

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of the PEC Meeting & Notes of BPC Restructuring Discussion held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 3rd MAY 2016 at 7-15 pm

Present: - Cllrs, S Frayling(Chair), E Adams, C Bond, S Frayling, R Mimmack, G Riley & M Townley (Clerk)

Attending:- Cllrs P Burcombe, N Clutterbuck, S Hagen

Mr A Mercer, Mrs J Riley and Mr P Martin (Bathford) and Mrs L King & Mrs J Helps (Bathampton)

P-011 Public Participation – Mr Andrew Mercer on P&R Sites

The B&NES Cabinet this Wednesday 4th May to receive reports from the LDF Group and Scrutiny Panel. At the end of last week the B&NES website suddenly produced a plethora of Reports – never before seen. Mr Mercer presented a Speaker's Summary for the 4th May Cabinet meeting which now identifies much controversy on the true parking sites need, and throws in, NOW, the demand for extra parking sites to suit the RUH – for 30% of patients who do not have vehicles. The LDF Group summarises that the Meadows sites remain a strong possibility costing up to £12 millions, with smaller sites on the A4 that could suffice at only £6.2 millions. The Alliance argues that there is NOT a proven case for any parking sites demand, and that the Emissions evidence is unfounded. The LDF Group assessment of Air Quality is unreliable. Copies of this presentation available and will be circulated. Mr Mercer, and the Alliance Team, was thanked for their continuing efforts.

EA

P-012 Apologies

Cllrs C McCarthy,

P-013 Declarations of Interest

None declared. Cllr Penny Corley is now a voting member of this Committee.

P-014 Election of Vice-Chairman

Deferred until after the BPC's Annual General Meeting.

P-015 Minutes of the Meetings held 1st MARCH 2016

Proposed	E Adams	}	RESOLVED -	That the Minutes be approved as a true record
Seconded	G Riley			

P-016 Matters arising from the above Minutes

(a) None raised.

P-017 Parish Views on Received Applications

All the following Applications were site-visited by Cllr Frayling

16/01824/AR Car Sales Outlet London Road East Batheaston BA1 7RL	(E Watts)	Install advertising Signage:- 2 x Fascia boards on main building; 1 x Signpost 5 x Hanging signs on perimeter Posts
Reject		
1 The Application does not quote that this Application is "retrospective" Signs are already erected and the Enforcement Officer should visit.		
2 Signage is too 'American' and unnecessary in this Village's setting		
3 Does not satisfy policies D2 and D4		
4 Some signs are advertising Insurance etc – not an approved use for this Car Sales and Car Wash outlet		
5 Would accept only those 2 x Signs fastened to the building		
16/01932/FUL 11a Prospect Villa Seven Acres Lane Batheaston BA1 7HE	(A Barnes)	Convert Bothy outbuilding into Office/Gym – with sleeping facilities
		Support A welcome refurbishment of this derelict-looking building. There should be a condition that this building cannot be sold as a separate dwelling.

P-018 Recommendations Already Made

16/ 01972/OUT	Colerne Airfield	Construct 136 dwellings...	Reject 23 March 16
16/ 011272/CONSLT	Colerne Airfield	Construct 136 dwellings...	Reject 23 March 16

P-019 B&NES Planning Decisions

16/00874/TPO	Millbrook, School Lane	Tree Surgery	OK 24 March
16/00875/TCA	Millbrook, School Lane	Tree Surgery	OK 24 March
16/01427/TCA	Millhouse, School Lane	Tree Surgery	OK 24 April
16/00552/LBA	40 Northend	Internal alterations	OK 5 April
15/03599/FUL	285 London Road East	Garage Conversion (on West View Road) was Refused, and the Planning Inspector rejected the Appeal.	

P-020 Environment Concerns

- (a) The Meeting agreed that Environment concerns should be handled by the HFL Committee
- (b) The land besides the Medical Centre is an 'eyesore'.
The PEC Chairman's recent letter did not receive a satisfactory response.
A follow-up letter required, to offer a site-visit meeting.
- (c) The damaged gate to this area needs safety attention.

MT/GR

P-021 Any Other Business

- (a) The diagonal path to Muddy Lane still waiting repaving.
- (b) The street light at the bottom of the above path is not lit – to be reported.
(Lights reporter later as all OK)

P-022 Communications
Nothing at this time

P-023 Date of next Meeting **To Be Determined**

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

Cllr George Riley took the Chair for this next session

C-112 Apologies
Cllrs D Gledhill, CMcCarthy

C-113 Council/Committees Re-structure Proposals

- (a) It is recognised that the existing procedures need improvement both to increase efficiency and improve 'transparency.
- (b) Suggestions had been offered on 2 x separate occasions, and this meeting re-explored the possibility of adopting a "Working Group" format, suggesting that the BPC meets formally twice a month.
- (c) There is much merit in using smaller Working Groups, which can also include residents, meeting informally during the week.
These Groups would be able to concentrate on specific topics, rather than adopting a wide remit.
- (d) It was proposed that the 'old' practice of the BPC meeting every 6 weeks be replaced with monthly meetings – on every second Tuesday of the month.
- (e) It was proposed that the PEC would deliberate at the BPC Meeting.
Planning Applications data will be forwarded to all Councillors, but the PEC Committee will complete the site-visits
- (f) The HFL Committee will adopt the Environment requirements from the PEC.
- (g) There is merit in considering a blending of the GPC and SPC

C-114 Timetable 2016 - 17

- (a) All the above will be discussed further at future meetings and a decision can then be made as to whether to adopt all or some of the ideas.
- (b) With the above proposals a provisional Timetable for next year will be developed. **MT**

C-115 Toilet block

- (a) Late last week the B&NES Legal Department offered the draft Licence for this Council to "take-over" the Toilet block. The Licence will run for 3.5 years.
- (b) It is to be ascertained that B&NES will continue to insure the building during this Licence period. **NC**
- (c) This Meeting agreed to pursue quotations to install the necessary Time-lock/Coin-operated Door to the Disabled Toilet Unit. **NC**

C-116 Communications
Nothing at this time

C-117 Date of Next Meeting

Proposed for Tuesday 17th May 2016 at 7.15pm (AGM)

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