

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held in The Rhymes Pavilion on 19th July 2011 at 7-15 pm

Present : Cllrs. S Fremantle(Chair), K Eardley, K Hawkins, D Robins & M Townley (Clerk)
Apologies: Cllr V Pecchia,
In attendance Cllr M Tabb

G-203 Election of Chairman

Proposed	K Hawkins	}	RESOLVED –	That, as there were no other nominations, Cllr Sydney Fremantle be elected to serve for the year 2011-2012
Seconded	D Robins			

G-204 Election of Vice-Chairman

Proposed	S Fremantle	}	RESOLVED –	That, as there were no other nominations, Cllr K Eardley be elected to serve for the year 2011-2012
Seconded	K Hawkins			

G-205 Minutes of the Meeting held 10th May 2011

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

G-206 Matters Arising from the above Minutes.

(a) Nothing raised

G-207 Accounts for March & April 2011 – Unaudited

(a) *May & June Accounts cleared by the Internal Auditor Cllr J Heffer and figures relate to Budget*

Income in April	= Increase of £ 477	Expenditure in	= Reduction of £ 2175
Income in May	= Increase of £ 184	Expenditure in	= Reduction of £ 2127
Income in June	= Increase of £ 83	Expenditure in	= Reduction of £ 5150

Proposed	S Fremantle	}	RESOLVED -	That the Accounts for May & June 2011 be accepted as presented.
Seconded	D Robins			

(b) Special Payments:

Pavilion Outside Painting £440 + £100; BLA half-yearly Donation £650; Youth club half-yearly Donation £1000; Play Area Bark £200.

(c) Audit 2010-11 All Accounts papers cleared by the Internal Auditor, then signed by Chairman and sent to External Auditors- Mazars – on 27th June 2011 (before the 30th June deadline.)

(d) Treasury Bond No 57538535 for £75,000 dated 22nd July – to mature 20th January 2012 earning interest of £344.05

G-208 Park & Ride Updates

- (a) B&NES Council met last Thursday and voted to drop the Rapid Transport and Meadows P&R from the Bath Transport Package (BTP); however, further studies would be made of measures to mitigate traffic from the East of Bath.
- (b) The revised B&NES Bid must be issued to the Department of Transport by 8th September 2011.
- (c) The Core Strategy and Environment Agency require Flood Compensation for all proposed Bath floodplain re-development. Much the least costly site for this compensation is the Meadows, but flooding of a Car Park not permitted.

G-209 Standing Orders Review

(a) Review.

(1) There are 33 elements to the new Model Standing Orders and the 4 most significant chapters were approved, subject to a waiting reserve by Cllr Eardley. Copies of the revision attached to these minutes.

(2) A resolution to adopt these modifications as a "rolling" Annex of amendments to be proposed for the full Parish Council Meeting on Monday 1st August. SF

(3) Target date for completion of all amendments is for the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2012.

(b) Site of Polling Booth

The B&NES Electoral Service proposes to complete a Review of all Polling stations this year, before the next elections - due in 2 years time.

The Pavilion would satisfy present needs but an additional gate in the new Fencing would facilitate queuing. A resolution would be proposed for the BPC's next meeting promoting the Pavilion as a more central polling station than the Youth Club in current use

G-210 Youth Club Update

- (a) The Youth Club opened for 2 x nights per week on 5th June 2011
- (b) Assistance with Procedures for handling monthly pay slips resolved.
- (c) Contact made with B&NES Cabinet member for Youth Services appealing for the 3rd evening.

G-211 Jubilee Event

(a) This Committee supports the VCC proposal for an Event next year.

(b) The BPC will be urged to establish a Committee – independent of the BPC, but probably including Councillors, - to organize this Event

G-212 Bulletin no 28

(a) Communication with Parishioners.

(1) The next Bulletin No 28 was due in July – GPC now proposes an Autumn publication.

(2) Texts to be compiled by all Chairmen and issued to DG for editing into an acceptable presentation.

(b) Advising the “Welcome” Pack.

(3) This Committee recommends that newcomers to the Village – as notified on the electoral roll, or word-of-mouth – should have a Welcome Pack delivered by the nearest Councillor to the newcomers.

(4) The existing Pack is now 10 years old and needs updating. The jacket now carries many advertisements for Businesses which no longer practice in Batheaston.

Advertising revenue needs to be ascertained.

G-213 Any Other Business

(a) Litter Bins are not being effectively emptied.

This inefficiency to be queried at the Cluster Meeting on Wednesday 20th July.

KH

G-214 Press Release

(a) Nothing at this time.

G-215 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th September 2011 at 7-15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

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