

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee held
in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 21st April 2015 at 7-15pm**

Present: Cllrs P Fear (Chair), P Blanking, J Beresford-Smith, P Burcombe, M Corbett, S Fremantle, V Trenchard & M Townley (Clerk)

In attendance: None

N-162 Public Participation

None

N-163 Apologies

Advised : S Cast, K Hawkins, V Pecchia

Not advised : V Drew, G Riley

N-164 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

N-165 Minutes of Meeting held 17th February 2015

Proposed V Trenchard } RESOLVED - That the Minutes be formally approved as presented.
Seconded J Beresford-smith } (Unanimously)

N-166 Matters Arising

- (a) Land Registry paperwork in hand to register the Hardcourt playing area and the lower half of the children's playground as owned by BPC. **KE/MT**
- (b) A requirement for a "Housing Needs Survey" appears redundant and to be dropped from these Minutes
- (c) A "white board" approved for purchase and model being determined. **PF**

N-167 Toilet Block & Post Office Outlook

- (a) A copy of the Lease proposals, as analysed by the BPC solicitor, has been forwarded to B&NES for consideration.
- (b) The commissioned Buildings and Site Survey has been received – with many photographs – and a copy has been sent to B&NES with the Lease proposals.
- (c) A "Repairs" estimate for all the Walls etc received.
- (d) The Lease papers and Building survey will be progressed by the GPC. **GPC**

N-168 Placemaking Plan

- (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-169 Update on Village Centre Scheme

- (a) The exhibition in the Car Park received about 200 visitors and many positive responses advised. There were only 2 x objectors to the proposals.
- (b) Formal requests for advice were made to B&NES Planning and the Environment Agency during March. The response from B&NES was as expected and concerns centred on permitted development in the Green Belt. (Post meeting note – The Environment Agency report has now been received and their comments focused on the issues raised due to the area being in Flood zone 3b). Both reports have been made available on the Batheaston Website.
- (c) Local Businesses need to be contacted again to update them on the latest plans and seek their input.
- (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 Caf'e operator is interested in a pitch by the bridge. B&NES have advised that a trading pitch, in use for greater than 14 days per year, will need a change of use obtained through a formal planning application. They did not see any significant issues with the sponsors businesses being credited using signage that is appropriate to the site although approval will be needed.
- (e) Still waiting a response from the Environment Agency on the Scheme proposals.
(Now received and copy attached to these Minutes)

N-170 Neighbourhood Plan

- (a) A meeting was arranged with Julie O'Rourke on Mon 20th Apr (Lewis House) to get updates on NP and funding. J O'R's opinion was that the Village Centre scheme was a good fit for a Neighbourhood Plan. The NP process should be able to demonstrate good local support for the scheme and provide justification in support of the planning process.
- (b) The 2009 Vision Plan had many questions, some of which might still be applicable. These questions to be analysed for relevance. **MT**
- (c) It was recommended, by JOR, that a meeting is arranged to include JOR and Mark Goodman (Connecting Communities) to agree a plan for the Village Centre scheme / NP and to establish what support can be made available and who can provide it.

N-171 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) Community Asset Transfers - There is no longer any direct grant funding monies available through Locality, the scheme closed during 2014 and funding is now being directed more towards the transfer of Services as opposed to physical assets (buildings and spaces).
- (c) "Village SOS" has Government monies available for Community schemes. An interest has been registered and a response is awaited. **PF**

N-172 Any Other Business

- (a) An update was requested on the proposed changes, to enable the 3-hour Waiting Limit in the Car Park to become enforceable. (Post meeting note – the change, which has been approved by B&NES following consultation, is being bundled with other B&NES wide changes and the timing is dependent on a car park project in Radstock) – **refer to HFL**
- (b) The Pavement Refurbishment in front of the Shops is being actioned by George Bottin (B&NES) and the contractor (Skansa) is preparing quotations, having ascertained where all Services are located.

N-173 Press Release

- (a) Nothing at this time.

N-174 Date of next Meeting:

Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7.15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (to be confirmed)

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