

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Centre Committee held in
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 25th October 2011 at 6-00pm**

Present :- Cllrs K Hawkins(Chair), J Beresford-Smith, S Cast, K Eardley, D Gledhill, D Robins, V Trenchard
& M Townley (Clerk)

Apologies : Cllr P Blanking, V Pecchia

In attendance: None

Newly co-opted Member – Steven Cast - was welcomed to his first Meeting with this Committee

V-071 Minutes of Meeting held 27th September 2011

Proposed D Gledhill } RESOLVED - That the Minutes be formally approved as presented.
Seconded D Robins } (Unanimously)

V-072 Matters Arising

(a) Costs for producing a new “Welcome” jacket without any advertisements being pursued. **MT**

V-073 River Avon Matters

(a) Repair to Footpath BA 2/5

(1) Footpath re-opened Monday 3rd October – and overgrowth cleared by own Handymen.

(b) New Footbridge

(2) Now a confused situation. B&NES bureaucratic and non-existent cooperation across relevant Departments is delaying ANY progress, and the Design staff for the crossing are “locked” into pre-conceived plans – now corrected after consultation about “building regulations”.

It is now possible that if a Planning Application is Not determined by next 5th April the monies will be used elsewhere. The Cabinet Member had been kept informed and he is pursuing.

This Meeting agreed to recommend issuing a Planning application – for B&NES to process when approved.

(c) Grant application

(3) B&NES has confirmed that monies available from a Scheme to provide a cycle-path from Bath Spa to Batheaston. But note the possible “loss” as in (1)

(d) Address to Sister Parish Councils

(4) The Bathford PC addressed and much interest expressed in proposals.
Bathamton Chairman has been appraised, is warm to the proposals but has yet to inform his PC.

V-074 Pavement at Shops

(a) Scheme Approval

(5) A B&NES topographical survey completed and details offered to VP. We will now prepare a scheme for costing and for issue to the BPC.

(b) Grant Application

(6) Grant Application registered and will be considered on 17th November.

If the grant fails the Cabinet Member has promised to build the costs into next year’s budget.

V-075 Pedestrian-Priority – High Street

(a) Proposals & Recommendations

(7) DG and MV met with Highways engineers on 7th October in the Guild Hall.

There is no political will to investigate but this Village is pioneering and a further meeting with cabinet members and B&NES staff being pursued. **DG**

V-076 Jubilee Event 2012

(a) Sub-Committee Proposals

(8) Notes issued of Meeting held 16th October 2011. It is intended that all events are self-funding.

(9) A very positive meeting with members from Village Organisations and Bathford & Bathampton.

(10) Next meeting set for 16th November, which will attempt to establish a programme for the entire weekend.

(11) The Solsbury Hill Beacon is having much opposition and both Bathford and Bathampton will investigate a possible site in their Parishes.

(b) Grant Application.

(12) An application from the B&NES “Small Grants Scheme” not possible and alternative schemes are being investigated. **MT**

V-077 Place-Making

(a) Planning Policy Proposals

(13) A follow-up meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Protocol Focus Group attended by VP and DR. A very good meeting with a very positive attitude.

(b) Programme for the LDF

(14) B&NES has responded to the Core Strategy Inspector’s comments and invited all Parishes in a consultation exercise. Our comments issued by email and post in the time required.

(15) The existing JTLP Transport Plan still quotes the possibility of a A46/A36 link road off the By-pass. The suggested use of the existing rail system is just not possible.

(c) Media Training

(16) First media Training held – very successfully - in the Youth Club on 5th September.

A second Training session is pending volunteers from Councillors – KE, PF & VT have responded.

V-078 Expenditure Recommendations for 2012/13

(a) For VCC expenses £500, Pavement renovations should have monies "ring-fenced" from the Reserves.

V-079 Press Release

(a) Nothing at this time

V-080 Date of next Meeting: -

Thursday 8th December 2011 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

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