

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in  
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7-15 pm**

**Present :-** Cllrs V Pecchia, (Chair), P Blanking, L Brass, P Burcombe, P Fear, S Fremantle, K Hawkins J Heffer, M Johns, V Trenchard & M Townley (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllrs J Beresford-Smith, S Cast, M Corbett, V Drew, K Eardley, G Riley, D Robins, M Tabb,

**Attending:** Cllr Veal

**C-832 Public Participation**

Cllr Veal noted that the Twinning visit to Oudon last week was very successful.

**C-833 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Burcombe Chairs the Youth Club and is a BLA Committee member.

**C-834 Minutes of Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

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

**C-835 Matters Arising from the above Minutes**

- (a) Cannot interrogate the Laws that established the Standing Orders “legal” needs. This Meeting agreed that only the “legal” requirements in the Model Standing Orders (issued last November) needs to be annotated.
- (b) All Councillors were asked to provide a brief biography for the Website. **ALL**

**C-836 Receipt of Standing Committee Reports**

- (a) General Purposes (S Fremantle)  
Nothing beyond the agreed action on Standing Orders.
- (b) Highways, Footpaths & Lighting (J Heffer)  
Car Park signage is incorrect but “leave well alone” at this time.  
The sign that the “Car Park Is prone to flooding” has been removed.  
The anti-truck barrier remains unrepaired.
- (c) Planning & Environment (L Brass)  
The BCH architect has asked to present details of the alternative replacement Church Hall in school Lane. This presentation is programmed for next Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July starting at 7.15pm. All Councillors welcome. Cllr Veal advises that the “same” presentation on 12<sup>th</sup> June had inaccuracies. The BCH architect has booked a follow-up presentation in the Church Hall on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July – 4.30pm to 8.30pm.
- (d) Neighbourhood Plan (K Hawkins)  
Very full programme ahead of the BPC and the next Meeting is set for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

**C-837 Presentation of Unaudited Accounts**

- (a) May 2014 All figures versus budget. The unaudited figures, verified by Cllr Heffer, indicate: -  
Income = **£928** Year-to-Date = **£1644**  
Expenditure = **£3649** Year-to-Date = **£5327**
- (b) Special Payment Recommendations  
External Auditor £400  
Proposed } RESOLVED – The Accounts and Special Payment are  
Seconded } (Unanimously) approved as presented.
- (c) Audit of Accounts 2013-2014  
Papers, approved by the non-Council Internal Auditor, offered for review to all residents. No requests. Papers posted to the External Auditors on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – before the 23<sup>rd</sup> June deadline. Receipt acknowledged by the Auditors who “will consider in the next few weeks”.

**C-838 Composition of Committees.**

All Councillors are able to attend all Meetings but, legally, there can only be 7 voting members. This Meeting agreed that – for voting – the first 7 members attending have that right.

General Purposes Committee	VP, PF, KH, JB-S, LB, SF, KE, JH	(8) = +1
Highways Footpaths & Lighting	VP, PF, JH, MJ, GR, MTa,	MC (6) = -1
Planning & Environment Comm.	VP, PF, PBI, LB, PBU, KH, GR, VT,	DR (8) = +!
Neighbourhood Plan Committee	VP, PF, JB-S, PBI, PBU, VD, SF, KH, GR, VT,	SC MC (10) = +3

**C-839 Bridge Crossing**

- (a) The Footpath has been resurfaced and Fencing completed. The Contractor intends to open the Bridge this week. A “formal” Opening ceremony has still to be agreed by B&NES.
- (b) There is a lack of signage and being pursued. **PF**
- (c) Landscaping is promised in the Autumn planting season.  
Cllr Veal will advise on a B&NES-sponsored Trees Company as some 10,000 trees might be available. **MV**
- (d) A local Company has offered to install luminescent pads (for free) to line the bridge walkway. The pads/strips were trialled after this Meeting but too light to see effect. Samples left for Councillors to trial in the dark.

**C-840 Pavement at Shops**

- (a) Cllr Riley is the ‘champion’ for the refurbishment, but is not getting much response.
- (b) A subsequent suggestion from Cllr Gazzard now has Cllr Riley asking a question – about the lack of progress) at the B&NES Council Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July in the Guild Hall

(c) Lack of contact is on the Cluster Meeting Agenda for discussion on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

**C-841 Neighbourhood Plan**

- (a) B&NES has issued an Update on the Housing Development programme. Copies issued to all Councillors and the BPC must advise what possible sites in the Green Belt/ANOB should NOT be considered. **ALL**
- (b) Cllr Fear manned a stall at last week's Village Fete – to receive queries on the BPC and Neighbourhood Plan. Most queries concerned the replacement Village Hall.
- (c) B&NES needs to complete the Core Strategy and all Parish Councils need to input queries very soon (the next 4 weeks).  
Those elements of the Core strategy that are of interest to this Village will be highlighted and issued to all Councillors for comments. **VP/PF**

**C-842 Cluster Agenda Items – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014**

- (a) The draft Agenda issued for tonight's Meeting agreed, with the inclusion of Grass Cutting of verges and Car Park.  
(Agenda sent in to the B&NES time-scale on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June).

**C-843 Communications**

- (a) "Mailchimp"  
Is a free programme similar to BREDAC. Trials to be arranged. **PF**
- (b) Bulletin No 32  
Drafts, from all Chairmen, to be issued to Cllr Pecchia by this Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. **Chairs**  
Bulletin to be issued to the Printers by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. **VP**  
Printed Bulletins to be counted/collated/enveloped and issued to all distributors by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. **MT**
- (c) Some investigations needed for Facebook and Twitter usage.  
The GPC recommended that a small working group be established for these investigations.

**C-844 Chairman's Report**

- (a) Copies of the Bath Chronicle's description of P & R proposals – including statements from Cllr Caroline Roberts – issued to all Councillors.  
The recent Meeting of the VPA strongly opposed the proposals and copies of their Minutes will be issued, when received.
- (b) B&NES have cancelled the BPC's Gardening contract. Photos of "as is" required. **PF**  
The 'listed' Gardens walling is crumbling and B&NES Property Services to be advised for repairs. **MT**
- (c) Lack of grass cutting of the Verges and Car Park deplored.  
(Now included in the Cluster Meeting Agenda for 23<sup>rd</sup> July)

**C-845 Clerk's Report**

- (a) Nothing at this time.

**C-846 Date of next Meeting: -**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 7.15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (to be confirmed)**

**Chairman.....Date.....**