

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held  
in The Rhymes Pavilion on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7-15 pm**

**Present :** Cllrs S Fremantle (Chair), J Beresford-Smith, D Gledhill, V Pecchia, & M Townley (Clerk)  
**Apologies:** Cllr K Eardley, K Hawkins,

**G-405 Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**G-406 Election of Vice-Chairman**

Deferred, as there was no nomination.

**G407 Minutes of the Meetings held 10<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

Proposed	D Gledhill	}	RESOLVED that -	The minutes for the meeting held 10 <sup>th</sup> September are a true record
Seconded	K Hawkins			
Proposed	J Beresford-Smith	}	RESOLVED that -	The minutes for the meeting held 5 <sup>th</sup> November are a true record
Seconded	S Fremantle			

**G-408 Matters Arising from the above Minutes.**

- (a) B&NES is conducting a complete review of all its polling stations, and the Pavilion will also be considered.
- (b) The Suffragette's Tree in Eagle Park to be identified. Assistance from the Batheaston Society with pruning costs still being pursued. **MT**
- (c) Future GPC Meetings must be held later in the month for the latest bank statements to be reviewed.

**G-409 Accounts for September & October 2013 – Unaudited**

	<u>Apr £</u>	<u>May £</u>	<u>Jun £</u>	<u>Jul £</u>	<u>Aug £</u>	<u>Sep £</u>	<u>Oct £</u>	<u>Nov £</u>	
(a) <u>Income</u>	1804	269	213	884	823	494	1125	1741	(Savings to budget)
<u>Expenditure</u>	891	3999	3679	7386	10268	8976	9891	12131	(Under budget)

(b) Special Payments: CAB £1000

Proposed	V Pecchia	}	RESOLVED	That the Accounts for November and the Special Payment, be recommended to the full Parish Council. Details should be dealt with by email.
Seconded	D Gledhill			

**G-410 Toilet Block / Car Park Proposals**

- (a) The Parish Council Chairman met with B&NES officers to discuss acquiring the Toilet Block, Car Park and Meadow's land. A further meeting with B&NES Property Services being pursued. **VP**

**G-411 Crossing Completion**

- (a) The Bridge component is due to be installed on 17<sup>th</sup> December
- (b) All works should be finished early 2014.
- (c) An "official" opening is being planned for the Spring.
- (d) It is now proposed that the new River Footpath be fenced-off (as urged by this Council)

**G-412 Neighbourhood Plans**

- (a) Priority now has to be given to completing the B&NES Place-Making papers.
- (b) The Parish Council has still to agree to pursue a Neighbourhood Plan.
- (c) An estimate of the costs of preparing a Plan and the availability of grants towards it is needed, before a decision is taken to prepare a Plan. Then there will be a need for on-going estimates of costs and benefits, including, particularly, the non-financial ones. **MT**
- (d) Benefits could include more homes, including affordable; more custom and, therefore, greater viability for shops, post office & businesses; better land use in the village; Community's Right-to-Build; more power to modify and add to B&NES programmes.....
- (e) Summaries of all the Place-Making papers to be prepared and issued to all Councillors. **MT**

**G-413 Pavement at Shops**

- (a) Meeting set for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December with B&NES Highways Officers to progress. **VP/KH**
- (b) There has been an obvious reluctance to effect the improvements, despite capital monies being established.
- (c) The BPC Chairman has established drawings that show what can – and must – be achieved.

**G-414 Precept Preparation**

- (a) The next GPC Meeting will consider the 3-year Forward Forecast. **ALL**

**G-415 Any Other Business**

- (a) Nothing at this time.

**G-416 Press Release**

- (a) Nothing at this time.

**G-417 Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7-15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (Precept)**

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