

Batheaston Parish Council

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

Present : Cllrs S Fremantle (Chair), J Beresford-Smith, K Eardley, D Gledhill, D Robins & M Townley (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs K Hawkins, V Pecchia,

In attendance None

G-286 Election of Chairman

Proposed J Beresford-Smith } RESOLVED – That Cllr Sydney Fremantle be elected to serve
Seconded K Eardley } (Unanimously) provisionally until the next GPC meeting.
Cannot accept the nomination for the whole year.

G-287 Election of Vice-Chairman

Not possible due to temporary Chairman's election

G-288 Declarations of Interest

None raised

G-289 Minutes of the Meeting held 19th June 2012

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

G-290 Matters Arising from the above Minutes.

- (a) The B&NES Electoral Office is still determining proposals for Polling stations.
- (b) The Meetings timetable is being changed at each Committee Meeting. To be resolved at next BPC Meeting

G-291 Accounts for June & July 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 surplus
Expenditure	April£ 3022, May £(1233), June £(123)	JULY = £(201) loss
 - (b) Special Payments:
None to be presented to the BPC at this time.
 - (c) Audit Preparations
All data dispatched in time to the External Auditors – and no comments to date.
Batheaston was selected as part of a 5% detailed Audit and a packet of additional papers dispatched.
- Proposed K Eardley } RESOLVED - That the Accounts for June and July be recommended to
Seconded D Gledhill } the full Parish Council.

G-292 Jubilee Accounts Status

- (d) An analysis of the Accounts to date issued and considered at this Meeting.
- (e) This Meeting considered the procedures for future similar events and there are concerns:-
 - 1 Noted all donations to the cost of Jubilee celebrations with thanks and welcomed those made by Parish Councillors.
 - 2 Recognised that not all decisions in relation to the running of the event could be referred to the Council. It recommends that for future similar events financial and possibly other operational parameters should be formulated by the GPC and agreed by the Council. Those parameters should be communicated in writing to any Sub- Committee immediately upon its inception.
 - 3 Noted anomalies in C-598(r) of the Council's Annual Meeting. If acceptance of the Report of the Village Centre Committee were taken as committing the Council to implement the proposals therein, there would have been clear breaches of Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct.
Under Standing Orders, acceptance of Committee Reports was insufficient on its own to commit the Council to the actions proposed.
 - 4 The Chairman was accordingly invited to submit to the next Council meeting a motion proposing that after reimbursement of the loan of £3,100 to meet any resulting losses.

G-293 Standing Orders Updates

- (g) Financial Regulations
A paper issued to all GPC members showed the NALC recommendations interspersed with ALL existing Standing Order Regulations – highlighted in yellow.
There are many NALC proposals which pertain to larger Town councils and a “weeding-out” is required.
This Meeting agreed to a small sub-group be established – to analyse and present proposals before the next Annual Parish Council Meeting.
SF/MT

G-294 Play Area Vandalism

- (h) The skate-board Ramp was vandalized and urgent repairs arranged by the BLA – for safety reasons.
The repair costs £495 + VAT.
This Meeting recommended that the BLA present an insurance claim – recognizing that the BLA has to pay the first £250, and that the no-claims loss will be £97 next year, for one year only.

G-295 Any Other Business

- (j) A paper issued to this Meeting from a new organisation – the “Local Works” – which seeks funds to provide

consultation data, for negotiations arising from the localism Act.

G-296 Press Release

(a) Nothing at this time.

G-297 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 2nd October 2012 at 7-15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (To be confirmed)

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