

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Centre Committee held in  
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 7-15pm**

**Present :-** Cllrs K Hawkins(Chair), J Beresford-Smith, P Blanking, S Cast, V Trenchard & M Townley (Clerk)  
**Apologies :** Cllrs K Eardley, D Gledhill, D Robins V Pecchia  
**In attendance:** None

**V-165 Declarations of Interest**  
None declared.

**V-166 Minutes of Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012**  
Proposed V Trenchard } RESOLVED - That the Minutes be formally approved as presented.  
Seconded P Blanking } (Unanimously)

**V-167 Matters Arising**  
(a) Evidence of programme advertisement payments requested from 9 Advertisers. Some £420 outstanding.  
(b) The new CEO – Dr Jo Farrar – invited 29<sup>th</sup> November to meet with Parish Councillors. Waiting response.

**V-168 Status of River Avon Bridge**  
(a) New Crossing Footbridge  
Planning Application 12/02415/REG03 approved on 21<sup>st</sup> September and completion is promised for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.  
The B&NES Officers advise that quoted costs are too high. A meeting with the Consultant and Planner is set for this Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec to resolve. It is unlikely that they can meet with the BPC before Christmas.

**V-169 Pavement at Shops**  
(a) Scheme Approval  
B&NES engineers have surveyed and costed their designs at £60/70,000.  
The B&NES cabinet member promises a statement in December.

**V-170 Place-Making**  
(a) LDF  
A Planning Meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November was attended by VP confirmed that B&NES are re-visiting the Housing Statement in the Core Strategy, and the re-workings should be available for consultation next March. The Inspector should be able to recommence his Inquiry next July. A rejection will require a complete re-think under new Government policy guidelines.  
(b) Neighbourhood Plans  
Application paperwork now available with VP, which is being analysed for progressing early next year. B&NES wishes to run the place-making programme in parallel with the core strategy re-working, starting in January 2013.  
It is recommended that £10,000 be allocated in the precept for this project.

**V-171 Toilet block – Site Review**  
(a) B&NES has issued a strategy for all public toilets throughout B&NES. (Copy issued to all Councillors)  
A Cabinet member has advised that the car park site might be released to the Parish Council for development in line with the Batheaston Vision Plan.

**V- 172 High Street Flowers**  
(a) This Meeting agreed that more Planters should be programmed and that the provision of Hanging Baskets should continue - with watering costs added.  
(b) When the Pavement at the Shops is remade perhaps a site for a Christmas Tree could be considered.

**V-173 Precept 2013-14 Considerations**  
(a) Extra Planter £800; Hanging Baskets £600; Neighbourhood Plan £10,000.

**V-174 Any Other Business**  
(a) In the past an “Express Small Supermarket” was considered at the Car Sales site.  
The criteria for such a store to be researched.

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**V-175 Press Release**  
(a) Nothing at this time

**V-176 Date of next Meeting: -**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (to be confirmed)**

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