins	}	(Unanimously)	

C-512 Report from Village Centre Committee (K Hawkins)

(g) Recommendation to hold Jubilee Event in 2012

- 1 This Meeting agreed to sponsor an Event – over the W/E 1/2/3/4 June 2012 taking place in the High Street involving its notional closure over the period as necessary to suit scheduled events. All adjoining Parishes and Village organisations and businesses should be made aware and invited to share in the occasion to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and to promote community spirit and association.
- 2 A sub-committee to be established, under the direction of the VCC to include non-councillors, responsible to prepare an action plan and time line for the event anticipating and managing critical events communications, schedules and fund raising as necessary.
- 3 A Grant Request from the Parish Small Grant fund of £5000 is to be sought. Great care is to be taken in its application to ensure that the application is presented in a manner compatible with the objectives of this fund. Advice to be sought from P. Duppa-Miller

(h) Recommendation to Seek Grant Aid for the Shops Pavement

- 5 At last week's Cluster Meeting this Council promised to prepare a scheme. Now dispatched to K Packer (B&NES) and – when endorsed – the BPC will seek Grant Funding.
(Copy of Scheme and letter distributed with these minutes)
- (i) Recommendations to Hold Communications Workshop (D Gledhill)
- 6 DG Explained considerable benefits could ensue by Council understanding better and embracing electronic methods of communications to reach especially the younger generations, through such means as 'Facebook', 'Twitter' and 'Blogs' for instance. This did not necessarily mean forgetting traditional methods but even those could be improved by reviewing and adapting so as to best reach their intended audience.
- 7 A workshop session was proposed (Led by Cllr Gledhill) and accepted including all councillors. A venue would have to be found with access to Wi-Fi, initially suitable dates date(s) are to be circulated for consideration, determined by VP, DG and MT. **VP/DG/MT**
- 8 DG also explained the concept of "Quiet Lanes & Home Zones". It was agreed that DG should progress especially the Home Zone concept for the High Street with relevant departments in B&NES.
VP is to issue DG Junction details for Five-Ways and the Northend junction. **VP**
- 9 At the Cluster Meeting Cllr Symonds promised to pursue the reduction of HGV traffic on Bannerdown road with his Wilts counterpart. Addressing the lack of pavement and a possible 106 Agreement with Developers at the bottom of Bannerdown road is also to be pursued.
- 10 As noted in the PEC Minutes the Council has been approached about a possible "Convenience Store" on the Car Sales Showroom site. VP reported he had written to the parties involved making clear that at this time the BPC was not in consultation or in meaningful discussion over such proposal nor has the Council considered in detail such an idea or committed a view on it one way or another. As and when appropriate it would be for the Full Council to decide what course of action it wished to pursue.
- (j) Proposal to erect Flagpole in the High Street
- 11 A proposal for the erection of a flagpole in the High street was deferred to the VCC for fuller consideration whether this might be appropriate to include in any future plans. For the time being the proposal would be deferred because of associated maintenance and manning issue.
The BPC will continue to support the flag pole arrangement with the St John's Church.
- Proposed D Gledhill } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded D Robins } (Unanimously)

C-513 Report from General Purposes Committee (S Fremantle)

- (k) Presentation of unaudited Accounts for April/May/June 2011 (M Townley) Figures as per Budget
Income: April £477; May £184; June £83 Expenditure : April £-2175; May £ -2127; June £-5150
- (l) Special Payments Recommendations (M Townley)
Pavilion Exterior Painting £440 + £100; BLA donation £650; Youth Club donation £1000; Play Area Bark £200; External Auditors £400
(A request from the BLA for "improved" replacement meshing referred to the GPC for further consideration.)
- (m) Audit 2010-11 Status & Treasury Bond (M Townley)
Papers cleared by Internal Auditor and sent 27th June to external Auditors – Mazars.
Mazars cleared on 29th July (email advice) and formal papers being posted.
- (n) Resolution 1 – Amendments to Standing Orders
Proposed S Fremantle & Seconded V Pecchia RESOLVED – (unanimously)
Adopts the draft SOs 1, 2, 3 and 17 submitted by the GPC as an Annex and shall prevail over existing SOs as last amended on 21st Sept 2010
The working Party to continue examination of the NALC Model SOs, seeking to complete for adoption at the annual Parish council Meeting in May 2012
- (o) Resolution 2 – Resiting of Polling Booth
Proposed S Fremantle & Seconded K Hawkins RESOLVED - (unanimously)
The Rhymes Pavilion to be the future venue for the Polling Station. The BPC to invite the B&NES Returning Officer to change the Polling Station from the Youth Club to The Rhymes Pavilion.
- (p) Resolution 3 – Electronic Notifications
Proposed S Fremantle & Seconded D Gledhill RESOLVED - (unanimously)
BPC to empower the Clerk to use electronic means – as far as possible – to deliver summonses, papers and other communications to Councillors.
The Clerk to maintain present delivery procedures to any Councillor without internet connections.
- Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded D Robins } (Unanimously)

C-514 Report from Planning & Environment Committee (D Robins)

- (r) Status of B&NES Core Strategy
The Government-appointed Inspector was to consider the Strategy this Autumn.
However the Strategy has to have more data on 25 proposals before he can commence.
One of his concerns is the data on the Bath Flood Compensation Schemes.
A copy of his "Strategy" complaint will be considered by the PEC.
- Proposed H Hawkins } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded V Pecchia } (Unanimously)

C-515 Report from all Councillors – representation and issues in Village

Concerns from residents include:- Speeding on Penthouse Hill and Solsbury Lane (JH); Need HGV limits on Shockerwick Lane (PB); various Overgrowths (MJ); Ramp at Edson ford needs reduction (JB-S); Grit bin at the top of Morris Lane needs replacement (PB). Code-of-conduct needs referencing re: complaints (DG)

C-516 BLA Report

(a) Nothing at this time.
Request for “enhanced” Mesh Fencing (when it is replaced) is referred to the GPC. The BLA is pursuing costings as B&NES has to provide a Replacement Fence in the first instance.

C-517 Clerks Report

(a) Date for Clerk’s “Accounts Training”. Interested Councillors to advise preferred dates/times. **ALL**
(b) BPC to insure a 3rd Seat on Solsbury Hill, when provided by the Freeholders Committee. Agreed.
(c) The ALCA AGM is set for Thursday 13th October at 7.30pm in Long Ashton, Bristol

C-518 Press Release

Draft to be prepared on the new Footbridge and the proposed Jubilee Event.

VP/DG

C-519 Date of next Meeting: -

Tuesday 20th September 2011 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion
(Please note change of date from 13th September.)

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