

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Centre Committee held in  
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7-15pm**

**Present :-** Cllrs K Hawkins(Chair), J Beresford-Smith, S Cast, K Eardley, D Gledhill V Pecchia, D Robins,  
V Trenchard & M Townley (Clerk)  
**Apologies :** Cllr P Blanking,  
**In attendance:** Cllr L Brass

**V-131 Election of Chairman**

Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED - That Cllr Kevin Hawkins be elected to serve for the year  
Seconded V Trenchard } (Unanimously) 2012-13

**V-132 Election of Vice-Chairman**

Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED - That Cllr Judith Beresford-Smith be elected to serve for  
Seconded K Hawkins } (Unanimously) the year 2012-13

**V-133 Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**V-134 Minutes of Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012**

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

**V-135 Matters Arising**

(a) Reminder sent to J Everitt (B&NES CEO) regarding last November's promise to discuss HGV traffic on Bannerdown road with his Wiltshire council counterpart. No reply yet.

**V-136 Status of River Avon Bridge**

(a) New Crossing Footbridge  
Plans received from the B&NES consultants and the proposal is now in accord with the Vision Plan and subsequent requests.

The details to be emailed to all Councillors for comments.

B&NES are to prepare a Planning Application and comments requested before the end of June.

**MT  
ALL**

(b) Jubilee Trees

An offer received for free trees to celebrate the Jubilee Year.

To be proposed when responding to the Planning application.

(c) Quotation from Scotland

All details and costings passed to B&NES.

**V-137 Jubilee Event 2012**

(a) Programme Events

Despite the weather all BPC arranged Events were successful and there were no incidents.

A Record of the weekend is being collated by DG.

There are many photographs available – and still being offered - but Councillors are invited to seek some statements for personal reminiscences and anecdotes

**ALL**

(b) Balloon Glow Incident

After the very successful Glow on a dry and clear evening was enjoyed by approx 1000 and 1500 people attending the Balloon Glow on Salisbury Hill without any incident whilst the Public were present. However, when clearing away after the event the Balloon Master arranged to transport all the balloon gear away – after midnight. 4 balloons were successfully removed in 2 trips. The journey down with the last 2 balloons tipped over during the descent and, regrettable, this trip was carrying passengers and a young lady was concussed and one of the gas burners was damaged.

Full reports from the VP (with Risk assessment), Balloon Master and the towing vehicle operator issued.

A copy already sent to the Parish Council's insurers.

(c) Event Accounts

An analysis of possible Incomes and Expenses prepared and issued by VP.

There might be a shortfall of £1000/1500 but monies are still being received from programmes/Raffle etc. and LB is collating.

(NB:- VP has only allowed £1500 income from the BPC but £4500 possible).

It was agreed a letter and invoices should be sent to both Bathford and Bathampton PCs requesting payment of their share of the programme printing cost as per the agreement at pre-event meeting.

(Emails sent 13<sup>th</sup> June and request acknowledged.)

(d) Thank You

So many people gave so freely of their time and efforts and a "Thank You" letter to be offered from VP.

To be published to the Website and all noticeboards.

**MT/PF**

**V-138 Pavement at Shops**

(a) Scheme Approval

B&NES engineers have surveyed and costed their designs at £60/70,000.

An update to be sought from K Packer (B&NES).

**MT**

**V-139 Pedestrian-Priority – High Street**

Nothing to advise.

**V-140 Place-Making**

(a) LDF

The Government Inspector has completed all his hearings and is preparing his Report – due in the Autumn. Previous understandings were that his “decisions” were “final” but not now the case.

Of some interest will be his comments on the Flood Compensation Scheme, which might be installed at the P&R site on the Meadows.

(b) Gypsy Sites

Consultation paper issued by B&NES and there are no sites proposed anywhere near this Parish.

(c) Planning Policy

The PEC has still to discuss and generate a Policy. Might require a separate sub-Group to produce.

(d) Media Training

Only 2 x Councillors have expressed a wish to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session. Any others interested?

**ALL**

**V- 141 Any Other Business**

(a) Parking in the village

To be discussed at the next HFL Meeting

(b) Provisional timetable.

To be reviewed by each committee when this year’s Chairman was elected.

Please advise any comments to the Clerk.

**HFL**

**V-142 Press Release**

(a) Nothing at this time

**V-143 Date of next Meeting: -**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion**

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