

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council
held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 15th May 2007 at 7-15 pm**

Present :- Cllrs D Lavington(Chairman), J Abbatt, J Beresford-Smith, P Blanking, L Brass, A Creed, P Davis,
K Eardley, S Fremantle, L Kingsley, D Nokes, D Robins, R Scott, and M Townley (Clerk)

Apologies : Cllrs . M Johns, A Wright

In attendance: Dist Cllr G Batt

The Chairman welcomed all Councillors to this new Parish Council, especially the "new" Councillors – and Dist Cllr Gabriel Batt.

C-017 Public Participation – Dist Cllr Gabriel Batt

In the future Gabriel will be looking after Bathford PC's interests with Dist Cllr Martin Veal Batheaston. Gabriel confirmed that all the successful local candidates at the May election were, for a variety of reasons, now broadly opposed to siting a P&R at Lambridge – as indicated in the Conservative election leaflets. He also observed that, from his numerous contacts within his Party Group on B&NES Council, he felt that there was considerable disquiet about Lambridge, and he agreed that the Local Plan and B&NES policies - which specified Lambridge as the P & R site - should be looked at again and, if possible, modified to remove that prescription or to allow for alternative solutions.

C-018 Acceptance of Office & Register of Interests

- (a) The recently issued revised Code of conduct was formally adopted by this Parish Council
(b) All Councillors signed their Acceptance Forms and also the Register of Interests.
Copies of these papers will be forwarded to the B&NES Authority Solicitor – Vernon Hitchman **MT**
(c) Amendments to the Standing Orders are being progressed and should be available for consideration at the next full Parish Council Meeting.

C-019 Election of Chairman

Proposed P Davis } RESOLVED – That, as there were no other nominations, Cllr D
Seconded K Eardley } (unanimously) Lavington be elected to serve for the year 2007-2008

C-020 Election of Vice-Chairman

Proposed D Lavington } RESOLVED – That, as there were no other nominations, Cllr D Robins
Seconded J Abbatt } (unanimously) be elected to serve for the year 2007-2008

C-021 Co-option of Councillors

- (a) If there is vacancy on the full Parish Council then this vacancy will be advertised on the notice boards and the nominations considered and a co-option completed at the next Parish Council Meeting.
There are no vacancies to be filled – so no need to advertise.
(b) Co-option of residents with expertise is permitted – without advertising
Proposed S Fremantle } RESOLVED – That, Vito Pecchai and Chris Routh be invited to serve
Seconded A creed } (unanimously) on the PEC for the year 2007-2008

C-022 Composition and Membership of Committees

General Purposes Committee (7) = S Fremantle, D Lavington, D Nokes, D Robins, A Wright & Chairmen of PEC and HFL
Highways Footpaths & Lighting (7) = P Davis, K Eardley, M Johns, L Kingsley, D Lavington, D Robins, R Scott
Planning & Environment (7) = J Abbatt, J Beresford-Smith, P Blanking, L Brass, A Creed, D Lavington, D Robins,

C-023 Council's Representations on Other Bodies

B'ton Leisure Association (BLA) J Beresford-Smith, P Blanking, M Johns.
Youth Club A Creed, S Fremantle
B'ton Neighbourhood Group (BNG) M Johns, L Kingsley
CPRE R Scott
Brave 2 P Davis
Primary School Pending invitation from the Schools Governing Board
ALCA The Clerk
Youth Consultative Group (YCG) P Blanking, L Kingsley, S Fremantle

C-024 Bank Account and Audit Requirements.

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

C-025 Authorisation of Regularly Occurring Amounts

Proposed J Abbatt } RESOLVED – That the Council authorises payments of the following items until
Seconded D Nokes } (Unanimously) the date of the next Annual Parish Council Meeting: -

19/06/07

- (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-026 Minutes of Meeting held 27th March 2006

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

C-027 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

- (a) C-005 (h) Follow-up letter concerning a site meeting on the river Footpath still to be sent. DL
- (b) C-007 (b) There are no grants available for the Trees removal. Footballers might have to cease use of the field because of poor pitch condition.
- (c) ALCA Councillor Training Courses : 13th June = J Beresford-Smith, K Eardley
 30th Sept. = R Scott (if unable to get to 13th June)

C-028 Receipt of Standing Committee Reports

Planning & Environment - 3rd April 2007

- (a) Toilet Block Letters sent to Property Services querying Toilet Gates and Ch Supt Pinkney about proposed use of CCTV unit in the Car Park / Gardens
- (b) Local Development Framework . Undergoing radical change and B&NES has issued the "Statement of Community Involvement" The new Planning / Transport Head – David Trigwell – is very much in favour of robust early consultation.
 (Replaces local Plan) This Parish has also been invited to consult with neighbouring Authorities = Wiltshire, South Gloucester and North Somerset.

Proposed J Abbatt } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
 Seconded A Creed } (Unanimously)

Planning & Environment - 8th May 2007

- (c) Damson Orchard Works "in progress" and letter to D Trigwell required about the 106 Agreement. DL
- (d) St Catherines Licence This Parish's protest not accepted but we are called as a St Catherine's Meeting witness. Progress meeting this Thursday at "Sandybanks", 6-30pm, and our witness must be named to the licensing authority by 19th May. SF or KE
- (e) "Green Cottage". Rejection by the Planning Officer used this Council's arguments about over-development in the Green Belt.
- (f) New Local Plan Should be cleared this June but only "live" for ¾ years
 The LDF is 'on deposit' – amendments proposed by this Council have been adopted.

Proposed J Abbatt } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
 Seconded D Nokes } (Unanimously)

General Purposes – 14th April 2007

- (g) Standing Orders Amendments in progress.
 - (h) Clerk's NVQ Will now be progressed in anticipation of application for Quality Parish Council status.
- Proposed D Nokes } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
 Seconded P Blanking } (Unanimously)

Highways, Footpaths & Lighting.

- (j) Nothing to add to previous minutes. On Monday 14th May a gypsy caravan with by 2 horses pulled into the Car Park for some 3 to 4 hours. Same horses now grazing on Solsbury Hill?

C-029 Presentation of Unaudited Accounts

(a) April 2007

The unaudited figures indicate an increase of £211 in Income and a reduction of £1150 in Expenditure.

Proposed D Nokes } RESOLVED - That the Accounts be accepted as presented.
 Seconded L Brass } (Unanimously)

(b) Special Payments for May / June 2007

Youth club £1000; BLA £650; ALCA Subs £533.15; Annual Insurance £2172.89; Mountain Bike course £200; Youth Shelter £300; Hanging Baskets £1000 (see (c) below).

Proposed L Brass } RESOLVED - That the Special Payments be approved
 Seconded S Fremantle } (unanimously)


(c) Proposed D Lavington } RESOLVED That Hanging Baskets should be installed by B&NES at a
 Seconded P Blanking } total cost of £1000 11 x 'For' & 2 'Abstained'
 Proposed S Fremantle } Amount of Amendment - That the costs be reduced to £1000
 Seconded J Abbatt } £1600 8 x 'For' & 1 x 'Against'

(d) Audit

All Accounts data for 2006-07 passed to the Internal Auditor on Monday 14th May. To be completed by June. Then opened to all residents before sending to external auditors – Mazars – before end of August.

C-030 BLA Report

- (a) Mountain bike course initiated – with additional soil.
- (b) The football Association has rejected the football field and some £6000 is necessary to renovate. Grants to be pursued.
- (c) New football nets and posts available but in storage at this time.
- (d) Permission granted for snacks etc. to be dispensed.
 New climbing Frame needs "warning notice" about age-usage. Obtained and to be fixed by Warden.

 19/6/07

