

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held
in The Rhymes Pavilion on 14th May 2013 at 7-15 pm**

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

G-347 Declarations of Interest
None raised

G-348 Minutes of the Meeting held 19th May 2013
Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED – that the Minutes be accepted as presented.
Seconded K Hawkins }

G-349 Matters Arising from the above Minutes.
(a) Officer from B&NES visited to view The Pavilion as a potential polling station. Decision awaited.

G-350 Accounts for March & April 2013 – 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, November = £2107
December £3254, January £2898, February £2809, **March = 2729; April = £1804** (All surplus)
Expenditure April £ 3022, May £(1233), June £(123), July £ (201) Aug £1670, Sept £(508), October £1310, November £3248,
December £5274, January £5343, February £4127, **March = £8757, April = £891** (Under budget)
(b) Special Payments:
ALCA Ann. Subs £455;
(c) Audit 2012-13
Details issued and preparation of papers in progress. **MT**
(d) Jubilee Accounts.
Invoices (for 3rd time) sent to 2 outstanding advertisers in the Jubilee Programme.
Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED That the Accounts for March and April, and the Special Payment, be
Seconded D Gledhill } recommended to the full Parish Council.

G-351 Standing Orders – Review of proposed Non-Pecuniary Register
(a) The Localism Act requires a Register of Pecuniary Interests from all Councillors.
(b) This Act also implies the need for a Register of “Other” (non-pecuniary) Interests.
(c) A paper developed by SF was thoroughly reviewed. It included input from Somerset Authority, NALC and some B&NES data.
(d) Various recommendations offered and the amended Code-of-Conduct will be issued to all Councillors for the Annual Parish Council Meeting next week. **SF/MT**
(e) That document will require a specific Resolution which will also be issued for next Tuesday’s Meeting. **MT**
(f) The papers at (d) and (e) to be sent to B&NES and NALC for comments.
(g) B&NES has produced a document covering their “Planning Code-of-Conduct”. This paper will be obtained and circulated to all councilors for subsequent PEC review. **MT**

G-352 Preparation for Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM)
(a) The Meeting sees the start of a new Council year and the Council and, later, all Committees must elect their Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen.
(b) The Meeting will need to adopt a number of specific requirements eg Standing Orders, code-of-conduct, Risk Assessment Policy, Assets Register....
(c) The Meeting may reshuffle members of all Committees if required, and appoint representatives to Other Bodies.
(d) Bank Account and Audit Requirements will be established and provision made for authorisation of regularly occurring amounts.

G-353 Any Other Business
(a) Cllr Caroline Roberts has replaced Cllr Roger Symonds as the B&NES Cabinet Member for Transport.
(b) The proposed meeting with Cllr Roberts, the Wiltshire CEO and Batheaston PC will now be pursued to discuss the HGV traffic problem on Bannerdown Road. **VP**
(c) Cllr David Dixon promised, at recent VCC meeting, to ensure that the BPC will be consulted on designs of Bridge Crossing and Shops Pavement

G-354 Press Release
(a) Nothing at this time.

G-355 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 18th June 2013 at 7-15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (To be confirmed)

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