

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths & Lighting Committee Meeting held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 3rd April 2012 at 7-15pm

Present : Cllrs J Heffer (Chair), P Fear, M Johns, V Pecchia, M Tabb & M Townley (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr G Riley, K Hawkins

In Attendance: None

H-364 Declarations of Interest

None declared

H-365 Election of Chairman

Proposed M Johns } RESOLVED In the absence of any nomination Cllr Jeremy Heffer
agreed to Chair the Meeting for this evening.

Seconded M Tabb } (Unanimously)

H-366 Election of Vice-Chairman

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

H-367 Minutes of the Meeting held 17th January 2012

Proposed M Tabb } RESOLVED - That the Minutes be accepted as presented

Seconded M Johns } (Unanimously)

H-368 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

(a) Nothing raised.

H-369 Highways Matters (fao B&NES –S Chiffers)

(a) “Safe-route-to-School” for LRE children.

1. Still waiting B&NES investigations. Letter requesting urgent attention – including pedestrians trying to cross at the bottom of Bannerdown road –sent to K Packer.
2. Vehicles still parking at the White Lion which obstructing views into Coalpit Road. Letter sent to B&NES about lack of appropriate signage at this junction. Follow-up letter required, requesting attention by the parking attendants.

MT

(b) Bannerdown Road Progress

3. A reminder to be sent to A Clarke that he was to investigate a bye-law to restrict HGV traffic. **VP** It was noticed – again – that HGV traffic managed to get to Colerne by alternative routes whilst the road was closed for reworking.
4. The B&NES past CEO promised to take up the problem that development at Colerne hangars ignores the HGV traffic effect in this area. A request on progress to be sent to the new CEO Dr Jo Farrar. **MT**
5. Wiltshire has issued its Core Strategy for consultation. DR has prepared a statement (issued to this Meeting) on the very “Spartan” HGV traffic – showing no mention of Colerne. A detailed analysis being prepared criticising this continued lack. **DR**

(c) Pavement at Shops

6. The February Cluster Meeting identified that monies had not been allocated to improve this pavement. Representations made and B&NES highways engineers are to survey and prepare proposals for consultation. Monies might be found in available “Improvement Grants”.
7. VP has secured guest speakers from B&NES for the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 24th April. Cabinet member Cllr Roger Symonds and senior officer Glenn Chipp will attend. All Councillors requested to advise topics for discussion with the above, so that preparatory advice can be offered to avoid “surprises”. **ALL**

H-370 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 at the head of the queue and completion promised in the next 3 months..

(b) Footpath Repairs

2. Pathway on from Catherine Way to Play Area needs resurfacing. Somer requested to action.
3. Handrail fitted in Solsbury Lane leading to BA 2/6
4. The recently repaired river footpath BA 2/5 needs further repairs – promised later in April

(c) River Crossing

5. Sufficient monies have been allocated and “ring-fenced” by B&NES. The bridge design/planning application is progressing.

H-371 Lighting Matters

(a) Power Savings

1. MTa has prepared a survey of this proposal for the Annual Report Bulletin.

(b) Muddy Lane Light.

2. B&NES has agreed to investigate an additional Light – to be installed this year if funds available.

H-372 Standing Orders – Terms of Reference

- (a) Recent BPC Meeting agreed to the GPC recommendation that all Committees will have “delegated spending powers” – providing that the ‘spend’ had been budgeted.
- (b) Therefore no change to the existing Terms-of-Reference are proposed.

H-373 Any Other Business

- (a) The Annual Meeting with residents will now be held in the Hall of the Good shepherd church on Tuesday 24th April.
- (b) The Annual Report bulletin should be finalised Wednesday 4th April and printed for issue to distributors late next week.
- (c) Litter bins at Edison Ford and the White Lion are being stuffed with household rubbish. **MT**
Advice from B&NES on how-to-prevent will be sought.
- (d) A dead branch is lying in a tree some 100ms down the river Footpath. **VP**
A Coombe to be asked to remove.
- (e) VP has “won” approval from B&NES to close the High Street on the ‘Jubilee Sunday’, and use the Car Park and Gardens for the associated Music Festival.

H-374 Press Release

Nothing at this time

H-375 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th May 2012 at 7-15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

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