

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Centre Committee held in
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 3rd September 2013 at 7-15pm**

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

V-248 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

V-249 Minutes of Meeting held 23rd July 2013

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

V-250 Matters Arising

(a) Monies due from only 1 Jubilee programme advertiser. Fourth invoice now issued.

V-251 Status of River Avon Bridge

- (a) A complete set of contractors drawings due from EH Hemmings prepared and being analysed by the B&NES Technical officers. The VCC/HFL have asked to review these drawings before completing this analysis
- (b) The contractors will start construction when above drawings are approved, for Bridge completion this November 2013.
- (c) This "lateness" - and lack of consultation - will be raised with Cllr Roberts and at the next Liaison Meeting

V-252 Pavement at Shops

- (a) Drawing received dated March 2012. This drawing was developed for costing purposes and needs refinement.
- (b) The officer, Steve Froggatt, has been asked to consult to ensure Vision Plan requirements are recognised, and "expanded" drawings of the Vision Plan's proposals for the Pavement will be made available. **VP**
- (c) The "expanded" drawings already issued to B&NES and dates to be researched. **VP**
- (d) The existing edging stones should be utilised, or stored for Batheaston Society use.
- (e) Refurbishment should commence after the Bridge is completed, i.e. January 2014.
- (f) A new directive from the Department of Transport wants to eliminate speed bumps/tables.

V-253 Place-Making/Neighbourhood Plan

- (a) Meeting held last Thursday 29th August in Northgate House, with entirely the wrong B&NES Team. An apology received and the required Meeting promised soon.
- (b) The only B&NES representative noted that the BPC is required to advise B&NES of potential sites for 50 houses – before 12th November 2013. BUT the required Forms and Maps are still being developed – promised to the BPC by mid-September.
- (c) Two separate Training sessions in September are promised by B&NES.
- (d) A meeting with B&NES Planners and Anton Draper (Government's Department for the Environment) is to be set for September.
- (e) A set of the 76 questions and the professional Analysis from the Vision Plan will be made available. **VP**
- (f) After the 'Housing' programme is established B&NES will then be processing the separate elements of Employment, Retail, Transport etc.

V-254 Vision Plan Considerations

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

V-255 Toilet Block Update

- (a) B&NES has cancelled the Toilet block lease from June 2014.
- (b) Discussions with B&NES Property Services to be arranged to determine future intentions and use. **VP/SF**

V-256 Parking

- (a) Drawings sighted showing a reworking/reduction of the double yellow lines in school Lane.
- b) The Estate/Catherine Way survey issued to B&NES and Chris Major is to process with on-site/BPC investigations. A meeting date of Tuesday 10th September, at 10.30am in The Rhymes Pavilion suggested. *(Chris Major emailed with this suggested date on 3rd September.)*
- (c) A similar Survey for Northend will be considered, followed by the High Street and other areas.

V-257 VCC Status

- (a) It is now logical that the VCC include the Place-Making Team and a Resolution to be prepared for the next BPC Meeting on 17th September. **KH**

V-258 Any Other Business

- (a) An Elmhurst resident is querying the availability of Allotments.
Some allotments in this area are already sold to occupiers and some 12 years ago the B&NES officer prevented the Parish Council from taking over control of the existing allotments.
The present status will be investigated. **MT**
- (b) A meeting with Football representatives is set for this Thursday 5th Sept. at 3.15pm in the Car Park. **VP/KH**

V-259 Press Release

- (a) Nothing at this time

V-260 Date of next Meeting: -

Tuesday 22nd October 2013 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (to be confirmed)

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