

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council
held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 7th JULY 2015 at 7-15 pm**

Present :- Cllrs G Riley (Chair), E Adams N Clutterbuck, L Cook, S Frayling, S Hagen, P Jenner, C McCarthy,
R Mimmack, H Smallwood and M Townley (Clerk)

In attendance: Cllr A Millar

C-961 Public Participation
None

C-962 Apologies for Absence
Cllrs P Blanking, C Bond, P Burcombe, V Drew, D Gledhill,

C-963 Declarations of Interest
None declared.

C-964 Minutes of Meeting held 23rd June 2015

Proposed	R Mimmack	}	RESOLVED	- That the Minutes be formally approved as presented.
Seconded	P Jenner	}	(Unanimously)	

C-965 Matters Arising from the above Meeting

- (a) The School has been advised that Cllr Hagen is to be this Council's representative.
- (b) Additional cheque signatories will be processed when PBI is available. **MT**
- (c) No response from the B&NES solicitor about the election fiasco. Letter to Maria Lucas required. **RM**
- (d) The VPA representative is HS and their next Meeting is in September. **HS.**
- (e) Toilet Block
Support from B&NES required before pursuing a re-opening of the Disabled Unit as a Uni-sex Toilet. Cllr
Ward promised to pursue financial assistance **GW**
This Meeting agreed that the toilet Block should be reopened and this wish was Resolved, and will be raised
with B&NES on Wednesday 8th July. **NC/GR**

Proposed	N Clutterbuck	}	RESOLVED	That this Council pursues the re-opening of a Toilet at the earliest opportunity.
Seconded	E Adams	}	(Unanimously)	

C-966 Pavement at the Shops

- (a) For over 25 years the BPC has pursued an improvement and 3 years ago 'won' a capital investment in the B&NES programme.
- (b) The new B&NES Council has re-affirmed its commitment to improving the Pavement this year.
- (c) Since March of this year B&NES and their Contractor (Skanska) has developed 3 schemes based around the Vision Plan proposal.
- (d) Last Friday was another meeting with B&NES/Skanska when a 4th alternative from HS was raised and fully discussed.
- (e) B&NES has commented on problems with the HS proposal and this Meeting allowed each Councillor to express opinions/comments.
- (f) RM tabled a separate Resolution which established conditions for pursuing option 3.
(A copy of this Resolution is added to these Minutes)

Proposed	R Mimmack	}	RESOLVED	- That option 3 should be pursued – with the conditions. 6 x 'For' 2 x 'Against' 1 x 'Abstention'
Seconded	S Frayling	}		

C-967 Planning Application

15/03016/TCA Mr Mercer Vine House B'brook Lane Lower Swainswick	Remove 1 x conifer Hedge	Mindful to approve put pending site visit by GR/RM/SH
15/02958/FUL Mr T Harding 67 Northend Batheaston BA1 7EH	Renovation of property to include new rear dormer, enlarged front dormer and raising roof level on part of property	Mindful to approve put pending site visit by SF

C-968 Planning Decisions

15/01930/FUL Mr D Smith 6 Elmhurst Batheaston BA1 7NR	Erection of detached garage at the end of the garden	Refuse 17 th June 2015 (Against per PEC's recommendation)
14/05618/CLEU Ms S Gray Northend Inn 41 Northend Batheaston	Use of the Northend Inn as a single dwelling (Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing Use)	Permit 22 nd June 2015 (Against per PEC's recommendation)
15/02262/TPO Mr J Dickens 9 Bannnerdown Close Batheaston	Remove 1 x Horse chestnut Tree	Permit 26 th June 2015 (As per PEC's recommendation)
15/01129/CLPU Mr T Harding 67 Northend Batheaston BA1 7EH	Renovation of property to include new rear dormer, enlarged front dormer, and raise roof level on part of property (Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Use)	Refuse 29 th June 2015 (As per PEC's recommendation)

15/02186/FUL Mr M Roebuck 2 Barnfield Way Batheaston BA1 7PW	Erection of 1-storey rear extension, following demolition of existing conservatory	Permit 30 th June 2015 (As per PEC's recommendation)
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C-969 Receipt of Standing Committee Reports

General Purposes Committee – N Clutterbuck

- (a) Lease Meeting set for Wednesday 8th July to review Transfer of Assets details for Car Park / Gardens / Toilet Block with K McCombie (B&NES). **GR/RM/NC**
- (b) Standing Orders. Much progress with revisions with sub-committee. For review next week.
- (c) Communications. Report imminent on how this Council talks with the village. The Fete newsletter had a mixed reception.

- (d) Vegetation. Useful meeting with Roland Russell (B&NES) concerning vegetation and controls.

Highways Committee – S Hagen

- (e) Cleansing. Progressive meetings held with the Handymen and a programme of requirements and proposals being actioned. B&NES is proposing new weeding/cleansing programmes and might wish to pass over more responsibility to the village.

- (f) Litter Bins. Map of bins locations now available and site changes and additions to be considered.

- (g) Speed Tables & Buttons. Siting and improvements in progress.

- (h) Speed/Weights Watch. This meeting agreed to sponsor a "Speed Watch" programme at £200 and residents to be contacted to establish a programme in various areas. **PJ**

- (k) Problems. The Clerk will investigate how to introduce additional items identified between meetings. **MT**

Neighbourhood Plan – R Mimmack

- (l) Centre Proposals. The PJ presentation was well received and being investigated.

- (m) Leasing. In progress as C-969 (a)

- (n) J O'Rourke. Will attend 16th September with updates, including "Localism" issues.

- (o) Terms of Reference. Review in progress.

Proposed	G Riley	}	RESOLVED -	That the above Reports be accepted as presented.
Seconded	L Cook	}		

C-970 Unaudited Accounts for May & June 2015

- (a) *May Accounts have been verified by Cllr Adams – and refer to Budget*

	April	MAY	JUNE	
Income	18445.61	1133.44	577.20	£574 more than Budget
Expenditure	2275.23	7964.87	1915.32	£3363 less than Budget

- (b) Special Payments

St Johns Memorial Wall £4000; Basket Ball Stand £464; External auditor £240; VPA Annual subs £150; speed Watch £200; Hanging Baskets £380

Proposed	N Clutterbuck	}	RESOLVED -	- That the May & June Accounts, and Special
Seconded	P Jenner	}	(Unanimously)	Payments, are approved

C-971 BLA Situation

- (a) Mr D Redding (BLA Chairman) requests that the BPC cancels the BLA Lease – expires 2019.
- (b) A full Report on proposals is promised.

C-972 Meetings Timetable

- (a) Revised timetable presented that includes the PEC Meetings held with the BPC Meetings so now monthly meetings for all Councillors.
- (b) The revised programme for July and August agreed and the GPC will consider revisions for beyond August.

C-973 Chairman's Report

- (a) Nothing to add at this time

C-974 Clerk's Report

- (a) A new Forum Meeting (replacing the 'Cluster Meetings') is being proposed by B&NES and the meeting on Thursday 23rd July from 6pm at St Gregory's School, Combe Hay Lane will be attended. **RM**

C-975 Press Release

Nothing at this time

C-976 Date of next Meeting :-

Tuesday 4th AUGUST 2015 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

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

The previous Parish Council spent much time developing plans for improving the area around the shops and car park. They presented a comprehensive vision for the "Village Centre" that included, among other proposals, a redesign of the pavement area from the chemist to the White Lion. This plan was widely distributed and consultations took place with interested parties.

B&NES engineers and Skanska explored that design after a survey of traffic requirements and underground services. They also considered likely costs in the light of much reduced Council Budgets for 2015/16 onwards and returned with three options, two of which were felt to be deliverable within a reasonable time horizon.

The present Parish Council along with our District Councilors have held a number of meetings to review these options and concluded that the third option was the majority preference. A further meeting was held with B&NES and Skanska to allow all councilors to seek clarification on any matters and indeed a fourth alternative option was tabled and received detailed consideration.

We are advised that no progress can be made until the BPC formally resolve to accept one of these options after which detailed costing and planning actions can proceed. These next stages will involve various departments of B&NES who will examine the plans with regards to accessibility, traffic, safety, environment and cost.

When more detailed and costed plans along with a proposed timetable are available then a further consultation with interested parties including local residents, businesses and special interest groups is thought to be desirable.

This Council expresses a preference for Option 3 of the Pavement Improvement Plans as presented by B&NES/Skanska and wishes that this matter is progressed with urgency by our Unitary Authority.

This Council also wishes that proper attention is given to the following points of detail when reaching a final design stage and construction programme:-

- Pavement width is maximized along the full length of the construction.
- Cross and longitudinal falls are minimized along the footpaths.
- Consideration is given to ease of passing by wheelchairs and baby carriages.
- Short term parking for customers outside the shops is not diminished.
- Measures are taken to prevent parking or loading vehicles damaging the new areas or obstructing footways
- Materials used for pavement and sloped areas are appropriate for the location in a Conservation Area
- The BPC should approve the final choice of materials to be used.
- Disturbance to residents and businesses is minimized and once started works are completed speedily.