

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held in
The Rhymes Pavilion on 1st SEPTEMBER 2015 at 7-15 pm**

Present : Cllrs N Clutterbuck (Chair), E Adams, P Burcombe, D Gledhill, G Riley, R Mimmack & M Townley (Clerk)
Attending: Cllr C McCarthy

G-597 Public Participation

None

G-598 Apologies

Cllrs P Jennings, P Blanking, S Hagen

G-599 Declarations of Interest

Nothing declared

G-600 Minutes of the Meeting held 14th JULY 2015

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

G-601 Matters Arising from above Minutes

- (a) A successful meeting held with Bathampton PC on Thursday 16th July, and notes issued.
- (b) Site meeting held with Roland Russell (B&NES) who has agreed to machine-treat the river bank roots, to clear excess vegetation.

G-602 Accounts July and August 2015 - Unaudited

All figures reviewed by the Council Auditor – Cllr Adams

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
(a) Income	18445.61	1133.44	577.20	567	567	320	More than budget
Expenditure	2275.23	7964.87	1915.32	10020	3817	5326	Less than Budget

(b) Special Payments

BLA M/S Court £575, BLA Play Area £200, Youth Club Half-Year Donation £1750

- (c) There will be a further £1000 required for the Play Area and this cost, and the BLA half-yearly donation, will be held over whilst the BLA's future is established.

- (d) A Working Party established to review the BLA's status.

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Proposed D Gledhill } RESOLVED that - The July and August Accounts, and the special Payments, be
Seconded G Riley } recommended for approval by the full Parish Council.

G-603 Lease of Toilet Block

- (a) Quote received from Healthmatic Ltd for a new lockable/coin operated Door at £2000. This Door would allow for the Disabled Unit to be used as a Uni-sex Unit.
- (b) The remaining Gents/Ladies areas might be cleared and utilised for Handymen's equipment storage.
- (c) B&NES is offering a 6-month short term lease. The BPC would need at least a 2-year lease.
- (d) This meeting agreed to pursue a 2-year minimum lease.
- (e) Meanwhile 3 x Quotations should be pursued for the Door and a total Costs package be prepared by the SPC. **RM**

G-604 Car Park / Gardens (riverside Project)

- (a) NC had issued a paper on 15th July concerning how to address the Riverside Project. DG suggested that a new Committee might be established to deal with this single project.
- (b) The above Paper to be re-circulated for discussion at next week's BPC Meeting.
- (c) Our District Councillors should be invited to attend next week's BPC Meeting.

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G-605 Standing Orders Review

- (a) A draft of all recommendations has been circulated, which now includes a Code-of-Conduct section and a separate section on Code-of-Best-Practice.
- (b) All Committees are to review and advise on their "Terms-of-Reference" appendices.
- (c) The target is to complete all revisions for the next GPC Meeting set for 10th November

CHAIRS

G-606 Communications

- (a) An A5 page of "Batheaston Parish Council News" be prepared for issue to the Local Look by 10th September.
- (b) The Website needs an update and 3 x Quotations being pursued, but no response to date.
- (c) Proposals for Facebook/Twitter etc. accounts will be presented at next week's BPC Meeting.
- (d) Any press releases should be channeled through one person only and volunteer required.
- (e) The 7 x Divisions of the Vision Plan and 2 x Councillors per Division agreed at the 4th August BPC Meeting.
- (f) The Agenda item for "Councillor Representations & Issues" was initiated at the 4th August BPC Meeting..

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DG/EA
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G-607 Budget Review

- (a) Expenditures are still "inside" budgets but forecasts/estimates needed for the next meeting for Precept preparation.
- (b) The BLA and Youth Club will be invited to submit their "wish list" by the end of December.

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G-608 Any Other Business

B&NES Park & Ride Proposals

- (a) The Bath Chronicle featured 3 x new proposals last week, advising that public consultations will be completed in September for B&NES to decide actions in early October.
- (b) Details of these proposals to be ascertained for discussion at next week's BPC Meeting.
- (c) Batheaston deserves its own public consultation and this will be pursued.
- (d) A "walk-about" of the 3 proposed sites agreed for 2.00pm starting at the Mill tomorrow 2nd Sept.

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Other

- (e) The new Memorial Wall at St Johns will be dedicated on Sunday 25th October.
- (f) Top of Bannerdown Road has severe potholes and broken sign at the junction with Steway Lane. To be reported to 'Council Connect'.
(Done Wednesday and Ref: 114986 and 114988 is now noted)
- (g) The "old" River Footpath BA 2/5 is much overgrown and will be treated this Autumn.
- (h) The Scouts to be invited to help clear up their Muddy Lane area.
- (j) Much 'fly-tipping' evident on the Estate and Somer (Jonathan Strange) is pursuing.
- (k) NC is preparing a paper on this Council's "First 100 days". To be issued for next week's BPC Meeting.

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G-609 Press Release

- (a) Nothing at this time

G-610 Date of Next Meeting

Proposed for Tuesday 10th November 2015 at 7.15pm

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