

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Centre Committee held
in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 28th June 2011 at 7-15 pm**

Present :- Cllrs K Hawkins, P Blanking, K Eardley, D Gledhill, V Pecchia & M Townley (Clerk)

Apologies : Cllr J Beresford-Smith,

In attendance: Cllrs G Batt, S Fremantle, D Robins, M Tabb, V Trenchard

V-038 Public Participation – Cllr Batt

Recommends that the Committee considered siting a Flagpole in the centre of the village, and that the appropriate flags be flown eg Forces Day, St Georges Day etc.

V-039 Election of Chairman

Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED – That, as there were no other nominations, Cllr Kevin
Seconded P Blanking } (unanimously) Hawkins be elected to serve for the year 2011-2012

V-040 Election of Vice-Chairman

Proposed K Hawkins } RESOLVED – That, as there were no other nominations, Cllr Judith
Seconded P Blanking } (unanimously) Beresford-Smith be elected to serve for the year 2011-2012

V-041 Minutes of Meeting held 17th May 2011

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

V-042 Matters Arising

(a) All items covered in this Meeting's agenda

V-043 High Street

(a) Planning applications

- (i) The PEC approved minor changes to the White Hart Application. The WH properties are now being advertised for sale.
- (ii) The ex-Waggon & Horses publicans have now taken over management of the George & Dragon.

(b) Pavement at Shops

- (iii) The HFL design improvement has been accepted by the B&NES Highways – who retain full control of this pavement.
- (iv) The proposal has been referred to the Batheaston Society and their reply is due soon.
- (v) K Packer (B&NES) was charged in February 2010 to produce schemes – will urge comments at the Cluster Meeting on 20th July.
- (vi) Depending on (iv) will seek quotations from both B&NES and local suppliers.

V-044 Place-Making

(a) Planning Policy

- (vii) Meeting held with B&NES Planners on 20th June with VP/DR/KH/ in attendance. Cllr Veal also participated with hugely appreciated input.
Our Vision Plan proposals very much accepted by the Planners and this Council's contribution would be sought, following up on our core Strategy comments. It is expected that the BPC will be a "lead" participant as the Planners recognise that we have "done-our-sums".

(b) River Crossing

- (viii) Notes of the Liaison Meeting issued to all Councillors and Cllr Symonds has agreed to meet about the Footbridge, now recognising the depths of the BPC's investigations.
- (ix) At the meeting (vii) B&NES Mr Pennicook advised of the small grants scheme (outlined at the Liaison Meeting), which has grants for over £150,000 = ideal for the Footbridge.
- (x) B&NES Officers did not appear to know of the West of England Partnership bid, which proposes a Cycle path from Bath Spa to Batheaston.
- (xi) Repairs to the existing River Footpath (BA 2/5) are now in progress – for 8/10 weeks at approx. £140,000

(c) Context

- (xii) It would be a benefit to know the History of the village, number of Businesses, Facilities etc.
 1. Maps of the village to be prepared to issue to the Committee for annotation.
 2. Advice from other Councillors eg M Johns to be sought.
 3. Batheaston Society to be asked for any relevant data.

**VP/MT
PB
DR**

(d) Pedestrian Priority

- (xiii) Government papers on "Quiet Lanes" and "Home Zones" issued to all Councillors
 4. A Working Party – chaired by DG - will walk the Village and report comments.

DG/VT/VP

(e) Future Development

- (xiv) The Classic Car Saleroom has just been granted an application to convert to "retail" sales, so VP has investigated the possibility of a "High Street Convenience Store". The criteria are a catchment area of 10,000 residents, with a potential turnover of £2.5/3.00 millions.
(NB – An enquiry received about converting the Avon Valley Car Sales to a "Convenience Store" and the Enquirer will speak at next Monday's PEC Meeting on 4th July)

(f) Public Participation

- (xv) Need to improve the BPC's "contact" with residents. All Councillors requested to research how such contacts be improved eg Public Meetings, BREDAC, Website, Twitter, Face book. BLOG etc. **ALL**
- (xvi) The BPC issues a Bulletin 3 times a year. Format/language improvements are possible and desired. **DG**
Advice on potential changes will be investigated.

V-045 Jubilee Event 2012

- (a) The Vision Plan suggested an Annual Fete and the Queens Celebration next June should be marked with an Event – possibly sharing with Bathampton and Bathford.
- (b) Details of the Festival – held July 2001 – available, and a similar Format could be considered.
- (c) Cllr Veal suggests an Army temporary bridge across to the Meadows so that a tri-partite Cricket Match can be held between the 3 Parishes. Being investigated? **MV?**
- (d) The small Grants Scheme highlighted in V-044(b) (ix) might fund £5000.

V-046 VCC Team working

- (a) Progress can be improved if Councillors adopt a section/programme as identified. Already this commitment started as per these minutes.

V-047 Press Release

- (a) Nothing at this time

V-048 Date of next Meeting: -

Tuesday 9th August 2011 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

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