

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in  
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012 at 7-15 pm**

**Present :-** Cllrs V Pecchia (Chair), J Beresford-Smith, P Blanking, P Burcombe, L Brass, K Eardley, P Fear,  
S Fremantle, K Hawkins, J Heffer, M Johns, G Riley, D Robins, M Tabb, V Trenchard and M Townley (Clerk)  
**Apologies:** Cllrs S Cast, D Gledhill, D Lavington  
**Attending:** None

**C-621 Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman declared interest re Resolution

**C-622 Minutes of Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

Proposed S Fremantle } RESOLVED – That the Minutes be formally approved after alterations to the  
Seconded K Hawkins } (Unanimously) wording of C-6129b).

*The Chairman and Clerk both thanked Cllr George Riley for scribing the above Minutes*

**C-623 Matters Arising from the above Minutes**

- (a) The blocked Footpath BA 21/9 is in St Catherines Parish and the B&NES PROW will be asked to clear. **MT**
- (b) The GPC Minutes wrongly recorded details of a Jubilee flowers invoice. This meeting agreed to amend the GPC Minutes and re-issue.  
The Clerk apologised for this misunderstanding.
- (c) The Faresavers timetable was issued recently but NO changes suggested from Faresavers.
- (d) The new email address system on the Website is progressing, and a further meeting set for 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**C-624 Chairman's Report – V Pecchia**

- (a) River Crossing  
Planning Application 12/02415/REG03 was considered by the PEC and approval pending.  
Contrary to Bathampton PC's comments their Chairman/PC was informed. The Clerk received comments from one of their Councillors last October!
- (b) Correspondence  
Much B&NES media advice is being forwarded to all Councillors by email. Noted that the Youth Services Report did NOT have any mention of Batheaston.

**C-625 Village Centre Committee Report – K Hawkins.**

- (a) Pavement at Shops  
The 25<sup>th</sup> July Cluster Meeting confirmed that investigations in hand but this Project "*has not earned enough action points*".  
The Chairman has met with Cllr Crossley, is contacting Alison Millar and has received "Disability" advice from Matt Owen. The Chairman is to follow up with Cllr Crossley in September.
- (b) Update on Jubilee Events  
The accounts are still being resolved but the outlook seems to indicate a shortfall of £1350.  
Whilst lessons on administration have been learned the whole events weekend was a tremendous success and –if the weather had been more clement – there might not have been any shortfall.  
The organisers – JBS, PB and VP and their ad-hoc Team – were congratulated.
- (c) Hanging Baskets.  
Some Shopkeepers have failed to water "their" baskets and they have been taken down. This lack of concern should be recorded in the next Bulletin, and alternatives considered for next year's Precept.

**C-626 Planning & Environment Committee Report – D Robins**

- (a) Gypsies & Travellers.  
B&NES propose an update on 11<sup>th</sup> September where, after consultation, some suggested sites will be dropped.  
There appears to be no mention of travellers residing in boats on the canal.
- (b) LDF Considerations  
B&NES are having to re-think some of their policies – at the Inspector's request – and the Inquiry is unlikely to recommence until next June 2013.
- (c) Park & Ride  
A scheme has been suggested in the Bath chronicle to utilise the "old" Bathampton railway sidings – with a 3 storey car park (with the top tier level with the tracks).

**C-627 Highways Committee Report – J Heffer**

- (a) Next Meeting  
As declared in the last HFL Minutes the next meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> September – not the 28<sup>th</sup> August)
- (b) Highway Matters
  1. New Litter bin now established in School Lane:
  2. The signs prohibiting cycling on The Batch pavement are missing.  
Reinstatement requested 14<sup>th</sup> August;
  3. Parking problems noted (i) Steway Lane, (ii) Monks Path; Fosse Lane; Jubilee Oak; Northend resident wishes to fund "No Parking" signs. Parking in front of emergency gate – **HFL** and **MT** to address
  4. An HGV broke down in Bannerdown Road and destroyed the walling at the bottom.  
This evidence must be considered by both B&NES and Wilts Council.

**C-628 General Purposes Committee Report – S Fremantle**

- (a) Accounts - All Accounts cleared by the Internal Auditor - Cllr J Heffer - and figures relate to Budget

- |       | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expenditure</u> |
|-------|---------------|--------------------|
| April | £1934 savings | £3022 savings      |
| May   | £1850 savings | £1233 loss         |
| June  | £1500 savings | £ 123 loss         |
| July  | £1411 savings | £ 201 loss         |
- (b) Special Payment Recommendations  
None at this time.
- (c) Audit 2011-12 Status  
All accounts audited by local Auditor, signed and released to Mazars – the external auditors. Batheaston has also been selected for a more detailed audit of 5% of all Councils, and all the extra documents forwarded.
- (d) Meetings Timetable  
Much, much confusion. Hopefully the attached timetable reverts to the originally agreed format. This Meeting confirmed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the BPC - newly elected each May – have the right to offer alternative dates. It was agreed only one change would be allowed under this procedure to the proposed timetable at the time.  
The Meeting also confirmed that alternatives to Tuesday are possible.
- (e) Resolution re: Jubilee Finances
- (a) The experience of the Jubilee organising committee are noted and safeguards required for the future;
- (b) This Meeting proposed that any similar Organisation should report back to the GPC/BPC.
- (c) But some elements of any programme will probably not coincide with BPC meeting dates so a provisional safeguard procedure should be established.
- (d) The following Resolution was considered – whilst the Chairman left the room.
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| Proposed | S Fremantle | } | RESOLVED – that          | “The Batheaston Parish Council resolves to provide the                                        |
| Seconded | K Hawkins   | } | 13 x 'For' 1 x 'Against' | funds to meet any loss arising from the events organised for the Batheaston Jubilee Festival” |

**C-630 BLA Report**

- (a) Vandalism of the skate board Ramp has been repaired, a claim made on our Insurers who have now paid their share. The BLA to reimburse the £250 remainder.

**C-631 Report from all Councillors – representations and issues**

- (a) A wheel, with tyre, is littering the verge at Barnfield Way/Bannerdown Road.
- (b) A site for the commemorative seat for the Creed Family agreed besides the new river Crossing.  
The family wish to add a tree to the seat site.
- (c) The listed walling at the Gardens has overgrown ivy – to be removed by our gardener.

**MT**

**C-632 Clerks Report**

- (a) The B&NES Chairman requests nominations for his Annual Awards – to be advised by 12<sup>th</sup> October.  
Three persons identified and write-ups in progress.

**C-633 Press Release**

Nothing at this time

**C-634 Date of next Meeting: -**

**Proposed Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7.15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (to be confirmed)**

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