

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Centre Committee held in  
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7-15pm**

**Present :-** Cllrs K Hawkins(Chair), J Beresford-Smith, P Blanking, S Cast, K Eardley, D Gledhill, B Martin,  
V Pecchia, V Trenchard & M Townley (Clerk)

**Apologies :** Full attendance

**In attendance:** None

**V-200 Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**V-201 Minutes of Meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

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

**V-202 Matters Arising**

- (a) Three Jubilee programme advertisement invoices still outstanding + WL. VP
- (b) The new CEO – Dr Jo Farrar – met with Chairmen on 18<sup>th</sup> February.
  - 1 Very brief presentation made to alert Dr Farrar (and Ward Councillors) of the Vision Plan and Place-Making intentions – very positively received.
  - 2 Chair VP will be invited to meet with Glen Chip's replacement in April/May.
  - 3 Our invitation to meet all the Parish Councillors will be honoured at a later date.
- (c) Alternative suggestions offered to the Agent for the developers of the Land besides the Medical Centre.

**V-203 Status of River Avon Bridge**

- (a) Management construction of the Bridge now passed to B&NES Major Projects Team.
- (b) The monies have been secured and safeguarded.
- (c) Work on the Cycle Path and Ramp will start in March - trees already removed.
- (d) An early meeting with the new Team is desired to ensure that design criteria are as requested.

**V-204 Pavement at Shops**

- (a) Scheme Approval  
B&NES engineers have surveyed and costed their designs at £60/70,000.  
The B&NES Budget has these monies in the 2013-14 Budget – to be considered by Cabinet in April.
- (b) Parking
  - i Recently received TRO reduces parking spaces in Northend ! Comments requested by 5<sup>th</sup> April.
  - ii N Treacy surveyed the Estate this last Sunday and a small Team is to consider proposals.
  - iii Non-parking lines at the White Lion are to be refreshed and Wardens alerted.
  - iv A "Parking" Survey of the entire Village is now desired.

**V-205 Place-Making**

- (a) LDF  
The B&NES new proposals are intended for issue-for-consultation – now – in late March/early April  
The finalised Report should then be available to the Inspector to be able to recommence his Inquiry in July.
- (b) Neighbourhood Plans
  - (i) Application paperwork completed and issued by VP.
  - (ii) VP and KH will attend a Workshop on 2nd February. Report issued at this Meeting.
  - (iii) This Plan will cover the entire Parish and is a mini-Core Strategy which, when accepted, will have legal powers and improved control over planning matters etc.
  - (iv) A sub-committee, to include non-Council residents, (as for the Vision Plan) is proposed and the concept will be an agenda item for the 25<sup>th</sup> April Annual Meeting with the Village.
  - (v) Mr Steven George (B&NES) has been invited to address the Annual Village Meeting

**V-206 Vision Plan considerations**

There were 20 items identified in the Vision Plan for investigation and the analysis was reviewed at this Meeting: -

- (a) Car Park / Visual access to Gardens = Windows in 'Listed' wall?  
Gardens Relocate CCTV Unit = With new Crossing  
Promote cycle paths in village = New Crossing to start
- (b) New Parking for cyclists = Include in new Pavement design  
Pavement Support for new Footbridge = Completed OK  
Reconfigure old A4 = Include in new Pavement design  
Improve servicing of shops = Include in new Pavement design?  
Prevent double-parking at Shops = Include in new Pavement design?
- (c) Pedestrian Improve junction at Fiveways = Provide new pavement on North side of B'down Rd  
Safety Improve junction at Northend/High St = HFL to review.  
Remove redundant street furniture = Some removed in 2010 but more?
- (d) Businesses Promote 'permanent' Farmer's Market = To be investigated.  
Promote/support continuation of Shops = To be explored  
Attract new commercial/retail interests = To be determined
- (e) Other Promote economic use of park land = To be investigated  
Attract monies to enhance architectural character = To be investigated  
Feasibility study for Coalpit Road "corridor" = To be investigated

**V-207 Any Other Business**

- (a) The firm – Plantscape – offers Flower Baskets and Planters with extended watering facilities.  
(Brochure arrived 13<sup>th</sup> March and sections will be copied for all Councillors to consider.)

V-208 **Press Release**  
(a) Nothing at this time

V-209 **Date of next Meeting: -**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (to be confirmed)

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