

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 31st January 2012 at 7-15 pm**

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

C-564 Declarations of Interest
None raised

C-565 Minutes of Meeting held 20th December 2011

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

C-566 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

- (a) Summary of our District Councillors programme required for the next Bulletin – by mid-March. **MV**
- (b) MV has all our papers regarding Colerne expansion – and is pursuing. **MV**
- (c) K Packers absence has delayed contact regarding Gulley Gulping. Should clear in next 2 weeks. **VP**
- (d) P Fear has completed some good work on a Vision Plan précis – hope to issue the spreadsheet soon. **PF**

C-567 Precept 2012 - 2013

- (a) This Meeting agreed to accept the GPC recommendations that: -
 - 1 That there would be NO percentage increases in either Income or Expenditure
 - 2 Final Reserves of around £30,000 targeted for the end of 2014-15
 - (b) Each line of the forecast 'Budget' was reviewed and agreed: -
 - 3 Line 41 Street Light improvements Power reduction units still need investigation. Move £650 investment to next year
 - 4 Line 52 River Crossing Cancel need for £2000
 - 5 Line 55 Pavement Improvements Provide £3000 in case of need for legal challenge
 - 6 Line 56 Litter Bins Replacement of stolen bins at £1000
 - 7 Line 72 Hanging Baskets Set at £600
 - 8 Line 88 VCC Support Set aside £1500 for Jubilee events
 - 9 Line 102 Youth Club Provide £5000 for support and additional Evening opening.
 - 10 Line 108 Pavilion Refurbishing Maintenance and Kitchen refurbishment set at £1000
- Proposed S Fremantle } RESOLVED - That the Precept be set at £10,000 for 2012-13
Seconded D Gledhill } (Unanimously) *(B&NES Finance Dept. advised of this figure on Wednesday 1st February)*

C-568 Bulletin No 29 – Annual Report

- (a) The next Bulletin is the Annual Report, which must be issued early April.
- (b) Agreed that the new A5 coloured format be continued.
- (c) Target date for issue to Printers is 23rd March so all input needed by 16th March.
- (d) Small Team proposed to gather/prepare articles. **VP/PF/MTa/SC/MTc**

C-569 Chairman's Report

- (a) VP will be meeting soon with B&NES Cabinet members – to address Bannerdown Road problems
- (b) A resident has applied for a grant for an Energy Saving Group – to identify what housing stock needs attention. VP has indicated the BPC's support.
- (c) The Flood Protection data in the Core Strategy is being reviewed and the next 6 months should determine what would be the B&NES proposals.

C-570 Clerks Report

- (a) New Treasury Bond proposed at £75,000, and investment in powered Hedge Trimmer at £150
Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED - That a new Treasury bond for £75,000 should be 'ordered'
Seconded K Hawkins } (Unanimously) in February and that a Special Payment of £150 for a powered Hedge Trimmer be agreed.
- (b) Agenda items for the Cluster Meeting on Tuesday 21st February need to be issued this Friday 3rd February. Any changes must be advised to the Clerk by end of Thursday 2nd February. **ALL**
- (c) The Police have requested a date for their next PACT meeting. Agreed for Thursday 10th May 2012

C-571 Press Release

Statement about the much-reduced Precept to be drafted. **MT**
(Sent by email to the Bath Chronicle on Monday 6th February)

C-572 Date of next Meeting: -

Tuesday 20th March 2012 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

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