

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Centre Committee held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 9th August 2011 at 7-15 pm

Present :- Cllrs K Hawkins(Chair), J Beresford-Smith, P Blanking, K Eardley, D Gledhill, D Robins, V Trenchard
& M Townley (Clerk)
Apologies : Cllr V Pecchia
In attendance: Mr S Back

V-049 Public Participation – Mr Back

Represents a Company which is considering a “convenience-style” store and Coffee shop on the car Sales site, on the river-side. Before proceeding to planning application stages his company needs an understanding – in principle – of their proposals.

Many questions later Mr Back promised a “package” report on the proposals, to be distributed to all Councillors, for consideration at later full Council Meetings.

The Meeting paused to remember Cllr Alison Creed, who died on Saturday.
There has been a member of the Creed Family as a Parish Councillor for some 40+ years.
Details of the funeral will be advised after the post-mortem

V-050 Minutes of Meeting held 28th June 2011

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

V-051 Matters Arising

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

V-052 River Avon Matters

(a) Repair to Footpath BA 2/5

(1) Repairs eventually commenced 1st August and should be completed by 10th October.

(b) New Footbridge

(2) B&NES has confirmed that monies now available to provide a Footbridge over the River Avon, from the car Park. This Footbridge/cycle-path/bridle way should commence April 2012 and be completed in the Summer – but possibly too late for the Jubilee celebrations.

(c) Grant application

(3) B&NES will establish any Grant monies required.

(d) Address to Sister Parish Councils

(4) The Bathford PC will be addressed in 3 weeks time. Waiting invitation from Bathampton PC.

V-053 Pavement at Shops

(a) Scheme Approval

(5) A scheme – much as outlined in the Vision Plan – prepared and issued to B&NES Highways. It has been tacitly approved and the engineering works are now promised

(b) Grant Application

(6) This Parish Council will be asked to prepare a Grant Application and blank forms available.

V-054 Pedestrian-Priority – High Street

(a) Proposals & Recommendations

(7) DG has determined that there are no funds at this time but investigations continue. Much will depend on the “Pavement” proposals as above.

(b) “Quiet Lanes” Recommendations

(8) As above.

V-055 Jubilee Event 2012

(a) Timing & Event Description

(9) The BPC agreed last week that an Event should be held, sponsored by the BPC from the Small Grants Scheme.
Because the Footbridge might not be ready by early June maybe 2 separate Events should be pursued?

(b) Sub-Committee Proposals

(10) Residents to be invited to participate in an “Event Sub-Committee” and an advertisement in the “Local Look” monthly magazine recommended. **KH/MT**

(11) The above advertisement might be forwarded to all local Organisations – Scouts, etc.

(c) Grant Application.

(12) An application from the B&NES “Small Grants Scheme” to be issued. Blank forms available.

V-056 Place-Making

(a) Planning Policy Proposals

(13) A Meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Protocol Focus Group set for Thursday 18th August at Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath from 5.30 –7.30pm, and will be attended by VP and DR. **VP/DR**

(b) Programme for the LDF

(14) The Core Strategy Inspector has rejected the B&NES submission and the Inquiry is now postponed until next year.

A response back to the Inspector’s comments promises full explanations later this year.

(c) Communications + Welcome Pack

(15) Last week DG offered a Seminar – provided a meeting room (with Wi-Fi) was available.
Meeting room being sought then dates can be advised.

DG/VP

(16) This Meeting agreed that when newcomers to the village are advised on the Electoral Roll updates then an updated copy of the "Welcome Pack" is distributed, by hand, by the nearest Parish Councillor.

V-057 Any Other Business

(a) Our request for new cycle stands has been acknowledged but the revision of the Pavement (V-053) requires a re-look at siting.

(b) A scheme for declaring a "Queen Elizabeth 11 Playing Field" is being investigated by the BLA.
The new Footbridge opens up the Bathampton Meadows for consideration.

V-058 Press Release

(a) Nothing at this time

V-059 Date of next Meeting: -

Tuesday 27th September 2011 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion
(Please note change of date from issued timetable)

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