

## Batheaston Parish Council

### Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held at The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 9 May 2000 at 7-15 pm

Present :- D Jackson, (Chairman) & Cllrs: J Abbott-Hallett, S Beesley, P Blanking, J Creed, N Fixsen, S Fremantle, M Hunt, M Johns, D Lavington, P Mimmack, D Robins, M Veal, W Wright, M Townley (Clerk)

In attendance Cllr I Dewey

No.

**C-169 Apologies for Absence**

P Davis

**C-170 Election of Chairman**

Proposed J Creed } RESOLVED - that, as there were no other nominations, Cllr DS Jackson be  
Seconded W Wright } elected to serve for this year 2000 – 2001

**C-171 Election of Vice-Chairman**

Proposed J Creed } RESOLVED - that, as there were no other nominations, Cllr W Wright be elected  
Seconded S Beesley } to serve for this year 2000 – 2001

**C-172 Composition & Membership of Committees.**

Whilst membership of all Committees is 'balanced' some Councillors are serving on more than 2 Committees. If any Councillors wish to change Committees please advise your Chairman at the next meeting.

**C-173 Council Representation on Other Bodies.**

Avon Local Councils Association	D Jackson and the Clerk attend in other roles so 2 positions are available.
B'ton Leisure Association	M Johns & P Blanking
Youth Club	P Mimmack
B'ton Neighbourhood Group.	P Mimmack
CPRE	The Planning Committee Chairman (when elected)
Police Consultative Committee	D Lavington, a further nomination may be required.
Village Hall Working Party	J Creed
St Johns P.C.C.	P Mimmack

**C-174 Bank Account Arrangements.**

Proposed D Lavington } RESOLVED – that any two of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairmen and Vice-chairmen of the  
Seconded M Veal } Standing Committees are authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Parish Council.  
Until the new committee chairmen are elected – and their signatures deposited at the Bank – the existing signatories must continue.

**C-175 Authorisation of Regularly Occurring Amounts.**

Proposed S Fremantle } RESOLVED – that the Parish Council authorise payments of the following items until  
Seconded M Veal } 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) Contracts made by the Parish Council e.g. Street Sweeping, Lights maintenance etc.  
(c) Administration costs e.g. Cleaning materials, Auditors fees etc.  
(d) Items of petty cash not exceeding £50-00

**C-176 Minutes of Meeting held 4 April 2000**

Proposed M Hunt } RESOLVED that the Minutes be formally approved as presented.  
Seconded W Wright }

**C-178 Matters Arising from the above Minutes**

- (a) Footpath BA 2/44 still not restored. PRO to be urged. MT
- (b) New Noticeboard will be collected next week for mounting at the PO/Newsagents. MV
- (c) River Path. Environment Agency – Sasha Rogers – walked the path with DL and DJ and has just advised on further surveyors etc. Quotations will be pursued. MT
- (d) Village Hall. Another productive meeting held last week and comments will be invited from all participants. A follow-up meeting is planned for 2 months time. A further visit to the Diocese is arranged and an Architect has been in contact. DL
- (e) Housing Survey. The B&NES Officer to be invited to address the next BPC meeting. MT
- (f) Jones. Details as noted in the PEC Minutes. Lack of response requires a follow-up. DJ

**C-179 Receipt of Standing Committee Reports**

Planning 2 May 2000

- (a) FINA site. Vandalism continues and the Agent has been advised that any "clean-up" will be charged.
- (b) Gardens. Vandalism damage will be reviewed with the B&NES officer on Thursday 11 May.  
The possibility of seats etc.- serviced from the White Lion – will be queried.
- (c) Butcher Shop Application. Objected to as approval would result in a further loss of a retail outlet.
- (d) Beechwood Lodge proposal to convert to 5 dwellings. Traffic implications onto B'down Road queried.
- (e) George & Dragon Licence. Proposed new licensee has moved so 'no change'. If the hearing had continued this PC would have had to attend to voice our objection.
- (f) Village Green. Proposed refurbishments have been quoted at £1110.
- (g) Proposed Park & Ride at Lambridge. A summary of the Consultants report issued and some details were amplified. Cllr Dewey confirmed that the recommendation to persevere with the Lambridge site will almost certainly "push" the rugby training grounds onto the Bathampton Meadows.

Proposed J Creed } RESOLVED - that the Minutes be accepted as presented  
Seconded M Hunt }

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Highways & Footpaths 25 April 2000

- (a) School Safety. Proposed meeting still not arranged and the B&NES officers are being pursued.
  - (b) 20mph Limits. A 'protest' letter has been sent about the inordinate delay in "formalising" Elmhurst proposals. A request to initiate the Northend stage made.
  - (c) Verges on London Road at Victoria Gardens. Ownership clearly identified as B&NES and a request sent asking for clear-up.
  - (d) Agency Cleaning. The B&NES proposal to remove control from Parish Councils has been protested.
  - (e) Highways 'Capital' Prioritisation Scheme. Meeting planned in the Guildhall on 31 May. Attendees required.
- Proposed W Wright } RESOLVED - that the Minutes be accepted as presented  
Seconded S Beesley }

**C-180 Presentation of Unaudited Accounts**

- (a) April Accounts. All account lines are inside Budget levels. Invoices are still to be received for the last Financial year so the "finalising" of Reserves cannot yet be completed.
- (b) Special Payments  
Proposed D Lavington } RESOLVED - that the Council, in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of  
Seconded J Abbatt-Hallett } the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of  
the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner  
commensurate with the expenditure of £265 to the Batheaston Society for Buildings (prior to  
1840) Survey and Field Boundaries Review.

**C-181 Village Meeting – 6 April 2000**

Minutes already circulated and there were no surprises at the continuing low turnout. The main topic of "20mph Limits" seem to have been well received and this Council's impatience on such a slow implementation to be forwarded to the Chief Executive. DJ

**C-182 Aims and Objectives**

A copy of the above had been issued previously and all Councillors are asked to review for discussion / amendments at the next meeting. Any proposed amendments to be forwarded to the Clerk. ALL

**C-183 BLA Report.**

A meeting recently on the Rollerblade Project agreed not to appeal against the Planning 'rejection'. The alternative site at the Car Park was almost unanimously rejected as "unsafe". The alternative of 'expansion' into the existing Play Area will be reviewed at a site meeting on Thursday 10 May at 10-00am. An officer from the B&NES Parks Dept. will attend to advise.

**C-184 Future of the Village Magazine.**

Recently the St Johns Parish Magazine had been circulated to almost all homes in the Village. It is a monthly issue but future editions require a payment. An issue of the Batheaston Herald magazine is imminent. Both Editors believe that there is no 'conflict of interest' and that there is a niche for both publications.

**C-185 Millenium Project**

Samples of chinaware/porcelain mugs were exhibited and it was agreed that presentation of a mug to all children up to 16 years of age is preferable to doing nothing to mark this Millenium. The School might provide a suitable drawing. Possible numbers of children to be ascertained and costs to be "firmed up" assuming 500 children involved. MJ / DJ

**C-186 Chairman's Report**

- (a) The AGM of the B'ton Neighbourhood Group is this Wednesday 10 May at 7-30pm in Avoncourt.
- (b) It is recommended that all PCs write to the Government concerning the "future" for Parish Councils. A letter will be drafted. DJ
- (c) "Best Values". This initiative clearly requires consultation with PCs. Not done with the Parish Cleaning Agency scheme proposals
- (d) An "Ethics" committee is required of the B&NES Authority. Likely outlook is to set up with District Councillors only but the Parish councillors must be included.
- (e) The Annual Subscription to the Bath Preservation Trust is due and this Council agreed to the £15 fee.

**C-187 Clerk's Report.**

- (a) Maintenance costs for Street Lights increased by 3%. First increase in 4 years and already included in our budget.
- (b) Gardening Income from B&NES increased by 3.4%
- (c) 2<sup>nd</sup> Cotswold Way National Trail forum. To be held in Cheltenham on 2 June.
- (d) Cotswold Way Partnership. Invitation received to meet with the Voluntary Wardens in Marshfield on Monday 10 July.
- (e) Highways Capital 'Prioritisation Scheme'. Meeting in the Guildhall on Wednesday 31 May from 6-00 to 9-00pm.
- (f) B&NES Highways/Waste Contact Meeting. Next session is Monday 7 August in The Rhymes Pavilion from 6-30 to 9-00pm
- (g) Disability Act. A wheelchair access ramp is required and a quotation will be pursued. MT
- (h) Seats. There are 2 seats waiting installation. One site is at Catherine Way but the 2<sup>nd</sup> site must be determined. ALL

**C-189 Press Release**

Nothing recommended at this time.

**C-190 Date of next Meetings :-**

Tuesday 20 June 2000 at 7-15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion.

Chairman.......... Date..... 20.6.00