

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths & Lighting Committee Meeting  
held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017 at 7-15pm**

**Present** : Cllrs S Hagen(Chair), P Burcombe, S Cast, C McCarthy, R Mimmack & M Townley (Clerk)  
**In Attendance** : Cllrs P Bennett, D Greener, A Millar

**H-843 Public Participation**  
None

**H-844 Apologies:**  
Cllr S Frayling, G Riley

**H-845 Declarations of Interest**  
None recorded

**H-846 Minutes of the Meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

Proposed	P Burcombe	}	RESOLVED -	That the Minutes are a true record.
Seconded	P Bennett			

**H-847 Matters Arising from the above Minutes**

- (a) A railing section of the Cycle Racks fitted and waiting painting by B&NES. SH
- (b) Clearance of the Monks Path – up to Sandybanks – to be progressed. The Batheaston Society Invited to assist. SH
- (c) 20 x Metal-backed Anti-Dog Fouling' Signs delivered and installations in progress. GR/CMcC  
B&NES Dog Warden still to patrol the Estate and report findings.
- (d) The BLA is progressing repairs to the Pavilion benches. BLA
- (e) Speed restriction on Morris Lane (20mph limit road since April 2015). B&NES to provide 'proper' signage in new budget. Site visit now proposed using Map indicating all signage required. SH/MT
- (f) B&NES is replacing all Street Lights with LED Units.
- (g) B&NES intend also to convert this Council's 16 x Street Lights.
- (g) The Car Park sign "Liable to Flooding" is missing and a replacement urged. - Ref 207047

**H-848 Highways & Estate Concerns**

- (a) Penthouse Steps repairs promised for 15<sup>th</sup> May.
- (b) B&NES still denies ownership of the Gardens at the Penthouse Steps.  
The 1840 Tithe Map refutes this denial and senior B&NES officers have been advised.  
Electricity sub-station was sited on whose land?
- (c) 2 x CCTV units to be purchased and installed at the Toilet Block, when CAT approved.
- (d) There are damaged/missing bollards and correction being urged. CMcC
- (e) B&NES has part-completed a Safety Audit at the bottom of Bannerdown Road and changes acknowledged. SH
- (f) Much fly-tipping noted at the Estate Garages. Council Connect advised as on B&NES land – not CURO.
- (g) Leaves clearance requested in London Road West. - Ref 207077
- (h) Three new Gateway Signs delivered.  
Team to ascertain site position (11-00am 1<sup>st</sup> May) for pictures to B&NES for installation. SH/DG/RM
- (j) Some litter bins are being filled with household rubbish. Next 'Local Look' entry to deplore. GR
- (k) Monks Path in Northend damaged when installing new LED Lamps.  
Evidence of this damage sent to S Chiffers (B&NES) and restitution demanded.
- (l) Poor repair on Eden Park Drive is developing into a 'trench' across the road.
- (m) Kerb stones knocked out at High Bannerdown entrance. To be reported to Council Connect. MT  
*Reported 26<sup>th</sup> april and Repair Reference No 219823*
- (n) Grass verge at Eden Park Drive/Barnfield Way needs mowing. CMcC
- (o) Map of all intended improvements to Bannerdown Road to be prepared for future discussions. MT  
*Prepared and issued 27<sup>th</sup> april – together with Map of proposed signage in Morris Lane*

**H-849 Handyman Vacancy**

- (a) Vacancy being advertised – only 2 x enquiries to date. Advertisement to be posted in Fat Friar. GR
- (b) "Pride in own front area" to be raised at this week's Annual village Meeting.
- (c) Lackham College seek Site-Experience for their students. Offer this Village for their attention. SH
- (d) The new 'living wage' levels no longer match payments from B&NES for Pavement Sweeping.

**H-850 Parking Review Proposals**

- (a) B&NES has provided maps of where "grasscrete" blocks may be installed to provide more parking. Craig Jackson will be asked for costs - as per Bath installations. SMcC

**H-851 Pathway by School/Catherine Way**

- (a) B&NES has agreed to consider these needed improvements, and intend to review on their "Task List" (October?)
- (b) Now need to ascertain who own the land – believed to be B&NES
- (c) Also need the School's agreement to proceed, and to support this proposal.
- (d) This improvement is a Safe-Route-to-School project and Cycle-Way proposal and monies should be available.

**H-852 Weeds Control**

- (a) B&NES is to weed-spray the Village using a proprietary product. Should not have any adverse effects on bees.
- (b) A simpler 20% vinegar solution might serve better.  
The manufacturer's "Safety" data to be sought before use.
- (c) Lackham College might be interested in trialling use of vinegar, and to be approached. **SH**
- (d) If Lackham college trials not possible then a "before/after" trial to be conducted in selected areas of the village.

**H-853 "Water Space Study" / "Bathscape Project"**

- (a) Proposals requested by 27<sup>th</sup> May and being developed. **PF/NC/GR/CMcC**

**H-854 Any Other Business**

- (a) The X72 bus service to Devizes will no longer pass through the Village after 30<sup>th</sup> April.  
Protest about lack of consultation needed to B&NES and Bus Company. **GR**
- (b) The "Old House" in Northend has created a car park and Planning enforcement Officer is to investigate.
- (c) Crossman Homes is developing access drive besides the Pumping Station in Coalpit road – without planning permission. The Planning Enforcement Officer has issued a "stop notice" but works are continuing.
- (d) A Footpath at Chilcombe Bottom is in poor condition. Cotswold Wardens to be asked to investigate. **CMcC**
- (e) There is 'surplus' red phone box in the BOX area and the Box PC may permit transfer to this Village. **CMcC**
- (f) B&NES has a seminar re "Landscape charter" on 30<sup>th</sup> May – to be attended. **PC/DG**
- (g) Vehicles are 'abusing' the 3 hour limit in the Car Park. B&NES to be urged to site visit. **SH**

**H-855 Communications**

- (a) Nothing at this time.

**H-856 Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2017 in The Rhymes Pavilion at 7.15pm (To be confirmed)**

**Chairman..... Date.....**