

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held  
in The Rhymes Pavilion on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7-15 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs S Fremantle (Chair), J Beresford-Smith, K Eardley, P Fear, K Hawkins, V Pecchia & M Townley (Clerk)  
**Apologies:** Cllrs L Brass, J Heffer,  
**Attending:** None

**G-483 Public Participation**

No public in attendance.

**G-484 Election of Chairman**

Proposed	V Pecchia	}	RESOLVED that -	That Cllr Sydney Fremantle be elected to serve as Chairman for 2014 - 15
Seconded	K Hawkins			

**G-485 Election of Vice-Chairman**

Proposed	V Pecchia	}	RESOLVED that -	That Cllr Kathryn Eardley be elected to serve as Vice-Chairman for 2014 - 15
Seconded	K Hawkins			

**G-486 Declarations of Interest**

None declared

**G-487 Minute of the Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

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

**G-488 Matters Arising from above Minutes**

- (a) No replies from B&NES querying the outcome of the Replacement Hall's Judicial Review.
- (b) August is the time for treating obnoxious weeds, some identified in the brook walling besides the White Lion.
- (c) The surfacing of the new Footpath off the bridge is not considered of a lasting quality – refer to the HFL and B&NES Alison Sherwin - for investigation. **HFL**
- (d) Membership of Committees must be contained at 7 x maximum for voting.  
To be resolved at next week's BPC Meeting, with secret ballots to determine membership.
- (e) Meetings timetable. Proposal to reduce the number of Meetings, and regularise which Tuesdays in a month (eg every first Tuesday = PEC, second Tuesday to alternate with GPC and HFL etc) to be developed. **PF**
- (f) The Clerk will manage the new "Mailchimp" messaging proposal.  
Layout format in development for trial in August/September. **PF/MT**

**G-489 Accounts June 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>
Income	716	1644	1997
Expenditure	1678	5327	8756

(b) Special Payments

Ralph Allen Press £339, Pavement at Shops = up to £10,000

Proposed	V Pecchia	}	RESOLVED that -	The Accounts for June, and the Special Payments be recommended to the full Parish Council
Seconded	K Hawkins			

(c) Audit

There was no Batheaston resident who wished to peruse the Internally audited accounts  
The final papers were posted to the External Auditors on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – before the 23<sup>rd</sup> June deadline.

**G-490 Toilet Block / Car Park Update**

- (a) Leasing of the Toilet block being pursued with Cllr David Dixon. **VP**
- (b) Scheme for developing Shop/Unisex Toilet etc. will be finalised – now that access keys available. **VP**

**G-491 Commemorative Seats**

- (a) The BPC has decided to provide seats to commemorate the Creed family and Douglas Jackson.
- (b) The Creed Family has proposed the wording for "its" plaque and is still researching the number of years that the Family served this Village.
- (c) A site for the "Jackson" seat – and plaque wording - to be agreed with Mrs Janet Jackson. **VP**

**G-492 Standing Orders - Update**

- (a) A copy of NALC's "Local councils Explained" on order. This book gives all the legal references and our SOs will be so annotated.
- (b) The SOs as revised to reflect any change in the law will be proof-read by Cllr Trenchard.

**G-493 Cheque "signature" Mandates**

- (a) All Committee Chairmen – when elected - to be invited to sign the Bank's mandate.

(b) Barclays Bank Mandates now available, for processing with Barclays Bank.

**MT**

**G-494** **Any Other Business**

(a) BLA has the opportunity for a long-term 4 x days per week commitment – up to 6.00pm each day. Only Wednesday afternoons – and after 6.00pm will be available to the BPC for “extra” meetings. All legal/Insurance requirements must be met by the BLA and the financial consequences to the BLA/BPC must be considered in the future.

(b) The response from the Valley Parishes Alliance (VPA) on the Bath Transport Plan does not meet with the BPC’s wishes. A separate BPC letter to B&NES will be drafted.

**SF**

(c) B&NES has requested comments on a potential “Parishing of Bath”. Comments will be invited at next Tuesday’s BPC Meeting.

**ALL**

**G-495** **Press Release**

(a) Nothing at this time.

**G-496** **Date of Next Meeting**

**Proposed for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm 2014 (To be confirmed)**