

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held  
in The Rhymes Pavilion on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7-15 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs S Fremantle (Chair), J Beresford-Smith, D Gledhill, K Hawkins, V Pecchia & M Townley (Clerk)  
**Apologies:** Cllr K Eardley  
**Attending:** P Burcombe, R Mimmack, Rev I Rathbone

**G-416 Public Participation**

Rev Rathbone had written about a proposal to install a Memorial Garden in the churchyard and offered drawings/layout of the structure, (copy attached).  
Because the churchyard is "closed" there is now only room for ashes, and the Garden will provide a curling wall, which can hold Memorial plaques, and provide a reflective space.  
Some £20/25000 is required, and the Garden should be available for all faiths. Local builders should be employed and the GPC recommends, in principle, support for this proposal.  
*(Chairman's Recommendation:- that the GPC agrees to recommend help with the memorial wall only if all those with a Batheaston connection qualify for a notice, irrespective of denomination, religion or lack of it. This is important and could be necessary to avoid a lawsuit on grounds of religious discrimination.)*

**G-417 Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**G-418 Election of Vice-Chairman**

Deferred, as there was not a nomination.

**G-419 Minute of the Meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013**

Proposed J Beresford-Smith } RESOLVED that - The minutes be accepted as a true record.  
Seconded S Fremantle }

**G-420 Matters Arising from above Minutes**

(a) B&NES is still reviewing all its Polling Stations, and the Pavilion is to be considered in this review

**G-421 BLA Accounts & Requests (R Mimmack)**

- (a) A very full set of accounts and requests had been submitted to the GPC and Mr Mimmack participated in developing these needs.
- (b) Attention requested to improving the Multi-Sports Court where the surface and trees need urgent attention: - The GPC recommended (1) New goalposts at £500; (2) Tree works at £6000; (3) Play Area bark at £225; (4) the Precepted Maintenance be raised to £1500/annum.
- (c) The BLA will commission a long-term study of all the Trees and the costs of this Study is included in (2) above.

**G-422 Youth Club Accounts & Requests (P Burcombe/R Mimmack)**

- (a) A very full set of accounts and requests had been submitted to the GPC and PB and RM participated in developing those needs.
- (b) B&NES has withdrawn ANY financial assistance and there are no grants available to cover the £12000+ salary costs.
- (c) The GPC recommends that (1) the budgeted amount this year be paid in full @ £3000; (2) The £500/month for salaries be included in the Precept; (3) The Precepted Maintenance remains at £2000.

**G-423 Accounts December 2013 - Unaudited**

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

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jly</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	
Income	1804	269	213	884	823	494	1125	1741	<b>1696</b>	<i>(Savings to Budget)</i>
Expenditure	891	3999	3679	7386	10268	8976	9891	12131	<b>15176</b>	<i>(Less than Budget)</i>

(b) Special Payments

The outstanding Youth Club budgeted £3000 be paid in full.

Proposed } RESOLVED that - The Accounts for December, and the Special  
Seconded } Payment be recommended to the full Parish Council

**G-424 Toilet block / Car Park Update**

- (a) Discussions with B&NES in progress regarding a possible lease of Toilet Block, Car Park, Gardens and Meadow. The BPC needs a legal agreement, even if staged over a period of time.
- (b) The B&NE Property Services is not being too forthcoming and Cabinet Members are to be urged. **VP**

**G-425 Crossing Completion**

- (a) The Contractors anticipate completion in 2 weeks time and this Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January there is a site meeting planned with BPC members to understand final requirements, landscape etc. **VP/KH/PF**

**G-426 Pavement at Shops**

- (a) A positive meeting held with B&NES Highways on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, confirming the BPC's proposals.

However there has been no further information and a significant lack of follow-up.

- (b) Cabinet members will, again, be approached and if there is no positive information by the next BPC Meeting a legal route will be recommended.

**G-427 Neighbourhood Plans – Costs and Opportunities for Grants**

- (a) A detailed Analysis of Benefits/Costs had been prepared and issued to all members.
- (b) It was agreed that pursuing a Neighbourhood Plan be recommended to the BPC, and that the estimated costs of £15000 be included in next year's Precept

**G-428 Precept Preparation – 2014/15**

- (a) Committee Members had to leave at this time so the Forecast will be presented to the BPC – to include this Committee's recommendations.

**G-429 Any Other Business**

- (a) Nothing at this time.

**G-430 Press Release**

- (a) Nothing at this time.

**G-431 Date of Next Meeting**

**Proposed for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (To be confirmed)**