

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths & Lighting Committee Meeting held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 8th December 2011 at 7-15pm

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

H-337 **Declarations of Interest**
None declared

H-338 **Election of Chairman**
Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED In the absence of any nomination Cllr Margaret Johns
Seconded G Riley } (Unanimously) agreed to Chair the Meeting for this evening.

H-339 **Election of Vice-Chairman**
There was no nomination for this position so election deferred until the next Meeting

H-340 **Minutes of the Meeting held 11th October 2011**
Proposed M Tabb } RESOLVED - That the Minutes be accepted as presented
Seconded V Pecchia } (Unanimously)

H-341 **Matters Arising from the above Minutes**

- (a) A new noticeboard at the bottom of Elmhurst Hill is installed OK.
- (b) The Brook overgrowth at Brookside close is being investigated by B&NES
- (c) Retaining walls at the top of Elmhurst crumbling due to weather.
Somer to investigate with repairs, during walk-about with Cllr Johns. **MJ**
- (d) The Police held the first of their "new-style" PACT meetings in the Pavilion on 22nd November.
Poorly attended – probably due to inadequate advertising.

H-342 **Highways Matters** (fao –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 – to be sent to K Packer. **MT**
 - 2. Parking of vehicles at the White Lion is obstructing views into Coalpit Road.
Letter to B&NES required about lack of appropriate signage at this junction. **MT**
- (b) Bannerdown Road Progress
 - 3. A reminder sent to A Clarke that he was to investigate a pavement at the bottom.
Still waiting a response.
- (c) Double yellow lines at Steway Lane.
 - 4. Were 'missed' when completing recent TRO. B&NES promise completion this year.
 - 5. Additional double-yellow lines laid down in School Lane – WITHOUT ANY consultation. Queried by MV up to Cllr Symonds.
- (d) Pavement at Shops
 - 6. The monies for this improvement are proposed in next year's budget.
 - 7. A request for Grant monies issued by this Council. Waiting results of this application
- (e) Highway Repairs.
 - 8. More cars are parking at the Car Sales Outlet.
 - 9. Vent pipe protrudes over the pavement at bottom of B'down road – and is 'snagging' pedestrians.
Renovations at a house further up B'down Road has an unlit skip in the roadway.
Both problems to be advised to the highways engineer. **MT**

H-343 **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.
- (b) Footpath Repairs
 - 2. Pathway on from Catherine Way to Play Area needs resurfacing. Somer requested to action.
- (c) River Crossing
 - 3. This Council's proposals now being adopted by B&NES.
B&NES Planners are demanding a pre-Application submission and another 30+ days for comments are likely.
Flood Plain Proposals should not affect the Crossing feasibility – might even be a benefit.
- (d) 4. Overgrowth on the footpath leading from West view road to Morris Lane to be cut-back by our Handymen. **MJ**
- (e) 5. The re-opened river Footpath BA 2/5 is very muddy in places, and the "No Cycling" signs should be replaced. **MT**

H-344 **Lighting Matters**

- (a) Lights in St Catherines Lane.
 - 1. Contractor requested to switch off the Lamp facing Fairhaven Cottages.

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(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. Will be 'chased'.
Wiltshire Council has installed similar Timers in Box and Corsham. Their 'source' to be ascertained. **MT**

(c) Muddy Lane Light.

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

H-345 Joint Local Transport Plan Update

- (a) No further progress from B&NES. Expecting results of the Transport bid to the government.

H-346 Precept Proposals for 2012 -13

- (a) 3 x Litter bins £1000; Shockerwick Triangle purchase? £5000

H-347 Any Other Business

- (a) Copies of the Bulletin will be issued for distribution this week.

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H-348 Press Release

Nothing at this time

H-349 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th January 2012 at 7-15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

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