

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held  
in The Rhymes Pavilion on 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015 at 7-15 pm**

**Present** : Cllrs N Clutterbuck (Chair), E Adams, D Gledhill, P Jennings, G Riley, R Mimmack & M Townley (Clerk)  
**Attending:** Cllr C McCarthy, M Corbett, P Fear and Master H Adams

**G-585 Public Participation**

None

**G-586 Apologies**

Cllr P Burcombe

**G-587 Declarations of Interest**

Nothing declared

**G-588 Minutes of the Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015**

Proposed D Gledhill } RESOLVED that - The Minutes be accepted as a true record.  
Seconded E Adams }

**G-589 Matters Arising from above Minutes**

- (a) The account now re-formatted for each Committee.
- (b) A search of alternatives Banks – to offer better interest rates – not successful
- (c) The meeting with Bathampton PC is to be held this Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**CMcC**

**G-590 Accounts October/November 2014 - Unaudited**

*All figures reviewed by the Internal Auditor – Cllr Adams, and approved at BPC Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015*

	April	May	June	YTD	
Income	18445.61	<b>1133.44</b>	<b>577.20</b>	574	More than budget
Expenditure	2275.23	<b>7964.87</b>	<b>1915.32</b>	3363	Less than Budget

(b) Special Payments

All approved at BPC Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> July.

- (c) It was confirmed that £300 is held in BPC Reserves for possible assistance to BREDAC.

*SOs were suspended at various sections in this Meeting to allow useful dialogue with ex-Councillors Corbett and Fear*

**G-591 Lease of Toilet Block / Car Park / Gardens**

- (a) A small team met with MR K McCombie last week and notes will be issued shortly. **NC**
- (b) The B&NES Cabinet approved the issuing of a Lease, but if Lease altered substantially then the new Cabinet will have to reconsider.
- (c) Need many financial analyses before proceeding further and site visits to view present conditions are necessary.
- (d) The potential for reopening a Uni-sex Toilet needs further study, with risk and finances assessments.
- (e) This Meeting recommended that a working group – under NPC management – be established to review all comments/aspects indicated in the past Council's work with the think Tank etc.  
It is important that the facilities are pursued to meet the many aspirations from respondents. **NPC**
- (f) The HFL should consider improving the appearance of the Car Park and Gardens with volunteers to cut back nettles/brambles etc. **HFL**
- (g) There might be a covenant on the Gardens and Car Park to prevent sale to other commercial interests.  
Potential "covenant" to be researched. **MT**

**G-592 Standing Orders Review**

- (a) The sub-group comprising NC/EA/DG has reviewed much of the existing SOs, adopting NALC Model proposals.
- (b) It is proposed to have 5 separate sections and it is intended to be able to offer the Revised SOS to the BPC Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> August.
- (c) The Neighbourhood Plan Committee's Terms of Reference is being reviewed. **NPC**

**G-593 Communications**

- (a) The sub-group of EA and Dg has prepared some 21 separate proposals to improve communications to the Village.  
This Listing is attached to these Minutes and this Meeting agreed to pursue the following:-
- (b) Combining BPC proposals with BREDAC to be pursued. **DG**
- (c) An A5 page of "Batheaston Parish Council News" be prepared for issue to the Local Look. **GR**
- (d) The website needs a re-design to make "active" for Smart-phones and Tablets. A preliminary costing of £600 available but an alternative Web Master should be sought. **EA/DG**
- (e) Any press releases should be channeled through one person only and volunteer required. **ALL**
- (f) Improved noticeboards desired with an additional unit at the Car Park.  
This car park noticeboard to, perhaps, have an informative Map of the Village? Design required. **HS**
- (g) Proposed that the Village be separated into the 7 x Divisions of the Vision Plan and that 2 x Councillors "adopt" a Division as contacts for residents ideas, problems etc. To be considered at the next BPC Meeting.
- (h) Propose that the BPC Meetings will include an Agenda item for "Councillor Representations & Issues".
- (j) The Listing will be updated for a presentation at the BPC Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> August. **EA/DG**

**G-594 Any Other Business**

- (a) The new chairmen – P Blanking and Susanne Hagen to be invited to join the GPC.
- (b) The BPC last week considered 2 x Planning Applications, both supported but pending site visits. No adverse comments received so the Planning Officers will be advised of this Council's support.

**NC**

**MT**

**G-595 Press Release**

- (a) Nothing at this time

**G-596 Date of Next Meeting**

**Proposed for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**Chairman.....Date.....**