

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths & Lighting Committee Meeting held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 4th December 2012 at 7-15pm

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

H-420 Declarations of Interest

None declared

H-421 Minutes of the Meeting held 30th October 2012

Proposed M Johns } RESOLVED - That the Minutes should be accepted as presented
Seconded G Riley }

H-422 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

- (a) Bannerdown Common Fencing – Comments received and replies in progress. **MTa**
(b) The Christmas Bulletin should have a notice about overhanging growth and that “Household Rubbish should NOT go into Litter bins”.
Also a request for more “considerate” parking and observation of the restrictions in the Village, esp. at The Batch, Brow Hill and beyond Hawker’s Yard.
(c) Invitation sent to the new B&NES CEO – Dr Jo Farrar.

H-423 Highways Matters (fao B&NES –S Chiffers)

Request for updates on all the following sent 26th October - but no responses received:-

- (a) “Safe-route-to-School” for LRE children.
1. Still waiting B&NES investigations
- (b) Bannerdown Road Progress
2 B&NES David Horne (394462) is leaving resolution to Wiltshire Council’
3 A 20mph limits proposed in 2013/14 as part of a District wide programme.
- (c) Highway Repairs
4 Manhole leak down Penthouse Steps now corrected.
5 Roadway to Avoncourt needs repair
- (f) Parking at White Lion
8 Double yellow lines to be ‘refreshed’ by B&NES.
Pavement is the property of B&NES and identification map will be provided. **VP**
9 B&NES Wardens to patrol, and to vary their visit times.
- (g) Car Park boom Repairs
10 Quotation for a “local” repair in progress. **VP**
- (h) Speed Table at Car Sales
11 Waiting replacement with a “Button”. Requested in July 2012.
- (j) Fosse Lane Overgrowth
12 Cut-back requested in September 2012 – waiting action.
- (k) Additional Bus Shelters
13 The BPC advised 4 separate sites in April 2012.
Waiting response from B&NES and urged last week.
- (l) Litter & Grit bins
14 Replacement Grit Bin for Morris Lane and new Litter Bins requested September 2012. B&NES will not purchase, install nor clear out these bins if the Parish Council purchase any units. This Meeting agreed to seek quotations for purchase and installation of 2 x “Dog Litter Only” bins.
15 The B&NES Public Rights of Way installed a litter bin at the Bannerdown Common layby, subsequently removed because of damage. Request that it be reinstated. **MT**

H-424 Pavement at Shops

- (a) Scheme now costed and Cabinet Officers are pursuing for monies in B&NES 2013 budget.

H-425 Fosse Lane Gulley

- (a) M Ta made a presentation of photographs of all the blockage problems – down the entire length of Fosse Lane. The recent bad weather has emphasised all the difficulties.
(b) Peter Clark (B&NES Highways) is tackling clearance but many of the culverts are badly blocked.
(c) It is proposed to close the Lane off opposite No 4 Fosse Lane so that investigations can be completed.
(d) Occupier of Upper Fosse cottage to be advised of these works, and asked to note who is parking in the “passing bay” because these vehicles are collapsing the dredged out banks.
(e) A large “tree” of ivy is likely to block the gulley. Who will correct?

H-426 River Crossing

- (a) Quotations received by B&NES and investigations required.
(b) B&NES officers were to visit Monday 3rd December but above problems are causing a delay. This Meeting agreed that an early consultation should be requested so that our recommendations will be considered.
(c) Completion is programmed for 31st March 2013 and an Opening Ceremony should be planned – with Celebrity/Royalty. The BPC to consider

H-427 Footpath Matters and Repairs (fao B&NES – S Ballard)

- (a) Reinstate Footpath across Solsbury Hill
 - 1 Legalities papers issued for consultation. Graham Stark (B&NES) now progressing.
- (b) "No Cycling" on Batch
 - 2 **Replacement of signs requested 4th July 2012.**
- (c) Whitemore Court
 - 3 Suspected leak from manhole to be investigated.

MJ

H-428 Lighting Matters

- (a) Power Savings
 - 1 New power saving units ordered.
All parts ordered and SSE will be urged to complete.
- (b) Muddy Lane Light.
 - 2 B&NES has agreed to investigate an additional Light – to be installed this year if funds available.

MT

H-429 Precept 2013-14 Considerations

- (a) 2 x Litter bins £600; Pavement at Shops £10,000; High Street Planter £700

H-430 Any Other Business

- (a) **This Meeting records much disappointment that the replacement Village Hall will not provide any, except disabled, parking nor any additional parking spaces.**

H-431 Press Release

Nothing at this time

H-432 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 22nd January 2012 at 7-15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

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