

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held
in The Rhymes Pavilion on 13th November 2012 at 7-15 pm**

Present : Cllrs S Fremantle (Chair), J Beresford-Smith, K Eardley, V Pecchia & M Townley (Clerk)
Apologies: Cllrs D Gledhill, K Hawkins
In attendance None

G-312 Election of Chairman

Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED – That Cllr S Fremantle be elected to serve for this term until May
Seconded J Beresford-Smith } (Unanimously) 2013

G-313 Election of Vice-Chairman

No volunteer at this time.

G-314 Declarations of Interest

None raised

G-315 Minutes of the Meeting held 9th October 2012

Proposed J Beresford-Smith } RESOLVED – that the Minutes be accepted as presented.

G-316 Matters Arising from the above Minutes.

- (a) Still waiting B&NES review of polling stations. An election for Police Commissioner has been declared.
- (b) Mr Hitchman (B&NES) has been asked to accept the reduced paper format from the Register of Interests.
- (c) This Meeting agreed that the new Code-of-Conduct – accepted *pro temp* at the last BPC Meeting – shall be inserted in the Standing Orders, in place the existing section.

G-317 Accounts for October 2012 – Unaudited

- (a) *All Accounts cleared by the Internal Auditor - Cllr J Heffer - and figures relate to Budget*
Income April £1934, May £1850, June £1500, July £1411, Aug £590, Sept £2284
October = **£2195** surplus
Expenditure April £ 3022, May £(1233), June £(123), July £ (201) Aug £1670, Sept £(508)
October = **£1310** surplus
- (b) Special Payments:
CAB @ £1000, when the Treasury Bond has matured.
- (c) Treasury Bond
Bond at £75,000 matures 21st December.
An analysis of cash flow for the next year indicates that a new Bond should be considered no greater than £50,000.
- (d) The Jubilee Accounts are being resolved and letters querying Advertisement monies to be processed. **MT**
Any future Events must have their own separate Bank Accounts.
Proposed K Eardley } RESOLVED That the Accounts for October, and the Special Payment, be
Seconded J Beresford-Smith } recommended to the full Parish Council.

G-318 Christmas Bulletin no 30

- (a) Input gleaned from various contributors and preparation in progress.
VP
Needs to be issued to the Printers by Friday 23rd November.

G-319 Precept 2013-14

- (a) This Meeting agreed that there are new potential costs for consideration:-
 1. Pay freeze for past 4 years may be relaxed;
 2. Contribution to improve the Pavement at the shops might be necessary;
 3. Contribution for a Bridge Crossing Ceremony is desirable.

G-320 Standing Orders Updates

- (a) Financial Regulations
The Clerk has prepared an “edition” of Regulations melding the NALC recommendation with existing papers.
SF is reviewing and the timetable for issue is next Easter. **SF**
- (b) Code of Conduct and Register of Interests
Paperwork revisions advised to the B&NES Solicitor and waiting approval .
Will action completion by all Councillors when our “saving-in-paper” format has been approved.

G-321 Any Other Business

- (a) B&NES has initiated a study for a Park & Ride facility East of Bath.
Recent meetings with the VPA and VCB appear to require the BPC to, again, take the lead in the consultations.
This Meeting agreed that the VPA must be “our” ‘spokesman’ until more data is available.
- (b) Any Bridge opening ceremony to be considered by the VCC. **KH**
- (c) The village has no obvious celebrations for Christmas. The VCC to consider? **KH**

G-322 Press Release

- (a) Nothing at this time.

G-323 **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 15th January 2013 at 7-15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (To be confirmed)

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