

## Batheaston Parish Council

### **Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held in The Rhymes Pavilion on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7-15 pm**

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

#### **G-249 Declarations of Interest**

None raised

#### **G-250 Minutes of the Meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

Proposed K Hawkins } RESOLVED – that the Minutes be accepted as presented.  
Seconded D Robins }

#### **G-251 Matters Arising from the above Minutes.**

(a) Nothing at this time

#### **G-253 Accounts for January & February 2012 – Unaudited**

(a) *All Accounts cleared by the Internal Auditor - Cllr J Heffer - and figures relate to Budget*

Income in April	= Increase of £ 477	Expenditure in April	= Reduction of £ 2175
Income in May	= Increase of £ 184	Expenditure in May	= Reduction of £ 2127
Income in June	= Increase of £ 83	Expenditure in June	= Reduction of £ 5150
Income in July	= Increase of £ 83	Expenditure in July	= Reduction of £ 5150
Income in August	= Increase of £ 173	Expenditure in August	= Reduction of £ 11118
Income in September	= Increase of £ 157	Expenditure in September	= Reduction of £ 10641
Income in October	= Loss of (£1283)	Expenditure in October	= Reduction of £ 13620
Income in November	= Increase of £ 40	Expenditure in November	= Reduction of £ 16598
Income in December	= Increase of £ 247	Expenditure in December	= Reduction of £ 19794
Income in January	= Increase of £ 532	Expenditure in January	= Reduction of £ 23334
Income in February	= Loss of (£ 646)	Expenditure in February	= Reduction of £ 26797

(b) Special Payments:

BLA request for Play Area Bark @ £200; - need sight of BLA Accounts before considering this request.

The Youth club has asked for resumption of the monthly £500 donation for another Evening opening. Agreed

(c) Treasury Bond

New Treasury bond arranged for £75,000 – matures on 21<sup>st</sup> December with earned interest of £1234.11

Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED - That the Accounts for January & February be recommended to the  
Seconded K Hawkins } full Parish Council.

#### **G-254 Bulletin No 29 – Annual Report**

(a) Reports from all Contributors.

DR, MTa, PF and MTo submitted to VP. All outstanding contributions required by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

(b) Distribution

Assistance had been requested from the Youth Club. Decision to be urged.

MT

#### **G-255 Annual Village Meeting**

(a) Arrangements

The St Johns church Hall is fully booked EVERY Thursday. The RC Church Hall to be requested.

If not available will book the Pavilion. Refreshments possible in either Hall.

**(The Good Shepherd RC Hall has now been booked for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April)**

MT

(b) Speakers

There are 4 potential speakers and all will be canvassed before the end of next week.

VP

(c) Advertising.

The Poster will be finalised when speakers are known – for issue to the Bulletin, Website, noticeboards and BREDAC.

#### **G-256 Terms-of-Reference**

(a) It was agreed that all Committees should have delegated powers to spend up to £500 – if project identified in the Precept, and that all Chairmen should have delegated powers to spend up to £200.  
Rather than alter the Terms-of-Reference for all Committees it was agreed to include that provision in the general SO on Committees .

#### **G-257 Standing Orders Updates**

(a) Extra Provisions for BPC

SF was congratulated on his analysis of all existing SO's and this Meeting endorsed all proposed alterations.

The BPC has already agreed to accept the NALC recommendations as modified by the BPC in 3 separate tranches of Review. All proposals will be added to this Review – for issue to the GPC for “proof reading”

(b) Financial Regulations.

A separate analysis is still required of NALC recommendations

(c) Code-of-Conduct

The new “Localism Act” will alter requirements and the GPC awaits any proposals when issued.

**G-258 Public Relations**

(a) Facebook

The recent media training session identified possibilities.

A BPC "Facebook" site may be possible, and this Meeting recommended consideration, but a maintainer of the website would be required and priority should be given to finalising the current website, Batheaston.org.

**G-259 Meetings Timetable May 2012 to May 2013**

(a) A provisional timetable will be issued to all Councillors – but cannot be agreed until after the May AGM and all new Chairmen have been appointed.

**G-260 Sports Field**

- (a) Drainage works commenced on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March and should be completed in 2 weeks time, then reseeding will be completed by early April.  
Depending on rainfall the BLA hopes the surface will be playable in the Autumn,
- (b) Replacement of the Fencing is almost complete and the BPC's request for an additional gate was rejected by the BLA as unsafe and costing £1000. The request was rejected without consultation of the BPC and VP was invited to write to Mr Mimmack to seek an explanation of that discourtesy
- (c) B&NES are conducting a survey into potential sites for Polling stations and the BPC recommended the Pavilion.  
The B&NES Review is still in progress

**G-261 Any Other Business**

(a) Town Team application

The VCC has agreed that the BPC should apply for this Grant. Data from an existing grant request will be utilized but 'partnerships' with High Street occupiers is required.

This grant application is required by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

**VP**

(b) Assets Register Update

Our SOs required issue to all Councillors when prepared for Audit and Insurance quotations.

Our 3-year contract with Came is to be renewed this June and a quotation has been requested.

(c) Pavement at Shops.

The solicitors – Stone King – have written to advise that the BPC might prosecute B&NES under the "Equality Act 2010" in the County Court. This advice is being considered and recommendation to the BPC is possible.

Discussions with B&NES cabinet members and officers continue.

(d) River Crossing

As reported at last night's VCC meeting the B&NES officers seem to be obdurate in pursuing outdated designs.

Discussions with B&NES cabinet members and senior officers continue.

**G-262 Press Release**

(a) Nothing at this time.

**G-263 Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7-15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion**

**Chairman..... Date.....**