

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the General Strategies Committee Meeting held
in The Rhymes Pavilion on 27th SEPTEMBER 2016 at 7-15 pm**

Present : Cllrs E Adams(Chair), P Burcombe, N Clutterbuck, D Redding, R Mimmack, G Riley & M Townley (Clerk)
Attending: Cllrs C McCarthy and Mr & Ms Johnston

G-679 Public Participation - Mr Johnston

- (a) Declared that the BPC Minutes did not record that 2 x residents were worried about Development on the Meadows and that the 'Think Tank' recommendations were being ignored.
Response: A reply at the BPC meeting was that there was NO proposed Development on the Meadows and – as the BPC initiated the 'Think Tank' - its recommendations were being considered. A question and answer response does not require Minuting.
This Council reiterates that there are NO proposals for development on the Meadows, and that the plethora of correspondence must end..
- (b) There is no evidence that a Risk Assessment was completed when the Bridge and Cycle Path were installed.
Response: B&NES installed both facilities and evidence of their Risk Assessment might be sought.
The Risk Assessment advice was heeded in G-697(e) below.
- (c) Opening up the car park has exposed the River Avon and swimming might be encouraged.
Response: This Meeting agreed that Safety considerations should be pursued.

G-680 Apologies

Cllrs C Bond, D Gledhill, S Hagen(?)

G-681 Declarations of Interest

None declared

G-682 Committee composition

All attending members are entitled to vote at this Meeting

G-683 Minutes of the Meeting held 23rd AUGUST 2016

Proposed	P Burcombe	}	RESOLVED -	That the Minutes be accepted as a true record.
Seconded	N Clutterbuck	}		

G-684 Matters Arising from above Minutes

- (a) Website glitches resolved.
- (b) Improvements to the Car Park sub-stations progressing well.

CMcC

G-685 Toilet Block Update

- (a) Licence. A copy of the signed legal papers for the Lease of the Toilet Block received.
- (b) Door. The Unisex Toilet Door now fitted, complete with Time-Lock and Coin-Operation.
- (c) Wash Unit Installation completed, with new tiling
- (d) Services. The existing Water and Electricity Suppliers will be “switched on” for Saturday 8th October. **MT**
- (e) Other. Materials eg Toilet Paper, soap etc. will be ordered and cleansing will continue with own Handymen as previously.
- (f) Works now progressing to “gut out” the Gents and Ladies Toilets.
- (g) A procedure for banking all coinage at the Post Office to be established. **MT**

G-686 Insurance Renewal

This Meeting agreed to transfer from Aviva to Hiscox and accept a 3-year commitment. Invoice signed.

Proposed	N Clutterbuck	}	RESOLVED -	That the Insurance be now with Hiscox for a 3-year contract.
Seconded	P Burcombe	}		

G-687 Riverside Project

- (a) The Heads of Terms for a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) has been agreed but the B&NES legal department is still progressing the required paperwork. Cllr Veal to assist when fully recovered. **NC/MV**
- (b) B&NES has accepted that the Gardens Walling needs extensive repairs, before the BPC can adopt, and these works are to be completed during next year.
- (c) Hard copies of Cllr Clutterbuck's Analysis of Possibilities issued to all Councillors and discussed at the full Parish Council Meeting on 13th September.
There have been no comments received and the proposals should be adopted.
- (d) The Youth of this Village has rejected any re-siting of the Youth Shelter.
But an “Alice Park” type Shelter was proposed in the corner by the sub-stations, and the Youth Club invited to visit Alice Park for comments.
- (e) A Risk Assessment should be considered and a copy of the RoSPA statement (for the Cycle Path) to be pursued. **CMcC**

G-688 Neighbourhood Plan Proposals

- (a) Without an NP then CIL monies are set at 15%.
With an NP the CIL monies increase to 25% - and CIL monies now available for single dwelling developments – not just for a development of 10+ properties.

- (b) When the Car Park/Gardens CAT is nearing completion a small NP Team to be considered so that the Riverside Proposals can be circulated for Villager's comments.
- (c) The BPC needs to agree whether to continue with an NP – the Vision Plan, Think Tank, Place-making, Green Spaces etc exercises already completed - are all components providing documentation and proofs are offered to the NP Examiner.
- (d) An NP must have a Team comprising half Parish Councillors and half Residents.
The Parish Councillor vacancies are now advertised and perhaps the new Parish Councillors will be able to participate.

G-689 Precept 2017-18 Proposals

- (a) A draft for next year issued for this Committee's consideration.
- (b) All proposals considered last year have been included, but would reduce Reserves too much by the end of 2020.
- (c) Errors noted on the draft – for correction this week. **MT**
- (d) This Meeting will consider at the next Meeting set for 22nd November.
- (e) The Youth Club and BLA requested to submit their proposals before the above Meeting. **PB/DR**

G-690 “Scenic Map” Layout

- (a) Only DR responded to the proposal draft – which highlighted the entire Parish - issued on 14th September
- (b) An alternative Map considered at this Meeting that concentrated on the 'Village Only' as the centre-piece.
- (c) Proposals to date have too many photographs around the border.
A listing of potential photographs to be considered and members invited to advise their “essential” topics.
- (d) A further draft to be developed that highlights all the rural footpaths, and scenic highlights. **MT**
- (e) An alternative “schematic” layout to be developed for consideration. **DR**

G-691 Any Other Business

- (a) None raised

G-692 Communications

- (a) A press release advising that.. “The Uni-sex Toilet will be opened in the Batheaston Car Park on Saturday 8th October”... to be sent to the Bath Chronicle (after some possible re-wording). **DG**

G-693 Date of Next Meeting

Proposed for Tuesday 22nd NOVEMBER in The Rhymes Pavilion 2016 at 7.15pm

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

*Note received by email from Mr P Johnston on Wednesday on 24th September, which will be circulated and discussed, fully, at the above Meeting scheduled for 22nd November.
Also received by email on 24th september was a response from Cllr Adams will be included in the above discussion.*