

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 17th JANUARY 2017 at 7-15 pm**

Present :- Cllrs G Riley(Chair), E Adams, P Burcombe, N Clutterbuck, P Corley, S Frayling, D Greener, S Hagen, C McCarthy, D Redding, R Mimmack and M Townley (Clerk)

Attending: Messrs P Bennett, P Cast, Mr Jeffrey and P Fear

All Councillors introduced themselves to the visiting rCouncillor Applicants.

C-261 Public Participation -

(a) Nothing raised.

C-262 Apologies for Absence

Full attendance

C-263 Declarations of Interest

None required as the Precept to be decided tonight embraces all aspects of the Village.

C-264 Minutes of Meeting held 13th DECEMBER 2016

Proposed	P Burcombe	}	RESOLVED	- That the Minutes be formally approved as presented.
Seconded	P Corley	}	(Unanimously)	

C-265 Matters Arising from the above Meeting

- (a) A 'Red' BT Phone Box has been requested by CmcC – waiting response.
- (b) Rob Kendall has sent regrets for missing the December meeting, but thanks for invite.
- (c) Original 'Scenic Map' recovered – for re-working. **GR/MT**
- (d) B&NES officers have site-visited to improve signage for the new pavement on Bannerdown Road. A second visit promised – with their proposals.

C-266 Receipt of Standing Committee Reports

- (a) Highways (HFL) – Cllr Susanne Hagen
 - i Speed Table in High Street now reduced to legal limits.
 - ii The 3 x new Gateway Signs to be ordered. B&NES will install in April.
 - iii Handyman Vacancy – Requirements to be resolved at next week's HFL Meeting. Councillors asked to forward comments to SH before next Tuesday. **ALL**
- (b) General Strategies – Cllr Emma Adams
 - iv Legal papers for the Car Park CAT promised from B&NES by end of this month.
 - v B&NES has declared its options for the P&R East of Bath. Cabinet will make final Decision on 25th January and EA will speak at this Meeting. (Although invited to today's P&R Media Meeting SH was not allowed to attend!)
- (c) Planning applications – Cllr Steve Frayling
 - vi Site Meeting held with Crossman Homes which has purchased part of the Land next to the Pavilion – to erect an Office on stilts. Some non-listed walling has been removed for access at this time.

Proposed	P Corley	}	RESOLVED -	That the above Reports are accepted as presented.
Seconded	P Burcombe	}	(Unanimously)	

C-267 Presentation of Unaudited Accounts for December 2016

(a) October Accounts – verified by Cllr E Adams.

	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	DEC	
Income	27382	572	580	572	1328	610	23382	572	572	£4890 More than Budget
Expenditure	4735	4128	3396	3021	2751	4024	12361	2767	6461	£6400 Less than Budget

(b) Special Payments

Toilets Floor £1500, May Party £500 float, River Footpath £250

Proposed	S Hagen	}	RESOLVED -	That the December Accounts, and Special Payments, are approved as presented.
Seconded	R Mimmack	}	(Unanimously)	

C-268 Parish Councillor Vacancies

(a) Steve Cast, Paul Bennett and James Jeffrey have applied to fill the vacancies. All nominees are well-known and respected.

Proposed	G Riley	}	RESOLVED -	That the 3 x Applicants be co-opted as full Parish Councillors .
Seconded	R Mimmack	}	(Unanimously)	

C-269 Councillors – Representations & Concerns

- (a) A meeting to proceed with the Riverside Footpath improvements being arranged with PF. **CMcC**
- (b) Lifebuoys – by the River - have been requested from B&NES Property Services
- (c) The 'Batheaston Forward' AGM is set for next Monday 23rd January.
- (d) This Council approved the Application to replace the Church Hall in December 2015. The B&NES Development Control Committee (DCC) is set to consider this Application on 8th March 2017. A very unsatisfactory delay and reasons to be queried. **GR**
- (e) Cllr Burcombe thanked all Councillors for the continued generous support of the Youth Club.

C-270 Council Structure Review

- (a) NC's Presentation. Papers issued to all Councillors, including BLA input. This Meeting agreed that a re-structuring, as proposed, is worthy of consideration but the effects of the ending of the BLA/BPC agreement in 2019 has to be fully considered.
- (b) The proposal that all Assets might be under separate control, and that small Working Parties established for specific projects, needs further discussion. Deadline target for agreement suggested as end of March this year.
- (c) Proposal and arrangements for the BLA needs a separate Meeting and dates will be arranged. **Chairs/BLA**

C-271 Precept Considerations 2017 - 18

- (a) The GSC Meeting last week considered all the elements of Income and Expenditure and only minor changes offered
- (b) The Recommendation to maintain the Precept at £45,000 should realise Reserves of over £26,000 by March 2018.

Proposed Seconded	N Clutterbuck S Frayling	} }	RESOLVED - (Unanimously)	That the Precept for 2017 – 2018 be set at £45,000 (Forty Five Thousand Pounds only)
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C-272 B&NES Core Strategy Modifications

- (a) The Governemt Inspector has rejected sections of the proposed B&NES Core Strategy. B&NES has offered various modifications and has issued all these changes for consultation Comments.
- (b) Review of these modifications has indicated many inconsistencies and studies continuing. **EA**

C-273 Chairman’s Report

- (a) Very appreciative of a successful year with 4 x new Parish Councillors

C-274 Clerk’s Report

- (a) New auditors for 2018 – 2019 = PKF Littlerjohn LLP (not Grant Thornton)
- (b) Bathavon Forum – This Meeting agreed that the existing single Forum should be divided into two separate units of a Bathavon North and Bathavon South Meetings.

C-275 Communications

A resident has volunteered as Webmaster and a meeting to discuss being arranged.

EA

C-276 Date of next Meeting :-

Tuesday 14th FEBRUARY 2017 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

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