

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in  
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7-15 pm**

**Present :-** Cllrs V Pecchia (Chair), J Beresford-Smith, P Blanking, P Burcombe, L Brass, K Eardley, P Fear,  
S Fremantle, K Hawkins, G Riley and M Townley (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllrs S Cast, D Gledhill, J Heffer, D Lavington, M Johns, B Martin, M Tabb, V Trenchard

**Attending:** R Mimmack

*Today ex-Councillor Bill Wright passed away and the Meeting reflected for some moments on his contribution to this Village – the Memorial Service is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am at St Johns the Baptist Church, Northend*

**C-680 Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**C-681 Minutes of Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

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

**C-682 Matters Arising from the above Minutes**

- (a) The Youth Club might receive some B&NES funding. Waiting Cabinet's Budget meeting in April.
- (b) Funding to the BLA to be discussed.
- (c) Speakers for the Annual Village Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April arranged.
- (d) Each Committee asked to nominate a representative to the Place-Making Team.
- (e) VP and PF are to visit on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March to view a "paperless" Meeting.

**MT**

**C-683 Chairman's Report & Correspondence (Cllr Pecchia)**

(a) B&NES Officer Contacts

1 Meeting with Dr Farrar (new B&NES CEO) has been recorded in earlier Committee Minutes. A presentation of the vision Plan, hopes for the Place-making programme and concerns about Planning officer delegated powers expressed.

Dr Farrar has promised to attend a Council meeting and dates will be advised to her office.

**MT**

2 A "Place-Making" workshop attended and notes now issued to all Councillors.

3 VPA meeting attended and the housing requirements in the core Strategy have been reduced down to 12,500 new homes from the inspector's suggestion of 15,000– sited mostly in the West and South of Bath.

4 The Wiltshire CEO – Jane Scott – has agreed to meet with Batheaston and Colerne re: B'down Rd after the Wiltshire May elections

5 Halcrow Consultants are to offer their proposals on the P & R by end of March.

(b) Correspondence

6 St Catherines Meeting has advised that delivery lorries are refusing to traverse Northend because poor parking is making access difficult on Northend Road between Solsbury Lane and School Lane.

7 TRO proposals will be reviewed at next week's HFL meeting

(c) Number of Parish Councillors

This Meeting agreed that 15 x Councillors shall remain the number for Batheaston.

(d) Annual Village Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Speakers arranged and the Meeting will be held in the RC Church Hall, Brow Hill.

(e) Bulletin 31 – Annual Report

Still in preparation. Needs to be printed and issued to all distributors next week – for delivery to all households by 15<sup>th</sup> April.

**C-684 Report from Village Centre Committee (Cllr Hawkins)**

(a) River Avon Crossing

Works on the Ramp and Cycleway have commenced (to ensure monies are confirmed.)

Trees have been removed; the hornbeam was advised as too old by the B&NES arboriculturalist and removed at the same time.

(b) Pavement at Shops

Monies are confirmed as budgeted but await approval at the B&NES budget meeting in April.

**C-685 Report from Planning & Environment Committee (Cllr Brass)**

(a) Status of Batheaston's Recommendations to Planners

Recent approvals for 3 x applications were all as recommended by the PEC.

Proposals have been issued to the Agent for the adjoining site for the "Outline" approved application for a religious building.

(b) Redevelopment of Church Hall Site

The planning officer who recommended approval of the application on 18th December did not heed this council's recommendations.

The approval was revoked by was because of legal representations indicating non conformity of planning procedures with the Law.

Many if not all of the drawings submitted with the original application were incorrect and these have been resubmitted to only rectify the errors and the application remains as before. The revised drawings have been reissued for PEC consideration on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

(c) LDF Considerations

Core Strategy proposals are to be issued for consultation at the end of March.

**C-686 Report from Highways, Footpaths & Lighting Committee (Cllr Pecchia)**

(a) Highways Matters

The BNE&S TRO proposals to blanket most of Batheaston with double yellow will be considered at next week's HFL Meeting. **HFL**

Two surveys completed by VP/MJ/NT/AC recently and sketches will be available for the HFL meeting

(b) Footpath Matters

A hedge has been grubbed out and will be reported to the PROW when exact location determined. **KE**

**C-687 Report from General Purposes Committee (Cllr Fremantle)**

(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>Aug</u> | <u>Sept</u> | <u>Oct</u> | <u>Nov</u> | <u>Dec</u> | <u>Jan</u>  | <u>Feb</u>  |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| <u>Income</u>   | 1934         | 1850       | 1500        | 1411        | 590        | 2284        | 2195       | 2107       | 3254       | <b>2898</b> | <b>2809</b> |
| <u>Expenses</u> | 3022         | (1233)     | (123)       | (201)       | 1670       | (508)       | 1310       | 3248       | 5274       | <b>5343</b> | <b>4127</b> |

(b) Special Payment Recommendations

Industrial Strimmer £320

Proposed S Fremantle

Seconded K Hawkins

} RESOLVED – The Accounts, Special Payment and Bond are approved.  
{ (Unanimously)

(c) Timetable May 2013 to May 2014

The proposed timetable agreed at this Meeting.

**C-688 BLA Report**

(a) Nothing at this time.

**C-689 Report from All Councillors – Representations & Issues in the Village**

(a) B&NES is proposing more 20mph limitations. To be reviewed at HFL Meeting. **HFL**

(b) Hedge reductions in Bannerdown road have revealed inadequate tarmacing. **HFL**

(c) The Website could benefit from "activities" reports from local Organisations eg Youth Club, BNG, BLA...

(d) Dog fouling on the river footpath BA 2/5 needs litterbins?

(e) "No Entry" sign at Morris Lane needs renewal. **MT**

**C-690 Clerks Report**

(a) Very generous Jubilee donation received from the White Lion, banked 27<sup>th</sup> March, and "Thanks" will be sent. (Sent Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March)

(b) Nominations for Parish Council Chairman and Vice-Chairman should be with the Clerk by 7<sup>th</sup> May

**C-691 Press Release**

Nothing at this time

**C-692 Date of next Meeting: -**

**Proposed Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013 at 7.15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (Annual Parish Council Meeting)**

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