

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee held
in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 16th JUNE 2015 at 7-15pm**

Present: Cllrs R Mimmack (Chair), P Blanking, C Bond, P Burcombe, S Hagen, P Jenner, C McCarthy, G Riley & M Townley (Clerk)

In attendance: Cllrs A Millar, N Clutterbuck and Messrs. T Davies, P Fear, B Johnson and P Johnstone

Cllr Riley took the Chair until the Neighbourhood Plan Committee Chairman was elected.

N-175 Public Participation – BNVH Presentation

Mr Davies explained that the BNVH would be issuing their 3rd Application to rebuild the Church Hall – as the Village Hall. It is a concern that there is confusion with the alternative proposed Application from the BCH group. Traffic consultants have been engaged and their survey indicates that there is no need for any off-street parking. A Bats Survey has been completed and there is no evidence of Bats in this vicinity. The presentation papers from Mr Davies will be added to these Minutes.

N-176 Apologies

Cllr V Drew

N-177 Election of Chairman

Proposed	S Hagen	}	RESOLVED -	That Cllr Rob Mimmack be elected as Chairman to serve for the term 2015 - 2016
Seconded	P Blanking			

N-178 Election of Vice-Chairman

Proposed	G Riley	}	RESOLVED -	That Cllr C McCarthy be elected as Vice-Chairman to serve for the term 2015 - 2016
Seconded	R Mimmack			

N-179 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

N-180 Minutes of Meeting held 21st April 2015

Proposed	P Burcombe	}	RESOLVED -	That the Minutes be formally approved as presented.
Seconded	P Blanking			

N-181 Matters Arising

(a) Land Registry paperwork in hand to register the Hardcourt playing area, lower half of the children's playground and Playing Field are owned by BPC. Papers with KE to be retrieved.

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N-182 Village Centre Presentation

- (a) Cllr Jenner presented a possible scheme for the Car Park and Gardens.
- (b) A gateway and steps proposed in the Wall at the bus stop, opposite the new bridge.
- (c) Parking around the toilet block would be removed and replaced by landscaping to link with the "Secret Garden" and the footbridge.
- (d) The walling opposite the white lion to be removed to open up sighting of the River Avon
- (e) A copy of this presentation, with many photographs issued to each Committee member.

N-183 Gardens/Toilet Block/Car Park Lease

- (a) A copy of the Lease proposals, as analysed by the BPC solicitor, has been forwarded to B&NES for consideration.
- (b) The GPC has attempted, since 27th May, to contact Keith McCombie (B&NES) and still trying.

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N-184 Placemaking Plan Update

- (a) B&NES is now preparing all documentation on the Plans, and Designated Green Spaces, for consideration by the B&NES Council in this Autumn. Further consultations are due after the Council has deliberated.

N-185 Update on Village Centre Scheme

- (a) SOs were suspended to permit Peter Fear to participate and comment
- (b) The 'Think Tank' scheme, and PJ's (N-182) alternative, both have much merit and if a more low-cost scheme is preferred then any investment should be sought from local businesses.
- (c) Would recommend that the BPC should pursue a re-opening of the toilet block, and any improvements to the river frontage.
- (d) It is an aim of BPC to find a way of reopening the disabled toilet using funds gained through sponsorship and revenue from temporary traders using a pitch within the car park. A sum of £2,000 is the target. Several local businesses have indicated an interest in sponsoring the reopened toilet and a mobile Café operator is interested in a pitch by the bridge.
- (e)

Proposed	R Mimmack	}	RESOLVED -	That an approach to B&NES about a re-opening of the toilet block be pursued – using the Disabled unit as a Uni-sex Toilet.
Seconded	G Riley			

N-186 Neighbourhood Plan

- (a) Ms J O'Rourke (B&NES) has offered to meet with the NPC at the 15th September. To be confirmed. **SH**
- (b) The Plan has been over-shadowed by emerging ideas for the Village Centre. The remit should be to cover all the Village and emulate the B&NES Core Strategy in considering – Housing, Transport, Environment, Health etc.
- (c) Contacts to improve relationships with our sister Parish councils – including Colerne – will be sought. **CMcC**

N-187 Grants/Funding Opportunities

- (a) Neighbourhood Planning - A new release of grant monies has been made available for communities developing NP's. The grants are allocated through "Locality". Up to £8000 per NP is available and it is envisaged that funding will run until 2018.
- (b) "Village SOS" has Government monies available for Community schemes.
- (c) Any grant must have a specific project, not just a general 'fund'.

N-188 Green Spaces

- (a) This Village has already registered "Designated Green Spaces" and these proposals are currently being considered by B&NES for an Autumn statement.
- (b) Further "Designations" are possible and recommendations requested from all Councillors. **ALL**

N-189 The NPC's Terms of Reference

- (a) The Appendix G in Standing Orders was created when the committee was first initiated as the Village Centre Committee (VCC), and then replaced by the Place-Making Committee PMC before its present title of Neighbourhood Plan Committee (NPC).
- (b) The GPC offered a draft rewording to each member and, together with a copy of existing Appendix G, it was requested that everybody reviews both papers and advises any alterations to NC before 29th June. **ALL**

N-190 Budget Review

- (a) The financial status of this Committee was appended to the Agenda. All items may be altered if the NPC wishes – but kept within the existing Budget guidelines.
- (b) Members asked to consider what other works might be a substitute and also consider what fundings will be required for 2016-17 before 31st December 2015. **ALL**

N-191 Timetable Review

- (a) This Meeting agreed to keep the timetable as existing.

N-192 Any Other Business

- (a) The Agenda for next week's Extraordinary Meeting agreed – *and issued Wednesday 17th June.*
- (b) Hard copies of the Vision Plan Questions issued to all members.
- (c) The Planning Application 15/02404/TEL for additional Dishes on the Vodaphone Mast at Church Farm was approved. (As per the decision reached on 19th May).
(Planning Officer informed Wednesday 17th June)
- (d) The Planning application 15/02690/TCA to fell 4 x trees at Vine House was approved.
(Planning Officer informed Wednesday 17th June)

N-193 Press Release

- (a) Nothing at this time.

N-194 Date of next Meeting:

Tuesday 21st July 2015 at 7.15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

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