

## Batheaston Parish Council

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 at 7-15 pm**

**Present :-** Cllrs V Pecchia(Chair) J Beresford-Smith, P Blanking, S Fremantle, D Gledhill, J Heffer, , G Riley,  
D Robins, M Tabb and M Townley (Clerk)

**Apologies :** Cllr L Brass, A Creed, K Eardley, D Lavington, V Trenchard

**In attendance: None**

#### **C-507 Election of Vice-Chairman**

Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED – That, as there were no other nominations, Cllr  
Seconded P Blanking } (unanimously) Kevin Hawkins be elected for the term 2011-12

#### **C-508 Minutes of Meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

Proposed K Hawkins } RESOLVED – - That the Minutes be formally approved as  
Seconded S Fremantle } (Unanimously) presented.

*NB (a) The existing Standing Orders do not require the posting of each individual Councillors vote by name.*

*NB (b) Revised Standing Orders does not determine how many Councillors per sub-committee.*

*This meeting agreed to try for 7 per Committee*

#### **C-509 Matters Arising from the above Minutes**

(a) None raised

#### **C-510 Composition and Membership of Committees**

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| 5 | General Purposes Committee       | (7) = | JB-S, SF, KE, DR,            |
| 6 | Highways Footpaths & Lighting    | (7) = | MTa, JH, MJ, GR              |
| 8 | Planning & Environment Committee | (7) = | DR, LB, AC, PB, DL, GR, VT,  |
| 7 | Village Centre Committee         | (7) = | KH, JB-S, KE, DG, PB, VT, DR |

#### **C-511 Chairman's Report & Correspondence (V Pecchia)**

(a) Youth Club Centre.

1. This Meeting records its appreciation of valuable assistance from its District Councillors in the past few weeks – with Planners and individual Cabinet Members.
2. At the recent full B&NES Council Meeting all Bathavon North District Councillors abstained for the BTP vote.
3. Meetings held with B&NES Nathan Hartley (Youth Services) and many promises to reinstate the 3<sup>rd</sup> evening at the Youth Club.

(b) River Avon Crossing

4. Meetings with B&NES R Symonds has confirmed that monies for a Bridle Footbridge is available and a timetable now published for implementation. Construction tabled for start next April – completion in summer 2012.

(c) River Avon Footpath BA 2/5 Repair

5. Repairs late in starting but commenced last week – completion by Autumn.

(d) Park & Ride Progress

6. At last week's cluster Meeting it was reiterated that the BME will not happen...*"in this Administration's lifetime"*. But not all Lib-Dem ward councillors are so sure!

(e) Address to Bathford & Bathampton Parish Councils – concerning the Footbridge & VCC

7. Bathford PC invitation to VP to speak at their September meeting.  
Still waiting written response from Bathampton PC.

(f) Nominations for B&NES Chairman's Awards

8. This Meeting recommended –  
Mrs Janet Jackson, Mrs Pam Burcombe and Cllr David Lavington.

Proposed D Gledhill } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.

Seconded K Hawkins } (Unanimously)

#### **C-512 Report from Village Centre Committee (K Hawkins)**

(g) Recommendation to hold Jubilee Event in 2012

- 1 This Meeting agreed to sponsor an Event – around 2/3/4 June 2012.
- 2 A sub-committee to be sought – to include many non-Parish Council members.
- 3 A Grant Request from the Small Funding Scheme for £5000 to be completed.

(h) Recommendation to Seek Grant Aid for the Shops Pavement

- 5 At last week's cluster Meeting this Council promised to prepare a scheme. Now dispatched to K Packer (B&NES) and – when endorsed – will seek Grant Funding.  
*(Copy of Scheme and letter distributed with these minutes)*

(i) Recommendations to Hold Communications Workshop (D Gledhill)

- 6 There would be much benefit if this Council moved into more into the electronic age – perhaps using 'Facebook', 'Twitter' and 'Blog' for :- Addressing communications and relations with residents, Bulletin, Website and Internet etc.
- 7 A separate "learning" session proposed (Led by Cllr Gledhill) – in a room with Wi-Fi and a date will be established soon.
- 8 Also seeking "Quiet Lanes & Zones" and details in the vision Plan will be investigated.
- 9 At the Cluster Meeting Cllr Symonds promised to pursue the reduction of HGV traffic on Bannerdown road with his Wilts counterpart. Addressing the lack of pavement and a possible 106 Agreement with Developers at the bottom of Bannerdown road is also to be pursued.
- 10 As noted in the PEC Minutes the council has been approached about a possible "Convenience Store" on the Car Sales Showroom site. The Council has emphasised that it has yet to consider this idea and in no way endorses such a proposition at this time.

- (j) Proposal to erect Flagpole in the High Street  
 11 Maintenance problems and manning outway any benefits and this idea will not be pursued.  
 Proposed D Gledhill } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.  
 Seconded D Robins } (Unanimously)

**C-513 Report from General Purposes Committee (S Fremantle)**

- (k) Presentation of unaudited Accounts for April/May/June 2011 (M Townley) Figures as per Budget  
 Income: April £477; May £184; June £83 Expenditure : April £-2175; May £ -2127; June £-5150
- (l) Special Payments Recommendations (M Townley)  
 Pavilion Exterior Painting £440 + £100; BLA donation £650; Youth Club donation £1000; Play Area Bark £200; External Auditors £400  
 (A request from the BLA for "improved" replacement meshing referred to the GPC for further consideration.)
- (m) Audit 2010-11 Status & Treasury Bond (M Townley)  
 Papers cleared by Internal Auditor and sent 27<sup>th</sup> June to external Auditors – Mazars.  
 Mazars cleared on 29<sup>th</sup> July (email advice) and formal papers being posted.
- (n) Resolution 1 – Amendments to Standing Orders  
 Proposed S Fremantle & Seconded V Pecchia RESOLVED – (unanimously)  
Adopts the draft SOs 1, 2, 3 and 17 submitted by the GPC as an Annex and shall prevail over existing SOs as last amended on 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2010  
The working Party to continue examination of the NALC Model SOs, seeking to complete for adoption at the annual Parish council Meeting in May 2012
- (o) Resolution 2 – Resiting of Polling Booth  
 Proposed S Fremantle & Seconded K Hawkins RESOLVED - (unanimously)  
Considers that the Rhymes Pavilion is suitable as a Polling Station.  
Invites the B&NES Returning Officer to change the Polling Station from the Youth Club to The Rhymes Pavilion.
- (p) Resolution 3 – Electronic Notifications  
 Proposed S Fremantle & Seconded D Gledhill RESOLVED - (unanimously)  
BPC to empower the Clerk to use electronic means – as far as possible – to deliver summonses, papers and other communications to Councillors.  
 The Clerk to maintain present delivery procedures to any Councillor without internet connections.  
 Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.  
 Seconded D Robins } (Unanimously)

**C-514 Report from Planning & Environment Committee (D Robins)**

- (r) Status of B&NES Core Strategy  
 The Government-appointed Inspector was to consider the Strategy this Autumn.  
 However the Strategy has to have more data on 25 proposals before he can commence.  
 One of his concerns is the data on the Bath flood compensation Schemes  
 A copy of his "Strategy" complaint will be considered by the PEC.  
 Proposed H Hawkins } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.  
 Seconded V Pecchia } (Unanimously)

**C-515 Report from all Councillors – representation and issues in Village**

Concerns from residents include:- Speeding on Penthouse Hill and Solsbury Lane (JH); Need HGV limits on Shockerwick Lane (PB); various Overgrowths (MJ); Ramp at Edson ford needs reduction (JB-S); Grit bin at the top of Morris Lane needs replacement (PB). Code-of-conduct needs referencing re: complaints (DG)

**C-516 BLA Report**

- (a) Nothing at this time.  
 Request for "enhanced" Mesh Fencing (when it is replaced) referred to the GPC

**C-517 Clerks Report**

- (a) Date for Clerk's "Accounts Training". Interested Councillors to advise preferred dates/times  
 (b) BPC to insure a 3<sup>rd</sup> Seat on Solsbury Hill, when provided by the Freeholders Committee. Agreed

**C-518 Press Release**

Draft to be prepared on the new Footbridge and the proposed Jubilee Event. VP/DG

**C-519 Date of next Meeting: -**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion**

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