

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in  
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2016 at 7-15 pm**

**Present :-** Cllrs G Riley (Chair), P Burcombe, N Clutterbuck, P Corley, S Hagen, C McCarthy, R Mimmack and M Townley (Clerk)

**Attending:** Cllrs R Naish & M Veal

**C-183 Public Participation -Cllr Martin Veal (MV)**

Responded to several items on the Agenda and his comments are noted below.  
MV was thanked for his input and comments.

**C-184 Public Participation Cllr Rosemary Naish (RN)**

Cllr Naish was recently appointed Chairman of the B&NES branch of ALCA., so is visiting all Parish Councils and completed 17 visits – out of a total 49 Parishes.

Cllr Naish listened to the entire Meeting and offered comments at the finish:-

- a. As with the other Councils she is heartened at the depth of knowledge and dedication shown,
- b. Wished that more Public attended to understand the working of all the (unpaid) Councillors,
- c. Has offered to give a presentation to the GSC on “Neighbourhood Plans”.

Cllr Naish was thanked for her attendance and useful input.

**C-185 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs E Adams, C Bond, S Frayling, D Gledhill, D Redding

**C-186 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Burcombe and Mimmack declared their interest in the Church Hall – and offered an update on the Application to demolish and rebuild. This Planning Application – supported by the BPC last 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 – will probably be heard on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016.

**C-187 Minutes of Meeting held 5th JULY 2016**

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

**C-188 Matters Arising from the above Meeting**

- (a) The 'diagonal' Path from the Play Area has now been very successfully repaved
- (b) The Village Map was installed in the Toilet Block Noticeboard – now being refurbished after vandalism.
- (c) B&NES is to investigate their lack of gardening of the Penthouse Steps.  
A reconstruction of the Steps is also to be pursued.

**C-189 Planning Applications**

(a) Election of Vice-Chairman

Proposed	R Mimmack	}	RESOLVED -	That Cllr Catherine McCarthy be elected to serve for the year 2016 - 17
Seconded	G Riley	}	(Unanimously)	

(b) Application 16/03889/VA. (Site visits completed by Cllrs Burcombe and Corley.

Mrs S Harvey 2 Warleigh Drive, Batheaston	Variation of conditions following approval of 13/04272/FUL:-
1.Change approved materials - Composition Bath Stone finish - to Insulated Render	<b>REJECT</b> - All neighbouring property is constructed in Composition Bath Stone, and Render not in keeping, therefore failing policies D2 and D4
2.Substitute Roofing tiles	<b>SUPPORT</b>
3.Additional window in East elevation	<b>SUPPORT</b>

(c) Recommendations issued 22nd JULY 2016

16/03600/TCA	280A High street – Tree works	Supported
16/03617/TCA	Church Hall, School Lane – Tree works	Supported
16/03645/TCA	34 Northend – Tree works	Supported
16/05152/FUL	Church Hall – Added Heritage Statement	Supported

(d) B&NES Decisions

16/02453/FUL	305 London Road East – Erect hard standing + Room	Permit 11 JULY	(As recommended)
16/02728/FUL	Waterworks house – Replace Storage building	Permit 27 JULY	(As recommended)

**C-190 Receipt of Standing Committee Reports**

(a) Highways (HFL) – Cllr Susanne Hagen

- i B&NES will be too late with second annual Weeds Spraying. This Meeting agreed to use a Contractor **RM**
- ii Neil Ranch (B&NES) is to investigate their Verges Cutting programme efficacy.
- iii A Big Plant Sale in progress and this Meeting agreed to purchase of Holly and Bay Trees. **SH**
- iv The new Pavement at the bottom of Bannerdown Road set for installation in the last 3 weeks of October.  
B&NES is determining alternative Colerne bus routes
- v The reduction in height of the High Street Speed Table set for 6<sup>th</sup> September.
- vi Local Teams are resolving Health & Safety problems at the Car Park sub-stations.
- vii Anti-Dog fouling signs are to be pursued – mounted to metal backings. **CMcC/MT**
- viii The 'old' River Avon Footpath BA 2/5 needs refurbishment – and river bank repairs by B&NES
- ix Residents previous requests for more trees on the Estate has been cancelled.
- x B&NES has agreed to install additional “No Through Road” signs on Morris Lane at Barnfield Way and Worleigh Drive.

(b) General Strategies – Cllr Nigel Clutterbuck

- xi The GSC Meeting set for 23<sup>rd</sup> August should elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
- xii Toilet Block Door order mis-interpreted so installation now set for 30<sup>th</sup> August.
- xiii Bath has a “Bike-Hire” system which might be extendable to Batheaston.

- xiv Meeting arranged to determine a “back-up” system for BREDAC
- xv Cllr Veal's comments about B&NES engaging a Development Company (ADL) offers opportunities vs CURO proposals.
- xvi A Riverside Development scheme will be drafted for consideration at the next GSC meeting.
- xvii Grateful to Cllr Naish for offering a presentation on “Neighbourhood Plans”

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

**C-191 Presentation of Unaudited Accounts for July 2016**

(a) July Accounts – to be verified by Cllr E Adams.

	April	May	June	July	
Income	27382	572	580	<b>572</b>	£4356 More than Budget
Expenditure	4735	4128	3396	<b>3021</b>	£7776 Less than Budget

(b) Special Payments

Weeds Spraying £350; Two Big Trees £260

(c) Audit 2015-16 Status

Auditor – Grant Thornton – still reviewing the 8 pages submitted late April

Proposed	R Mimmack	}	RESOLVED -	That the July Accounts, and Special Payments, are approved
Seconded	P Burcombe	}	(Unanimously)	as presented.

**C-192 CURO Garage Block Regeneration**

(a) Still no reaction from CURO concerning our alternative proposals.

MV advised that CURO are not noted for engaging in debate and urges close follow-up. **GR**

(b) B&NES now has a Development company - ADL

**C-193 Councillors – Representations & Concerns**

(a) A Community Asset Transfer proposal from B&NES is still awaited. MV will urge. **MV**

(b) The Meadows and Wild Life Trust areas might be considered for possible future development by BPC and Bathampton PC.

(c) A Bath “Big Belly” litter bin is needed at Jones shop. Photos of the existing overflowing bin to be sent to MV for his pursuit. **SH**

(d) Christmas Tree Lights proposed on 4 x Street Lights. MV will help pursue this request. **MV**

(e) BPC has proposed that B&NES “adopt” our 16 x Street Lights. MV advised writing to Ms Fradd.

(f) As noted earlier the Replacement Village Hall might be considered by B&NES DCC on 21<sup>st</sup> September but – somehow – B&NES has posted old misleading documents that are being busily rescinded.

(g) Councillors invited to showup at the wednesday Coffee Mornings on a Wednesday in The Pavilion.

(h) The new gully Bridge off the Cycle Path being installed on 17<sup>th</sup> August – eases access to the Mills.

**C-194 Chairman’s Report**

(a) Still urging a meeting with the Medical Centre concerning the adjacent “eyesore” land.

(b) Situation with a Handyman advised to all Councillors – and being resolved.

**C-195 Clerk’s Report**

(a) The 3 x Authorities have bid for Government monies and must have an elected “Mayor” who will be the Government’s focal person. If elected this “Mayor” will attract some £30millions per annum for the next 30 years. A consultation questionnaire can be completed by any resident – copies issued to all Councillors and closing date is 16<sup>th</sup> August.

(b) This Meeting agreed not to advise B&NES of our existing Councillor vacancies, pending further resignations.

(c) B&NES is proposing changes to Council Tax Support and data issued to all Councillors.

**C-196 Communications**

Nothing at this time

**C-197 Date of next Meeting :-**

**Tuesday 13th SEPTEMBER 2015 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion**

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