

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 20th December 2011 at 7-15 pm**

Present :- Cllrs V Pecchia (Chair), J Beresford-Smith, P Blanking, L Brass, P Burcombe, S Fremantle, K Hawkins, J Heffer, M Johns, D Lavington, D Robins, M Tabb, and M Townley (Clerk)
Apologies : Cllrs K Eardley, D Gledhill, G Riley, V Trenchard & S Cast, P Fear,
In attendance: Cllr M Veal

C-550 Declarations of Interest

None raised

C-551 Minutes of Meeting held 25th October 2011

Proposed L Brass } RESOLVED – That the Minutes be formally approved as presented.
Seconded D Robins } (Unanimously)

C-552 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

- (a) MV will offer a summary of the District Councillors programme for the Bulletin in March 2012. **MV**
(b) Detritus in the roadway at the bottom of Hill Lodge/Hollies Lane has been part cleared.

C-553 Chairman's Report & Correspondence (V Pecchia)

(a) River Avon Crossing

- 1 Progress is as noted in the Bulletin – just being issued.
B&NES has confirmed (in writing) that the monies are “ring-fenced” and that the Bridge will be constructed, albeit not to the original timeframe.
The Bridge design is now likely to be in timber, with a steel sub-structure.
The Bridge designers have yet to meet with the Development Control Planners

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

- 2 Mrs Janet Jackson's work in the village was recognised by being “Highly Commended” at the Awards ceremony and Pam Burcombe and David Lavington were awarded Certificates.

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

C-554 Report from Village Centre Committee (K Hawkins)

(c) Pavement at shops & Pedestrian Priority

- 3 The B&NEES Cabinet and Officers have been exhaustively lobbied to have monies set aside in next year's Highways Budget to cover improvement works.
If this does not occur then the BPC should investigate legal routes to ensure the Highways Authority complies with its legal obligations.

(d) Update on Jubilee Event in 2012

- 4 Meeting held 18th November and the next meeting set for 4th January 2012 – in the Rhymes Pavilion.
Able-bodied men will be required, for the physical works, and appeal to be launched.

Proposed L Brass } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded M Johns } (Unanimously)

C-555 Report from Planning & Environment Committee (D Robins)

(e) Status of Batheaston's Decisions to Planners

- 5 The development of 3 new houses at the bottom of Bannerdown Road has a 106 Agreement to develop a pavement.
6 Application received from a neighbouring property and the PEC has recommended a similar 106 Agreement for a pavement.

(f) Colerne ex-Mod Storage

- 7 Development of the 3 x Hangars still with Wilts Council planners and – as statutory consultants – the PEC has objected to lack of involvement.

But our protests about the traffic increases raised and the B&NES CEO is following up with his Wilts counterpart. Papers to be sent to MV for information and follow-up. **MT/MV**

- 8 B&NES is consulting on proposed 21 new Gypsy/Travellers sites. To be reviewed at next PEC meeting. The VPA has made representations that none of the VPA Council's areas satisfy the “sites” criteria.

- 9 Permission for the new garage at 10 Warleigh Drive has circumvented planning requirements.

Proposed D Lavington } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded P Blanking

C-556 Report from Highways, Footpaths & Lighting Committee (M Johns)

(g) Highways Matters

- 10 Minutes issued and no further comments/queries raised.
11 The bottom end of Bannerdown Road is to be re-surfaced in February/March 2012 between 17.00 and midnight.
12 VP will contact K Packer to obtain more information on: -
(a) The traffic diversions needed for the above, and how Wilts Council will accommodate. And if this would suit a permanent arrangement?
(b) The status of the double-yellow lines in School Lane;
(c) Effects of the proposed 25% budget cut on Gully gulping. **VP**

Proposed J Hawkins } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded L Brass } (Unanimously)

C-557 Report from General Purposes Committee (S Fremantle)

- (k) Presentation of unaudited Accounts for Sept/Oct/Nov 2011 (M Townley) Figures as per Budget
13 Income: April £477; May £184; June £83 Expenditure : April £-2175; May £ -2127;
July £ 33; August £173; June £-5150; July £-7865; August £-11118;
Sept £173; Oct £-1283; Nov £40 Sept £-10641; Oct £13620; Nov £ 16598
- (l) Special Payments Recommendations (M Townley)
14 Sweeper Annual Service/Repair £400.
- (m) Bulletin No 29
15 "New-Look" to be adopted. Next bulletin is the Parish Council's Annual Report – to be issued at the beginning of April. (This deadline cannot be missed).
It might have a questionnaire/feedback section – to improve communications.
All Bulletins are entered on the Website.
16 The BPC supports the Youth Club and request that their younger bodies consider delivering the bulletins in the future – even if guided by Councillors? **PBu**
- (n) Standing Orders
17 All the NALC recommended sections for Standing Orders have been reviewed and issued to all Councillors.
Need to develop "Financial Regulations and "Code-of-Conduct" SOs when details of the Localism Act are understood.
Each Committee requested to review their "Terms-of-Reference", and whether each Committee would wish to have delegated "spending powers". **ALL**
- Proposed K Hawkins } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded J Beresford-Smith, } (Unanimously)

C-558 Report from all Councillors – representation and issues in Village

- (a) M Tabb presented an update on the proposal to "graze on Bannerdown Common".
Tours of the proposals are set for 31st January and 6th February.
The Council reaffirmed its previous support for the proposed operations and fencing arrangements as outlined by MTa.
- (b) P Fear has analysed the Vision Plan and identified progress on recommendations.
Will be asked in due course to issue a spreadsheet. **VP**
- (c) This meeting agreed that P Fear be asked to prepare a study on "Communications". **PF**
- (d) It has been proven that the Litterbin should be replaced at Bannerdown Common. **MT**
- (e) Provision of the mobile library is under threat. All Councillors asked to protest. **ALL**
- (f) Whilst it is appreciated that Bus timetables are now posted for all the different Bus Companies there is still a confusion of "What-arrives-When". DR is attempting to simplify. **DR**
- (g) B&NES asked for recommendations for new Bus shelters. Advised but no action yet? **MT**

C-559 BLA Report

- (a) Waiting issue of AGM Minutes.
- (b) Programme to refurbish the Football Field being organised with B&NES Mike Gray.
Pbu to obtain from the BLA the specification, time-line and firm arrangements as to which month grass seeding will take place. **PBu**

C-560 Clerks Report

- (a) The Police have issued 2 x Consultation documents – for completion by the Chairman and Clerk.
- (b) B&NES has issued a warning about Events being organised "without insurance".
- (c) BT has continued its "fairy-stories". Landline/Internet fault identified Monday 28th November and pavement to be dug up. Wilts Council have agreed (today) to do this "trenching" and completion "might" be by Saturday 7th January 2012.
- (d) Thanks for the many 'concerns and best wishes' in our recent removal.

C-561 Press Release

Nothing at this time

C-562 Date of next Meeting: -

Tuesday 31st January 2012 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (Precept only)

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