

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council  
held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 10 May 2005 at 7-15 pm**

**Present :-** Cllrs D Lavington(Chairman), J Abbatt, P Blanking, J Connor, A Creed, P Davis, S Fremantle, D Jackson, L Kingsley, D Nokes, S Robson, and M Townley (Clerk)  
**Apologies :** Cllrs D Robins, M Johns, C Routh(?), M Veal(?).

**In attendance:** None

**C-773 Declarations Code-of-Conduct**

There were no changes to Declarations made since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2004

**C-774 Election of Chairman**

Proposed D Nokes } RESOLVED – That, as there were no other nominations, Cllr D  
Seconded J Connor } (unanimously) Lavington be elected to serve for the year 2005-2006

**C-775 Election of Vice-Chairman**

Proposed J Abbatt } RESOLVED – That, as there were no other nominations, Cllr D Robins  
Seconded A Creed } (unanimously) be elected to serve for the year 2005-20056

**C-776 Co-option of Councillors**

J Moon was co-opted to the PEC.

**C-777 Adoption of Standing Orders**

Proposed J Abbatt } RESOLVED – That the Standing Orders – as amended 7 May 2002 –  
Seconded D Jackson } (unanimously) be adopted. (The GPC are to review this year)

**C-778 Composition and Membership of Committees**

GPC (7) = J Connor, P Davis, S Fremantle, D Jackson, D Lavington, D Nokes, D Robins  
HFL (7) = P Blanking, P Davis, M Johns, L Kingsley, D Lavington, D Robins, ~~S Robson~~  
PEC (7) = J Abbatt, A Creed, D Lavington, J Moon, D Robins, C Routh, J Moon, ~~S Robson~~

**C-779 Council's Representations on Other Bodies**

BLA (B'ton Leisure Association) P Blanking, J Connor, M Johns.  
Youth Club A Creed, S Fremantle  
BNG (B'ton Neighbourhood Group) D Nokes, L Kingsley  
CPRE D Nokes  
Brave 2 P Davis  
Primary School D Jackson

**C-780 Bank Account and Audit Requirements.**

Proposed S Fremantle, Seconded L Kingsley  
RESOLVED – That any two of the Chairmen of the Standing Committees, the Council Chairman and Vice-  
(unanimously) Chairman and D Jackson are authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Parish Council.  
Until the new Committee Chairmen are all elected – and their signatures deposited at the Bank  
– the existing signatories must continue.

**C-781 Authorisation of Regularly Occurring Amounts**

Proposed J Abbatt } RESOLVED – That the Council authorises payments of the following items until  
Seconded J Connor } (unanimously) the date of the next Annual Parish Council Meeting:-  
(a) Wages and Salaries at rates approved by the Parish Council, and payments to the Inland Revenue  
(b) Contracts made by the Parish Council = Street Lights Maintenance & Power; Water Rates; Garage Rental; Electricity  
Accounts; Highways Maintenance equipment; Telephone Accounts, Toilet Facilities.  
(c) Administration costs = Audit Fees; Stationery; Postage; Photocopying; Office Rental; Travel Expenses; Cleaning Supplies.  
(d) Items of Petty Cash not exceeding £50-00

**C-782 Minutes of Meeting held 20 April 2004**

Proposed D Nokes } RESOLVED - That the Minutes be formally approved as presented.  
Seconded J Abbatt }

**C-783 Matters Arising from the above Minutes**

(a) The Inspector's decision on the "Gypsy Appeal" was due on 18<sup>th</sup> April but no information to date.

**C-784 Receipt of Standing Committee Reports**

General Purposes – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005

(a) 'Buffer Zone' The PEC agreed on our recommendations, which have been advised to M  
Dunningham. This BPC's boundaries being co-ordinated with Bathford and  
Swainswick PD  
(b) Toilets Manning Formal adoption commenced Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April and B&NES staff has trained C  
Spicer. A problem with "lost" keys is being resolved. MT  
A resident has expressed appreciation of the BPCs adoption and Toilets condition.  
(c) Land beside MC A meeting with the owner is due 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> May DL  
Proposed D Nokes } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.  
Seconded D Jackson }

C-784 Highways, Footpaths & Lighting – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2005

- Cont' (d) Parking Review A walk-about will review B&NES plans for re-lining all 'parking' PB/MT  
(e) Capital Budget B&NES propose completion of high Street 'calmings' in next year's Budget. A letter of protest to be sent to S Howell. PD
- Proposed D Nokes } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.  
Seconded D Jackson }

Planning & Environment - 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2005

- (f) New Bench Seats Advice requested on where new seats might be needed. ALL  
(g) Litter Bins Advice requested on where new bins might be needed. ALL  
(h) Westleigh Farm New building rejected ..."because in prominent position"... This decision is unacceptable and any appeal will be supported by the BPC.  
(j) Hanging Baskets The School is preparing baskets for the High Street Shops. 15 empty baskets delivered to the School.
- Proposed L Kingsley } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.  
Seconded J Connor }

C-785 Presentation of Unaudited Accounts

- (a) Past Year ending March 2005  
Some payments are still due for last year and final figures will be established before the next BPC meeting.  
(b) April 2005  
The unaudited figures indicate a shortfall of £88 in Income and a reduction of £5126 in Expenditure.
- Proposed D Nokes } RESOLVED - That the Accounts be accepted as presented.  
Seconded J Connor } (1 Abstention)
- (c) Special Payments for June / July 2005  
P & R at CD £5000; BLA half-year £650; Youth Club half-year £1000; Play Area Cushioning £1000; Wessex Water £450; Toilets Materials £150; Audit for 2001/02 £350; Scouts Loan (£1000)
- Proposed S Fremantle } RESOLVED - That the Special Payments be approved  
Seconded J Abbatt } (unanimously)

C-785 BLA Report

- (a) A new Climbing Frame at £12500 soon to be ordered (grant of £10500 received from B&NES)  
(b) A further grant request for this next year being progressed  
(c) New cushioning under the Slide being progressed at £2300  
(d) Tree surgeries completed successfully, and M/S cracks being treated.  
(e) Last August accident progressing with a visit from the Insurance Inspector today for more data.  
(f) The B&NES Leisure Services to be asked to survey our Play Area to advise improvements. MT  
(Leisure Services contacted Wed 11<sup>th</sup> May and a viewing is being arranged)

C-786 Youth Shelter and Youth Council Proposals

- (a) Meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> May with the Police, BLA and Youth Club. Notes issued to all Councillors.  
(b) Monthly progress meetings agreed and the next meeting – a Village Meeting not wholly BPC - is due on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 3-00pm in The Rhymes Pavilion. Attendance open to other Councillors. DL/SF  
(c) The proposed Shelter will cost £5350. A grant of £2500 received from 'last' years monies and a further grant request has been made.  
(d) The French twinning town of Oudon is offering a statue and a site must be determined.

C-787 Park & Ride Resolution

- (a) Proposed S Fremantle } RESOLVED – That this Council ..... (D Jackson abstained)  
Seconded J Abbatt }  
1. Opposes a Park & Ride at Lambridge  
2. Supports the principle of a P & R being established to the East/North of Bath  
3. Promotes a P & R at Charmy Down  
4. A working party (with other PCs etc) to pursue a P&R at Charmy Down
- (b) A separate Resolution from D Jackson that this Council should establish a 'formal' Sub-Committee for the Park & Ride at Charmy Down was fully discussed. The existing sub-committee comprises Councillors from our neighbouring Parishes and other residents. This proposal was not seconded so no vote.  
(c) The BPC agreed to continue with the existing sub-committee members for the next 6 months (as SO)  
(d) It has been identified that if an Application is approved for Rugby Grounds on the Bathampton Meadows BEFORE October this year then the Meadows vendor will be entitled to a further £124,000 payment. So why rush through any approval before that date? (Letter to Cllr Hanney attached)  
(e) Expenditures will be recorded in each GPC meeting but comprise £6930 to date + £8680 forecast = £15610 total vs £16000 allocated. (Bathampton promise £2000 towards these costs, Bathford to decide)

C-788 Chairman's Report

- (a) The Government is offering monies for Village Plans. PEC to consider DR  
(b) Questionnaires from 'Envolve' and 'Calor Village of the Year' to be completed. DL  
(c) Papers on "Waste", "Bath Pres Trust", "Parks", "Patch" and "Police" passed round.

C-789 Clerks Report

- (a) Will be absent from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May until Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

C-790 Press Release

Nothing at this time.

C-791 Date of next Meeting :-

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2005 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

Chairman..... Date..... 21/06/05