

# Batheaston Parish Council

## Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2015 at 7-15 pm

**Present:** - Cllrs P Blanking, (Chair), E Adams, C Bond, L Cook, S Frayling, R Mimmack, G Riley, H Smallwood & M Townley (Clerk)

**In Attendance:** Cllrs P Burcombe, N Clutterbuck, C McCarthy, A Millar

**P-886 Public Participation**  
None

**P-887 Apologies**  
Full attendance

**P-888 Election of Chairman**  
Proposed R Mimmack } RESOLVED - That Cllr Pam Blanking be elected Chairman to serve for the  
Seconded G Riley } term 2015 - 16

**P-889 Election of Vice-Chairman**  
Proposed E Adams } RESOLVED - That Cllr Steve Frayling be elected Vice-Chairman to serve for  
Seconded R Mimmack } the term 2015 - 16

**P-890 Declarations of Interest**  
None declared

**P-891 Minutes of the Meetings held 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015**  
*(AS Cllr Burcombe was on the PEC Committee in April the Meeting agreed to accept the Seconding of the Minutes)*  
Proposed P Blanking } RESOLVED - That the minutes were a true record.  
Seconded P Burcombe }

**P-892 Matters arising from the above Minutes**  
(a) The new commemorative Bench on the green at the Church resited satisfactorily.  
(b) Still waiting Village Hall applications before considering B&NES Policy SR1A.  
(c) The noticeboard in Eagle road is under repair.

**P-893 Parish Views on Received Applications**

15/00679/FUL Mr & Mrs James 68 Northend Batheaston BA1 7ES	Erection of 2-storey extension and detached garage following demolition of existing garage.	<b>Support</b> 1. Revised wood/slate cladding now acceptable; 2. There should be NO access granted onto Lower Northend road; 3. A condition recommended that the detached garage + studio is not converted to residential dwelling in the future.
15/02142/FUL Mrs J Davies 280 High Street Batheaston	Change of use from Shop (Class A1) to a Café (Class A3)	<b>Support</b> The 2 x loading bays should revert to kerbside parking for all vehicles.
15/02186/FUL Mr M Roe 2 Barnfiled Way Batheaston BA1 7PW	Erection of 1-storey rear extension, following demolition of existing conservatory	<b>Support</b> Satisfies policies D2 and D4

**P-894 B&NES Planning Decisions**

15/01554/TPO Mr K Paddock 13 Eagle Park Batheaston BA1 7 HS	Reduction of T1 Austrian Pine	<b>Permit</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2015 <i>(As per PEC's recommendation)</i>
15/00675/FUL Mr & Mrs Plowright 14 Barnfiled Way Batheaston BA1 7PW	Erection of front porch and first floor side extension.	<b>Permit</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2015 <i>(As per PEC's recommendation)</i>

**P-895 Procedural Protocols**

- (a) The Clerk will check the weekly B&NES "Registration Advice" and advise any new registrations. **MT**
- (b) PEC Members to access the B&NES website to view all documents. **PEC**  
The clerk will issue the "access" procedures to all Councillors. **MT**
- (c) PEC members to undertake site visits to those applications nearest their homes – and issue comments by email to all PEC members. **PEC**
- (d) Use of projectors, instead of hard-copy drawings, had been trialled but too slow and not too clear.
- (e) All members had been issued with the basic B&NES Policy descriptions. **MT**  
A colour version to be issued to all Councillors.

**P-896 Budget Expenditure Review**

- (a) The GPC has re-formatted all the Budget details by Committee.

- (b) Members asked to consider where expenditures are needed, and offer alternatives for this year's expenditure. **PEC**
- (c) The last 4 pages of the Vision Plan carried proposals to be investigated. Members invited to review.
- (d) At the BPC Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May a "brainstorming session" was suggested. **ALL**  
It is confirmed that this session will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the Pavilion at 7.00pm.

**P-896 Timetable Considerations**

- (a) The B&NES Planners allocate 20 calendar days to the PEC to determine recommendations. The PEC return over the past few years averages 13 days because of meetings held early each month.
- (b) There have been occasions when an 'urgent' review is required and the PEC has met early in the evening of another Committee's Meeting (eg at 6.00/6.30pm)  
This Meeting agreed to continue with this early meeting "emergency" procedure.
- (c) If there are no Applications pending the Meeting agreed to defer their next meeting.

**P-897 Any Other Business**

- (a) HS presented a summary of "Green Belt – Buildings Strategy". To be forwarded to all Councillors. **HS**
- (b) A recent magazine article discussed "Green Initiatives". PEC to consider?
- (c) There are repeated calls to provide additional Litter Bins. **ALL**  
Each Councillor requested to investigate their area to appraise the Bin situation.
- (d) The BPC to consider whether the new Cycle Bridge should carry a sign "Welcome to Batheaston"?
- (e) Last year the BLA advised their budget requirements and copy to be forwarded to all Councillors. **RM**
- (f) Tomorrow's VPA Meeting at 12.30pm will be attended by the Clerk.
- (g) The Vision Plan divided the Village into 7 separate areas. It was proposed that perhaps Teams of 2 x "mixed" Councillors might "patrol" these areas to determine road faults, overhanging hedges etc. **GPC**  
This Meeting agreed that this proposal should be pursued further.

**P-898 Press Release**

Nothing at this time, but the BPC's AGM offering has still to be published by the Bath Chronicle.

**P-899 Date of next Meeting**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 in The Rhymes Pavilion – at 7.15 pm (to be confirmed)**

**Chairman..... Date.....**