

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths & Lighting Committee Meeting
held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 9th JUNE 2015 at 7-15pm**

Present : Cllrs S Hagen (Chair), L Cook, C McCarthy, S Frayling, P Jenner, R Mimmack, H Smallwood
& M Townley (Clerk)

In Attendance: Cllrs P Burcombe, N Clutterbuck

H-610 Public Participation

None

H-611 Apologies:

Cllr G Riley

H-612 Election of Chairman

Proposed	C McCarthy	}	RESOLVED -	That Cllr Susanne Hagen be elected as Chairman to serve for the term 2015 - 2016
Seconded	P Jenner			

H-613 Election of Vice-Chairman

Proposed	H Smallwood	}	RESOLVED -	That Cllr Priscilla Jenner be elected as Vice-Chairman to serve for the term 2015 - 2016 A second nomination for Cllr C McCarthy was not successful.
Seconded	S Hagen			

H-614 Declarations of Interest

None recorded

H-615 Minutes of the Meeting held 24TH March 2015

There were no Councillors present who participated in this Meeting. But C McCarthy, P Jenner and H Smallwood attended as residents, so this Meeting agreed to accept their word that the Minutes were a true record as presented

H-616 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

Any Councillor may report problems to B&NES using...council_connect@bathnes.gov.uk

- (a) Pavement surface - up from the post box at the top of Elmhurst Hill. CURO has accepted their responsibility and are arranging repairs by their Contractor. Repair to be urged.
- (b) Installation of a "flasher" unit on Bannerdown Road – near to The Mount – has been requested.
- (c) Road surfaces at Avoncourt, Coalpit Road and the Speed Tables are very deteriorated. Council Connect has been advised. To be urged
- (d) Signage for 20mph limits in Bannerdown Road now completed.
- (e) The new roundabout at Tollbridge Road seems to be settling down.
- (f) A Stop for Colerne-bound buses desired near Stambridge and Cllr M Veal is pursuing.
- (g) B&NES will not be setting 20mph limits from the Bathford roundabout – starts at the Car Sales Gateway.
- (h) The Car Park boom has now been repaired.
- (j) Signage at the A46/A4 roundabout is required to prevent HGV traffic turning into Batheaston. Some signs are installed but not adequate. To be investigated. PJ/PJ/HS

H-617 Pavement at Shops

- (a) Meeting set for Tuesday 16th June at 10.30 in The Pavilion – with George Bottin (B&NES) and the contractors (Skanska) to review a re-design to accommodate all the services. PJ/GR/RM/NC

H-618 Highways Concerns

- (a) Blocked drains to be reported at : Top of School Lane;
High Street at Garage;
Seven Acres Lane – near Prospect Gardens;
Bottom of Bannerdown road.
Bottom of Solsbury Lane
- (b) Sign at Bannerdown Road/Steway Lane knocked over and reported. Reported and to be urged.
- (c) Many potholes in Steway Lane have been reported and identifying paints now washed away. Repairs to be urged.
- (d) Parking limit sign missing near Maudens. Details to be ascertained for replacement. PJ/MT
- (e) All the lights in the Car Park on during the sunny days. To be checked and reported. LC

H-619 Speed Table at Pedestrian Crossing by the Garage

- (a) B&NES has acknowledged that the height is illegal and offered 4 x options to correct.
- (b) The previous Council wished for complete removal to pre-2009 condition. The Highways Department will agree to removal providing a full consultation of residents is effected. An offer to complete this 'consultation' will be sent, including copies to senior officials. MT
- (c) Removing this speed table will encourage "speeding"? Investigation of the road between the Gateways to ascertain speed-reduction requirements. EA/PJ/HS/CMcC

H-620 Bannerdown Road Pavement

- (a) A proposed scheme to alter the Stambridge area, to include a pavement, offered and to be considered for comments at the next HFL Meeting.

HFL

H-621 Street Cleansing

- (a) The BPC engages 2 x Handymen who are employed to keep Pavements clear and litter/weeds free. Their job description and typical time sheet offered to assist understanding of their duties.
(b) B&NES is responsible for cleansing the gutters and roads, emptying of litter bins etc.
(c) Meeting with Roland Russell (B&NES parks) set for Wednesday 10th June to review all Weeds problems – including Knotweed/Himalayan Balsam etc.
(d) The Allotments area at Elmhurst has become a “jungle” and an active approach must be considered.
(e) An Administrator is required for the Handymen so that their instructions emanate from a single source – and not casual resident’s requests. A job description for this Administrator to be developed.
(f) Cllr McCarthy offered to be this Administrator.

**NC
CMcC**

H-622 Bollards in High Street/Northend Junction

- (a) A resident requests removal of the bollards at this junction.
Advice from the B&NES Highways Department required, as any re-siting/alterations is their responsibility.

MT

H-623 Community Speed Watch

- (a) The Police offer loan of a speed camera and training for £200.
The trained residents identify speeders, notify the Police and repeat “captures” might lead to fines.
(b) Quite a number of local Councils have/are using this facility and this Meeting agreed to pursue.
(c) The BF meets on 22nd June and will appeal for volunteers.

SF/CMcC

H-624 Budget Review

- (a) Details of the forecast expenditures for the HFL issued to all members.
The HFL has the right to alter their requirements (eg purchase more litter bins).
(b) A forecast of priorities for expenditure in 2016-17 will be required by the end of this December so planning must start now.

H-625 Timetable Review

- (a) The existing Timetable may be altered to suit HFL requirements.

H-626 Any Other Business

- (a) Nothing at this time

H-627 Press Release

Nothing at this time.

H-628 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 18th AUGUST 2015 at 7-15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

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