

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths & Lighting Committee Meeting held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 11th October 2011 at 7-15pm

Present : Cllrs M Tabb(Chair), K Hawkins, M Johns, V Pecchia & M Townley (Clerk)
Apologies: Cllrs J Heffer. G Riley
In Attendance: None

The Committee welcomed co-optee Peter Fear to his first HFL Meeting.

H-325 Election of Chairman

Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED In the absence of any nomination Cllr Michael Tabb
Seconded K Hawkins } (Unanimously) agreed to Chair the Meeting for this evening.

H-326 Election of Vice-Chairman

There was no nomination for this position so election deferred until the next Meeting

H-327 Minutes of the Meeting held 23rd August 2011

Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED - That the Minutes be accepted as presented
Seconded M Johns } (Unanimously)

H-328 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

- (a) A replacement of the noticeboard at the bottom of Elmhurst Hill is in progress. **MT**
- (b) The Brook overgrowth at Brookside close is being investigated by B&NES
- (c) New lock installed in Ladies Toilet.
- (d) Advice still awaited from B&NES Dog Warden.

H-329 Highways Matters (fao –S Chiffers)

- (a) “Safe-route-to-School” for LRE children.
 - 1. Still waiting B&NES investigations.
 - 2. Parking of vehicles at the white Lion is obstructing views into Coalpit Road.
(If double yellow lines are at the kerb then NO parking permitted on the pavement. Problem will be resolved by B&NES if parked vehicle details are advised direct to Chris Major). **MJ**
Letter to B&NES required about lack of signage and need for Safe Crossing at this junction. **MT**
- (b) Bannerdown Road
 - 3. A reminder sent to A Clarke that he was to investigate a pavement at the bottom.
 - 4. A B&NES Team has already started a Survey of this entire area – in preparation for Schemes as outlined in the vision Plan.
 - 5. A 106 Agreement has been processed for required pavement/refuge at the land by Wilmslow – being developed for 3 new dwellings.
 - 6. Cllr R Symonds to be reminded of the Colerne problems and that the BPC wishes to pursue with his Wiltshire counterpart. **VP/MT**
 - 7. A Resolution proposed for the BPC Meeting on 25th October that more forceful action is proposed will be agreed to “force” a solution. **VP**
- (c) Double yellow lines at Steway Lane.
 - 8. Were ‘missed’ when completing recent TRO. B&NES promise completion this year.
 - 9. Additional double-yellow lines laid down in School Lane – WITHOUT ANY consultation. Queried by MV up to Cllr Symonds.
- (d) Pavement at Shops
 - 10. The design – as proposed in the Vision Plan – has been accepted by B&NES and is being supported by the new B&NES management.
The Survey [as (b) 4 above] in progress. On completion VP will rework his scheme. **VP**
 - 11. A request for Grant monies issued by this Council.
 - 12. Cllrs MV and DG are meeting this week with B&NES officers re: “Pedestrianisation” proposals.
- (e) Highway Repairs.
 - 13. Repairs to ‘Avoncourt’ and Tarmac sinking in roadway outside No 6 Elmhurst requested.
 - 14. Road to Avoncourt needs much refurbishment. **MT**
 - 15. Hump at the Car Sales is ineffective and disturbs bus passengers.
This Committee approves any plans to remove entirely.

H-330 Footpath Matters and Repairs (fao B&NES – S Ballard)

- (a) Reinstate Footpath across Solsbury Hill
 - 1. Legalities now in progress by Graham Stark. Request is now 8th in the queue.
 - 2. Handrail proposed at steps for BA 2/6 off Solsbury Lane. PROW is investigating.
- (b) Footpath Repairs
 - 3. Pathway on from Catherine Way to Play Area needs resurfacing. Somer to action. **MT**
- (c) River Footpath BA 2/5
 - 4. Reopened Monday 3rd October but overgrowth needs cutting back. **MT**
- (d) River Crossing
 - 5. Meeting attended with B&NES designers and Development Control that produced out-dated drawings – a complete misunderstanding of the needs.
Unnecessary building regulations quoted – now acknowledged, via Dept. of Transport - as mis-applied.

5. Continued.....

B&NES has agreed that Cllr V Pecchia will oversee the Bridge design.
Planning application should be issued by end of December, and New Bridge might commence April 2012 and complete by end of 2012.

H-331 Lighting Matters

- (a) Lights in St Catherines Lane.
 - 1 Contractor requested to switch off the Lamp facing Fairhaven Cottages.
- (b) Power Savings
 - 2 Each Lamp costs about £52 per annum for power.
Costs for timers to switch-off at midnight requested from our Contractor.
- (c) Muddy Lane Light.
 - 3 B&NES has agreed to investigate an additional Light – to be installed this year if funds available.
- (d) 4 Overgrowth is masking a Muddy Lane light. To be cut back. **Mta**
(Cut-back now completed)

H-332 Joint Local Transport Plan Update

- (a) No further progress from B&NES
- (b) B&NES has issued Responses to the Inspectors criticisms and consulted with all stakeholders.
The BPC replies in progress and will be issued this week. **DR/MT**

H-333 Any Other Business

- (a) Retaining walls at the top of Elmhurst crumbling due to weather.
Somer to investigate with repairs, during walk-about with Cllr Johns. **MJ**
- (b) The Police have advised a new system of PACT meetings. Instead of meetings with clusters of PCs it will focus on Batheaston & St Catherines only – with advertising etc. being arranged by the Clerk.
- (c) BMX riders are causing a nuisance in the field by Footpath BA 2/31. Police advised.

H-334 Press Release

Nothing at this time

H-335 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th December 2011 at 7-15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

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