

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 9th December 2013 at 7-15 pm**

Present :- Cllrs V Pecchia (Chair), J Beresford-Smith, P Burcombe, K Eardley, P Fear, S Fremantle, K Hawkins, M Johns, G Riley, M Tabb, N Treacy, V Trenchard & M Townley (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs P Blanking, L Brass, S Cast, D Gledhill, J Heffer, D Lavington, B Martin, D Robins,

Attending: Cllr M Veal and R Mimmack

C-771 Public Participation – R Mimmack

Had offered assistance with the Neighbourhood Plan but there has been no information, nor requests for that assistance.

Response:- Batheaston Parish Council as all other Parish Councils in B&NES, was asked by B&NES to undertake surveys and submit reports on sites identified by them for consideration under their 'Strategic Housing Land Allocation (SHLAA) and their Character Assessment initiative. Specific pro-formas, with questions dictated by B&NES had to be filled in and submitted by Mid December. When Councillor Teams were appointed each was invited to seek whatever help and or guidance they felt was necessary or needed from all in Batheaston or B&NES. The exercise required the mobilisation of all Councillors in a very short time frame to arrange site visit, carry out survey work, prepare written documents and illustrations, edit documents and make them available for this Council's consideration before they are submitted to B&NES by the 21st of December. This obligation was put at very short notice and has necessarily taken up a lot of private personal time by all Councillors and because of this the intended Neighbourhood Plan programme has had to be shelved until a more appropriate time.

As and when the Neighbourhood Plan programme is reconvened the Parish Council is committed to engage full participation by the all residents of the Parish.

C-772 Public Participation – Cllr M Veal

Endorses all above comments and advises care what proposals are advised regarding representations as the National Planning Policy Framework advises that the presumption should always be in favour of development even though it relates that the Green Belt and ANOB must be safeguarded.

C-773 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs S Fremantle and K Eardley both overlook Hawkers Yard.

C-774 Minutes of Meeting held 12th November 2013

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

C-775 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

- (a) P Bu is still trying to ascertain information for the B&NES Chairman's Awards. **PBu**
- (b) The GPC still needs an additional member.
- (c) Highways matters – a useful meeting on 4th December held with the new highways officer – Steve Blackmore. A map of all concerns offered, and copy issued to all Councillors.
- (d) Outcome of the B&NES/Wiltshire meeting on 11th November to be requested. **MT**

C-776 Report from General Purpose Committee (Cllr Fremantle)

- (a) The potential costs and benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan to be prepared for the Precept Meeting. **MT**

C-777 Report from Highways, Footpaths & Lighting Committee (Cllr Pecchia)

- (a) The last Meeting was deferred to allow the Place-Making committee to progress the Reports.

C-778 Report from Planning & Environment Committee (Cllr Pecchia)

- (a) The next Meeting set for 7th January 2014.

C-779 Presentation of Unaudited Accounts for September & October 2013 (Clerk)

- (a) Accounts - All September Accounts cleared by the Internal Auditor - Cllr J Heffer - and figures relate to Budget

	April £	May £	Jun £	Jul £	Aug £	Sep £	Oct £	Nov £	
Income	1804	269	213	884	823	493	1125	1741	Additional to budget
Expenses	3891	3999	884	7386	10268	8976	9891	12131	Less than budget

- (b) Special Payment Recommendations

CAB £1000

Proposed J Beresford-Smith } RESOLVED – The Accounts for November, and Special
Seconded V Trenchard } (Unanimously) Payment, are approved as presented.

C-780 Place-Making Programme

- (a) All the completed Toolkits and Character Assessments had been issued, by email, to all Councillors and there was considerable interaction as each page was discussed.
- (b) The Clerk noted the required changes and issued the complete set – with all the revisions – on Tuesday 10th December.
- (c) All proposed changes were highlighted – in pink – and Councillors were asked to submit any comments to the Chairman (VP) by Tuesday 17th December.

C-781 New Neighbourhood Plan

- (a) As noted above in C-776 (a) there needs to be a Costs vs Benefits Analysis before proceeding further

C-782 Chairman's Report

- (a) VP accompanied the B&NES cabinet members – Paul Crossley and David Dixon – at a recent photograph session at the new Bridge Crossing site.
The opportunity was taken to highlight the existing Pavement-at-the-shops problem, and also the Toilet block potential to the Parish Council.
- (b) A meeting with Highways officers is planned for Tuesday 10th December on the site of the Pavement-at-the-Shops at 10.00am. All Councillors welcome to attend.

C-783 Clerks Report

- (a) Nothing at this time, except warm thanks for moving this Meeting to Monday.

C-784 Press Release

Nothing at this time

C-785 Date of next Meeting: -

Proposed Tuesday 28th January 2014 at 7.15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (Precept Meeting)

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