

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held
in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 29th March 2011 at 7-15 pm**

Present :- Cllrs D Lavington(Chairman), J Beresford-Smith, P Blanking, L Brass, S Fremantle,
K Hawkins, J Heffer, V Pecchia, D Robins, M Tabb, V Trenchard and M Townley (Clerk)
Apologies : Cllrs A Creed, K Eardley, M Johns

In attendance: Cllr M Veal

C-473 Public Participation – Cllr Martin Veal.

MV made comments about the Youth Club; Opposition to the Meadows P&R; Support for the VCC, yielded his seat on the Transport Commission for the VPA representative; has walked the defunct River Footpath with B&NES officers and all agreed the Bridge is better option and will pursue who in Planning should now be contacted.

C-474 Minutes of Meeting held 8th February 2011

Proposed K Hawkins } RESOLVED - That the Minutes be formally approved as presented
Seconded P Blanking } (Unanimously)

C-475 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

- (a) All Chairmen's Minutes should be advised to the Clerk in a more timely fashion.
(b) Noted that the BPC was the only Council to reduce their Precept and that there are 32 Councils with higher Precepts.

C-476 Receipt of Standing Committee Reports

Planning & Environment - 1st February 2011

- (a) The illegal construction of a garage in the Green Belt behind 256 High Street is still being pursued by the Planning enforcement officers – but likely to remain.
Our protest to be sent to D Trigwell. **DR**

Planning & Environment - 22nd February 2011

- (b) The redevelopment of No 25 Northend was approved by this Committee – and has since been "permitted".
(c) The B&NES refusal of the decking expansion at the ex=Congregational Church was appealed – and Appeal granted.
(d) The application for Change-of-Use of the Northend Inn has been withdrawn
Proposed L Brass } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded P Blanking } (Unanimously)

Village Centre Committee - 21st February 2011

- (e) Aims and Objectives established, with agreement to concentrate on specifics at the next meeting.

Village Centre Committee - 15th March 2011

- (f) Bridge over Avon. Meeting held with B&NES Officers and there is an intention to make the proposed Bridge a bridleway i.e. 2 metres wider. Estimated costs at £300,000 in line with VCC's estimate
(g) Pavement at Shops. The HFL design viable but a relook agreed;
(h) Pedestrian-Friendly High Street the shopping area and roadways to be realigned etc.
(j) Redevelop Toilet block Site. B&NES officers warm to a re-think
Proposed J Beresford-Smith } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded L Brass } (Unanimously)

Highways, Footpaths & Lighting –16th March 2011

- (k) Bannerdown Road was closed for 2 weeks of re-surfacing. Wiltshire Council managed to use the Ditteridge Road very successfully. Why not a permanent development?
(l) B&NES complete replacement of the 9 x Car Park Lights for 7 x Sturdier units now in progress.
(m) The PEC will reconsider a development Application at the bottom of Bannerdown Road. The Application's "Design & Access Statement" has been issued to all PEC members and the HFL Chairman.
Proposed J Heffer } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded V Trenchard } (Unanimously)

General Purposes –22nd March 2011

- (n) A reminder only about Parish councillor nomination forms – issue to the Guild Hall by NOON next Monday 4th April
Proposed D Lavington } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded L Brass } (Unanimously)

C-477 Presentation of Unaudited Accounts - all figures are versus Budget

(a) January & February 2011

The unaudited figures reviewed by the GPC (*and verified by our Internal Auditor*) indicate: -

Income = An increase of £1186 (April £705; May £564; June £564; July £490; Aug £437; Sept £404;
Oct £1052; Nov £984; Dec £922; Jan £740; Feb £1186)

Expenditure = A reduction of £35220 (April £1866; May £5711; June £8474; July £12356; Aug £14725; Sept £20521;
; Oct 20050; Nov £25207; Dec £28088; Jan £31058; Feb £35220)

- Proposed J Beresford-Smith } RESOLVED - That the Accounts be accepted as presented.
Seconded L Brass } (Unanimously)

- (b) Special Payments – April/May 2011
 Youth Club Maintenance £1000; Youth Club Evening £500/month; BLA £650; Annual Subscriptions to ALCA at £505, CPRE @ £29 & Parish Online @ £30.
 Proposed S Fremantle } RESOLVED - That the Special Payments be agreed as presented.
 Seconded L Brass } (Unanimously)
- (c) Cllr J Heffer has successfully assumed the role of Internal Auditor. Gratefully accepted.

C-478 Park & Ride Progress

- (a) Group Meeting held Monday 28th March, and next meeting set for Tuesday 10th May.
 (b) The Bath Chronicle last week printed SF's letter illustrating that the BTP will lose some £48 millions vs the BTP forecast of saving £123 millions. Not a good return on investment.
 (c) The London road Residents Association has written to the Bath Chronicle in a similar vein, hopefully to be printed this week.
 (d) The VCB is to précis both the above letters – for issue to all District Councillor nominees when they are declared.
 (e) There will be contact with the relevant Government Departments before the Autumn deadline for resubmissions.

C-479 Youth Club Centre

- (a) Closed formally on Thursday 24th March. Should re-open at beginning of May at 2 x Evenings per week.
 (b) A B&NES Grant of £4000 for next year already received, and more expected from a District Councillor's "pot".

M Veal

C-480 BLA Report

- (a) Nothing at this time

C-481 Annual Village Meeting – Tuesday 3rd March 2011

- (a) The BPC Annual Report (Bulletin No 27) issued – on programme – to the Printers and all copies should be available for Distribution next week.
 (b) The first Agenda item is the Annual Review of this Report for residents. Followed by updates on the new School Hall and Meadow, and the Village Hall.
 (c) All Councillors are urged to attend.

C-482 Chairman's Report

- (a) Nothing to report

C-483 Clerks Report

- (a) All nomination papers for new Parish Councillors must be received in the Guild Hall by NOON next Monday 4th April. The Clerk is not allowed to assist with deliveries to the Guild Hall.

C-484 Press Release

- Nothing at this time

C-485 Date of next Meeting: -

**Tuesday 24th May 2010 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion
 (Annual Parish Council Meeting with New Parish Council)**

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