

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths & Lighting Committee Meeting
held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 15th October 2013 at 7-15pm**

Present: Cllrs J Heffer (Chair), P Fear, K Hawkins, M Johns, V Pecchia, G Riley, M Tabb, N Treacy
& M Townley (Clerk)
Apologies: Full attendance
In Attendance: None

H-481 Declarations of Interest
None recorded

H-482 Minutes of the Meeting held 27th August 2013
Proposed N Treacy } RESOLVED - That the Minutes should be accepted as presented
Seconded P Fear }

H-483 Matters Arising from the above Minutes
(a) The vice-chairmanship of this Committee will be addressed at the next meeting.
(b) The replacing of footpath surfaces on the Estate has been requested from CURO
(c) The “bulging” stone walling in the High Street has been reported to B&NES, and an officer has responded.

H-484 Place-Making Progress
(a) VP and KH attended a PM seminar on Saturday 28th September.
(b) The PM/NP Toolkit papers - issued by B&NES after that meeting - have been copied to all BPC councillors.
(c) DEFRA has issued its “Progress” Report on Neighbourhood Plans – and hard copy is available, on request, from the Clerk.
(d) Many of the PM proposals interact with the HFL – which remains the “progressing” source.
(e) Recently there has been considerable removal of trees on the land besides the Car Sales outlet, and also sight of investigators at the land besides Avondale – in Bathford.
It is anticipated that possible Dwellings Applications are imminent and all Councillors to be aware.
(f) The BPC has also been approached about possible alterations on the Car Sales site – perhaps dwellings?
(g) Our district Councillors and Bathford PC chairman have been advised of these “suspicions”.
(h) At next week’s PMC Meeting the roles and requirements will be initiated.

H-485 Highways Matters (fao B&NES –S Chiffers)
(a) 20 mph Proposals
1 Extended the proposals to add the London Road East from the Bypass roundabout to the Car Sales. Waiting progress report.
(b) Bannerdown Road Progress
2 Second meeting held 8th October with Wiltshire officers. Notes already issued to all Committee Members. There is little chance of any improvement.
3 B&NES Cabinet members and officers are to meet with Wiltshire on 13th November to review possibilities. VP will try and attend this Meeting. **VP**
4 All 5 x Hangars are now rented out but the military will not be permitting any other development on the airfield site.
5 Wiltshire will ensure that any future major planning applications for any of the Hangars will be copied to BPC for consultation.
(c) Pavement at Shops
6 Revised drawings – as issued to B&NES over 12 months ago have been issued to the “new” B&NES officer – Nick Whitcombe.
A follow-up meeting requested by NW and K Packer. **VP**
7 A copy of the above proposed drawings to be emailed to all committee members. **MT**
(d) Highway Repairs
8 Hollies Lane was recently “patched” but now crumbling. **MT**
(e) Fosse Lane Gully
9 Works completed but now a complete “sinking” mess.
(f) Bannerdown road – Missing Tarmac
10 B&NES Highways requested to investigate and offer corrections. Will chase again. **MT**
(g) Signage
11 Various additional signs requested – to restrict HGV traffic through the village.
B&NES Highways responded and details issued to all HFL members.

H-486 Footpath Matters and Repairs (fao B&NES –PROW)
(a) Reinstate Footpath across Solsbury Hill BA 2/53
1 The Planning Inspector should report back in November 2013.
2 New Footpath BA 2/54 proposed from BA 2/6 to Solsbury Lane.
The planning Inspector will consider this proposal in April 2014, but invites any written comments by this December
(b) Footpath Repairs
3 Resurfacing of West view road Path BA 2/50 costed by B&NES PROW team at £2620.
An alternative quotation pursued but rose to £3830 from local contractors.
An alternative “scalpings” surface requested and waiting quotation.
Any future queries from residents to be referred back to B&NES.

- (c) Crossing over River Avon
4 Construction works already commenced and temporary "construction site" established.
The construction team have been granted use of the Toilets and extremely dirty conditions
ensuing. Contractors to fulfil their obligations to maintain cleanliness in these toilets. **MT**

H-487 Lighting Matters

- (a) Power Savings
1 Western Distribution has been requested (via EDF) to reduce costings. Waiting response
(b) Muddy Lane Light.
2 Not in B&NES budget for 2013-14 but promised for the following year.

H-488 Parking – TRO 2013 (Northend and Estate)

- (a) Very positive response from B&NES officers who reviewed the HFL Survey of the Estate.
B&NES is now progressing the agreed actions.
This committee is very grateful to P Fear and N Treacy for their excellent work in producing and
pursuing the Estate Survey.
(b) A similar survey of Northend is being progressed. **PF/NT**

H-489 Handymen specifications.

- (a) The present Job Specification and copies of both handymen's timesheets for September issued to this
Committee.
(b) The HFL to review and consider whether changes/alterations are necessary.
The working patterns need to be analysed for more effective use of available hours.

H-490 Any Other Business

- (a) Sycamore tree at bottom of Bannerdown road is obstructing sight of traffic, and "pushing" pedestrians
into the road. Landlord to be identified, and notified. **MTa/MTb**
(b) Bus stop no 41 (at Stambridge) has 4 parked cars on pavement. New bus stop proposed with bollards
to prevent this incursion.
(c) B&NES is investigating this committee's request for a new bus stop at the bottom of Bannerdown Road
– for Colerne-bound buses. Progress will be urged. **MT**

H-491 Press Release

Nothing at this time

H-492 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 19th November 2013 at 7-15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

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