

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Centre Committee held in
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 1st May 2012 at 7-15pm**

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

V-119 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

V-120 Minutes of Meeting held 13th March 2012

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

V-121 Matters Arising

(a) Barnfield Way pothole repairs part-completed in the road.
However pavement still very, very poor and dangerous. B&NES Highways to be asked to correct. **MT**

V-122 Jubilee Event 2012

- (a) Programme now established and should go to printers on Wednesday 2nd May. Ralph Allen Press selected to produce 2000 copies – 1000 for Batheaston at £2.00 selling price.
- (b) Sunday Picnic Lunch set for the Shops roadway. Road closure order requested from Stambridge to speed table at Brook lodge – from 11.00am to 11.00pm.
Scaffolding table for picnickers and table rolls required.
Hog Roast organised for the evening but an afternoon Hog Roast to be investigated.
Bunting required.
Picnickers to bring own victuals and chairs.
- (c) Order to close Car Park and Gardens requested and music Licence paperwork in hand – with £21 fee.
Face painting, Treasure Hunt etc to be arranged.
Fire Brigade's Brass Band to be arranged for the late afternoon's performance?
The Street Entertainers in Bath to be invited to perform.
- (d) Music stage, and Sound System, to be set around the Youth Shelter and Childrens Choirs proposed for start of evening's entertainment.
Some 10 Bands+ being arranged with a Major Band as the Star attraction.
- (e) Balloon Glow on Solsbury Hill progressing, for Monday evening, and the Organiser might offer Balloon Rides off the Meadows in the afternoon.
- (f) Donations from programme advertising being received and being banked in the Parish Council's Accounts.
Any invoices to be cleared by the Clerk for recouping VAT.
- (g) Anticipated that donations might be around £6000+ and total invoices at £6600+ so more sponsorship required. B&NES might offer monies from a Community Fund.
VP generously offered to "bank-roll" some events but the BPC should be able to cover.
- (h) Next Batheaston Meeting set for Wednesday 2nd May at Cllr Blanking's home at 7.00pm.

V-123 Status of River Avon Bridge

- (a) New Crossing Footbridge
As declared by Cllr Symonds and Glen Chipp, at the Annual Village Meeting on 24th April, the Bridge shall be installed by 31st March 2013.
- (b) However the B&NES Bridge Designers CONTINUE to pursue an inappropriate design and VP is very actively pursuing. His offer to "mastermind" the Project Management has been repeated to B&NES officers
A similar-sized steel bridge in Scotland was installed for £196,000 – including design fees.
- (c) Funding
The funding for the Crossing Bridge is confirmed and "ring-fenced" by B&NES.

V-124 Pavement at Shops

- (a) Scheme Approval
B&NES engineers have surveyed and costed their designs at £60/70,000.
At the Annual Village Meeting both Cllr Crossley and Glen Chipp acknowledged that this "safety rejuvenation" had been missed from the capital budget but they are now pursuing the monies from a "Community Fund."
(To rub in 'salt' B&NES has recently provided £75,000 for the Village Hall Replacement Fund.)

V-125 Pedestrian-Priority – High Street

Nothing to advise.

V-126 Place-Making

- (a) Neighbourhood Plans
A consultation paper issued by B&NES late last year but not received by this Council.
A response by the VPA is attached to these minutes for consideration.
- (b) 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.

V- 127 Any Other Business

(a) Hanging Baskets

12 Baskets ordered from Chris Rich – in red, white and blue – for installation the last week of May.

(b) Football Field Drainage.

The B&NES visitors at the Annual Village Meeting confirmed that ALL of the Field will be restored – as per original contract.

(c) HGV Traffic on Bannerdown road

The responses from the B&NES visitors at the Annual Village Meeting confirmed that the Wiltshire Council do NOT propose to either enforce “Long-Term-Storage” only, NOR investigate any alternative routes

V-128 Press Release

(a) Nothing at this time

V-129 Date of next Meeting: -

Tuesday 12th June 2012 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

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