

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held at the Reg Rhymes Pavilion on Monday 18 May 1998 at 7-15 pm

Present :- Cllrs J Pierce (Chairman), M Cousins, J Creed, C Davis, R Holder, M Hunt, S Hunt,
D Jackson, D Lavington, P Lewis, A Reid, K Rhymes, M Veal, E Westbrook,
M Townley (Clerk)

No.

7C-166 Apologies for Absence

W Wright

7C-167 Election of Chairman

Proposed D Jackson } RESOLVED - that Cllr J Pierce be re-elected for 1998 - 99
Seconded M Hunt }

7C-168 Election of Vice-Chairman

Proposed J Pierce } RESOLVED - that Cllr R Holder be re-elected for 1998 - 99
Seconded A Reid }

7C-169 Composition & Membership of Committees

Numbers The review of Standing Orders in December 1997 confirmed that all Committees should not exceed 7 - and these numbers will include the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Therefore only 5 other councillors required on each Committee.
The request to add to the GP Committee was not agreed.

Composition It was agreed that the General Purposes Committee will now include the Chairmen of all Committees.

Naming It was not agreed to change the General Purposes Committee title to "Resources and Policy Committee". This proposal may be considered next year with the newly elected Parish Council.

7C-170 Council Representation on Other Bodies.

ALCA	D Jackson, R Holder and the Clerk
BLA	J Creed, M Hunt.
Youth Club	M Hunt
B.N.Group	E Westbrook

7C-171 Bank Account & Audit Arrangements

RESOLVED - that any two of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairmen of the Standing Committees are authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Parish Council.
Until the Committee Chairmen are elected - and 'new' signatures deposited at the Bank - the existing signatories must continue.

7C-172 Authorisation of Regularly Occurring Amounts

Proposed R Holder } RESOLVED - that the Parish Council authorise payment of the following items
Seconded M Hunt } until the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council :-
(a) Wages and Salaries at rates approved by the Parish Council and payments to the Inland Revenue.
(b) Subscriptions approved by the Parish Council.
(c) Donations approved by the Parish Council.
(d) Contracts made by the Parish Council e.g. Street Lights Maintenance etc.
(e) Administration costs e.g. Rates, Auditors Fees, Cleaning Materials etc.
(f) Items of Petty Cash not exceeding £25-00

7C-173 Minutes of the Meeting 6 April 1998

Amendments : 7C-154 "...received.." = presented
7C-156(c) "...sub-committee..." = 'working party'
7C-162 (c) delete "...and accounts are detailed in the Herald."
Proposed D Lavington } RESOLVED - that the Minutes be formally received as amended.
Seconded P Lewis }

7C-174 Matters arising from the Minutes 6 April 1998

(a) Possible leasing of Allotments to this Parish Council. Proposal is only to be considered when the problems with tenants is resolved.

(b) Village Appraisal - There is a proposal for a "Country Fair" to be held in July 2000. A working party - chaired by Mike Stanton - is progressing.

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7C-175 Receipt of Standing Committee Reports.

Highways - 21 April 1998

- (a) B'down Road "Repeater" signs denoting the change to '30mph only' have been ordered by the Highways Dept. and will be installed shortly.
- (b) The successful Police / Community meeting on 6 May confirmed that speed checks will occur. A letter of 'Thanks' to be sent to Insp. Bright, listing the "promised" actions.
- (c) River bank cutting back has been completed and this Meeting agreed to authorise path surface improvements and some further 'cutting-back'.
Once all improvements completed a "maintenance" programme to be developed.
Letters of this intent to be sent to the known "riparian rights" owners. MT
There is considerable overgrowth in the 'boundary' footpath and B&NES to be asked to clear. MT
- (d) There is no further news on the proposed new School Footpath
- (e) A weed-spraying programme to be requested from B&NES. MT
- (f) The area outside the Jones shop is very littered and owners to be requested to provide bins. MT

Proposed M Cousins } RESOLVED -that the Minutes be accepted as presented.
Seconded A Reid }

General Purposes - 12 May 1998

- (a) Land Purchase - B&NES cannot assist with valuations but quotes being offered to value the FINA site, riverbank land to Avondale and the land alongside the Surgery. An artist's impression of the Avondale land - landscaped with a river walk - will also be offered.
- (b) The Village Appraisal did not recommend a "new" Village Hall.. Development and refurbishment of the St Johns Church Hall requires £250 for preliminary drafts and the Council approved this expenditure.
- (c) The next meeting clashes with a World Cup presentation and the date deferred until 29 June 1998
Proposed M Hunt } RESOLVED - that the Minutes be accepted as presented.
Seconded M Veal }

Planning & Environment - 28 April 1998

- (a) Bass Taverns have proposed a restaurant at Lambridge and this Council was asked for comments. This Committee rejected the Application because of the additional traffic.
- (b) An 'obtrusive' sign has been erected at Jones (in a conservation area). Legality to be checked. MT
- (c) The next meeting has been deferred (due to lack of 'business') until 9 June 1998.
The Parish council Chairman asked that all future dates - as listed for this year - be maintained.
- (d) The car park wall has been refurbished with inappropriate 'concrete' stones.
Proposed C Davis } RESOLVED - that the Minutes be accepted as presented.
Seconded L Westbrook }

7C-176 Presentation of Accounts.

(a) March 1998.

The new Audit requires that a "March" Account is presented that is reconciled to the Bank statements at 31 March. The second April / May Accounts statement is recording all the processing which is relevant to last year e.g. Cheques issued in March but not processed until April, the Auditor's Invoice which was not received until the end of April, etc.

(b) April 1998

The Accounts presentation has all entries inside Budget guidelines.

(b) Special Payments for May / June 1998

River Bank Cutting Back £230, Insurance £931-10, Pavilion sign £100, ALCA Annual subscription £403-72, ALCA Training for 2 Councillors £50, River Path Resurfacing £920, Village Hall Draft Plans £250

Proposed R Holder } RESOLVED - that the Accounts and Special Payments be approved
Seconded L Westbrook }

7C-177 Village Projects.

Appraisal Parish Council projects have been dealt with under the Committee Reports.

Millenium

(a) The Country Fair - under Mike Stanton - has been mentioned.

(b) A more tangible memorial is required and development of the River bank to Avondale Hotel is being investigated.

7C-178 Annual Parish Meeting 23 April 1998

Minutes issued and the Chairman's Report will be recorded in the Herald. The content and recording was acknowledged by the Council to be 'very good' and certainly the Meeting was lively and the "open discussion" section was well received..

Regretted that so few attend .

