

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held
in The Rhymes Pavilion on 14th October 2014 at 7-15 pm**

Present: Cllrs S Fremantle (Chair), J Beresford-Smith, P Fear, K Hawkins, V Pecchia & M Townley (Clerk)

Apologies: None

Non-attendance : Cllrs L Brass, K Eardley, J Heffer

Attending: None

G-509 Public Participation

No public in attendance.

G-510 Declarations of Interest

None declared

G-511 Minutes of the Meeting held 9th September 2014

Proposed P Fear } RESOLVED that - The Minutes be accepted as a true record.
Seconded V Pecchia }

G-510 Matters Arising from above Minutes

- (a) The judicial review for the Village Hall is expected this Autumn.
- (b) Mailchimp newsletter prepared for September.
- (c) Minutes of the recent VPA meeting issued to all Councillors but an error to be corrected. The Highways Agency agent stated that the A350 is NOT a 'Designated Strategic Route' and will NOT attract any funding for at least the next 20 years.

G-511 Accounts July/August 2014 - Unaudited

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

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	
Income	716	1644	1997	£1700	£1168	£676	More than Budget
Expenditure	1678	5327	8756	£12226	£15468	£17070	Less than Budget

(b) Special Payments

BLA Wall-mounted Boiler £600 – when BLA quotations received; Pavilion equipment = Broadband £75 + £8/month contract. Value of this contract to be assessed in a year's time; Whiteboard £70; Projector £400. (Screen might be required)

Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED that - The Accounts for September, and the Special Payments
Seconded P Fear } be recommended to the full Parish Council

G-512 Toilet Block / Car Park Update

- (a) Still awaiting a draft lease being prepared by B&NES Estate officers for the Toilet block/Car Park/Gardens. BPC approval of this Lease will require a break-clause in the absence of the planning approvals required for the wanted development.
- (b) Scheme for developing Shop/Unisex Toilet etc. will be now be prepared by the NPC – based on the Vision Plan proposals – for an outline-planning application. **PF**
- (c) Opening the Disabled Toilet as a unisex unit investigated. B&NES will NOT assist with any monies and average running costs might be £800+ staff costs and major capital costs for the BPC.

G-513 Commemorative Seats

- (a) The BPC decided to provide seats to celebrate the Creed family and Douglas Jackson.
- (b) The Creed Family has agreed the plaque wording and, now the Bridge is in position, the siting to be confirmed. **PF**
- (c) A site for the "Jackson" seat now to be considered at the shops when the Pavement is refurbished.
- (d) A third Seat commemorating David Lavington proposed, sited on the Village Green.

G-514 Standing Orders - Update

- (a) Update: A "corrected" copy of existing SOs will be reviewed by SF.
- (b) Revisions: Propose that the ordering, as proposed in NALC's Model SOs, be adopted
- (c) Financial Draft just received. Comments pending next GPC Meeting
- Regulations:
- (d) Petitions: Any need for a Village-wide Debate requires verification of signatures and formal public notice, well beforehand, so that all parties can contribute. A few minutes before any Parish Council/Committee Meeting will not be adequate. Research with NALC for precedents will be pursued. **MT**

G-515 Any Other Business

- (a) It is recognised that little is done for the elderly in the Parish.
The BNG to be asked how to consider how their activities might be usefully expanded **JB-S**
- (b) There are many Clubs and Organisations at work – but scope and meeting times not known.
A next Bulletin should include a request for these Clubs to identify themselves to the BPC for inclusion in a village-wide publication. **MT**
- (c) ALCA AGM – 4th October attended by VP & MT and notes issued.
- (d) B&NES has issued its draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) proposal. Supposed to replace the “106 agreement” and might add £25,000 to the cost of building a new home?
- (e) All Committees should now be assessing their financial needs for next year’s Budget. Input required by the end of December. **ALL**
- (f) Wiltshire council has advised a major development on the Colerne Airfield. The Planning Application details requested and will be available for the PEC Meeting on 4th November.
- (g) An advertisement for a Club’s Meeting has been included in the Website “What’s On” section.
Now investigating a division of the Website into “Parish Council” and “Village Life” sections. **PF**
- (h) Vehicles are abusing the No Parking zones in Northend. HFL to pursue. **HFL**

G-516 Press Release

- (a) Nothing at this time.

G-517 Date of Next Meeting

Proposed for Tuesday 2nd December 2014 (To be confirmed)

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