

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held  
in The Rhymes Pavilion on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017 at 7-15 pm**

**Present :-** Cllrs R Mimmack (Chair), E Adams, P Burcombe, N Clutterbuck, D Craig, P Day, D Greener, S Hagen, C McCarthy, A Pavlou, D Redding, E Wright and M Townley (Clerk)

**Attending:** Cllr Millar and 7 x residents.

**1 (A) Public Participation – P Fear**

Had advised the BPC Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May that the River Footpath BA 2/5 was in need of a survey to assist with the programming of future repairs. It has been ascertained that the Cotswold AONB is offering Grants to complete a Survey. A quotation of £1335 + VAT – has been obtained. If BPC apply for the grant and commission the Survey the VAT can be recovered. There is some urgency as it is desirable to complete the Survey when the water levels are low.

This Meeting agreed in principle that the BPC would support this Grant request.

It will be an Agenda item for Council on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**(B) Public Participation – 4 x Separate Residents**

Spoke unanimously in favour of retaining the BT Phone Box in Eagle Road to celebrate the “Suffragette Movement” and urged Councillors to support and recognise the wishes of residents.

Such a recognition would reflect the wishes expressed by Col. Blathwaite, owner of Eagle House in 1909 that “*future generations should honour these noble people*”.

It was noted that the only known surviving Tree planted by the Suffragettes is located in the back garden at 13 Eagle Park

**2 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs S Cast, J Jeffery, J Luck (family commitments – accepted.),

**3 Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**4 Minutes of the Meetings held 10<sup>th</sup> JULY, 24<sup>th</sup> JULY, 31<sup>st</sup> JULY and 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Proposed Seconded	S Hagen D Greener	} }	RESOLVED - (Unanimously)	That all of the above Minutes are accepted as a true record. The Chairman signed them accordingly.
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**5 BT Telephone Booth, Eagle Road**

5.1 Cllr McCarthy had submitted Reports and papers – Costings, Risk Assessment – in support of her motion - as a proposal to adopt the Kiosk as a presentation media to celebrate the Suffragette movement.

February 1918 (not 2019 as stated at the meeting) was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first parliamentary Act establishing Women’s Suffrage. This Booth is well situated as it now stands on the corner of the previous Eagle House gardens.

5.2 There is an “Arts Grant” available from B&NES and it is proposed to submit a request – coupled with preservation proposals for the Tree planted in 13 Eagle Park garden.

Other grant money is available under a Government scheme which opens on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

5.3 Immediate costs are Purchase cost of £1.00 plus £4.82 Annual Insurance.

5.4 There will be further costs to develop this Kiosk – photographs, repainting, montages etc – and a Working Group (see Agenda item 7 below) is proposed to complete the required researches and grant applications..

Proposed Seconded	C McCarthy P Burcombe	} }	RESOLVED -	That the Kiosk be acquired from BT for use a commemoration and Information Facility about the suffragettes Cllr Clutterbuck asked for a recorded vote and the result of the vote was: “For” RM, PB, NC, PD, CMcC, DR, EW “Against” EA, DG, SH, AP “Abstain” DC
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**6 CALOO Outdoor Gym Equipment**

6.1 Purchase of 4 x Items of equipment had been agreed by the BPC and a site beside the Secret Garden wall identified.

However new information about ‘safety’ clearances around the units negated the proposed site.

6.2 A team of Councillors had investigated an alternative site but this new position requires some considerable investigation to clear underground services, safety fencing, pathways etc.

6.3 The Supplier – CALOO – is willing to cancel the order at NO cost to the BPC.

6.4 The project can be re-visited when all information, including a survey of demand, has been reviewed by a Riverside Working Group.

6.5 Cllr Clutterbuck spoke against any cancellation as, in his opinion, the Units had been offered at a very advantageous rate.

Proposed Seconded	D Greener A Pavlou	} }	RESOLVED -	To cancel, at no cost to the BPC, the order for the Outdoor Gym Equipment. Again Cllr Clutterbuck called for a recorded vote, the result of which was: “For” RM, EA, DC, PD, DG, SH, AP, EW “Against” PB, NC, CMcC “Abstain” DR
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**7 Working Group Proposals**

It is proposed to reduce the number of Standing committees and introduce Working Groups.

Papers had been emailed and hard copies provided for (a) retaining a Planning Applications Committee and (b) the Review and Policy Committee and Human Resources Sub-Committee, and adding initially 6 x Working Groups for:-

7.1 Batheaston Neighbourhood Plan;

7.2 Car Parking Management, including the Riverside Car Park;

7.3 Riverside Area, including the Secret Garden and Toilet Block;

7.4 Play Area Management, including maintenance, health & safety and new items of equipment;

7.5 Christmas Lighting for 2018

7.6 Suffragette Memorials

The 'draft' papers to be reissued and all Councillors urged to review the proposals so that implementation can be considered at the next BPC Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September. **RM**

An "open" meeting in September – to be held in St Johns Church – is still proposed for all Volunteers advised in the NP questionnaire.

**8** The Meeting witnessed the signing of 2 x cheques by Cllrs Adams and Mimmack.

**9** **Date of next Meeting:-**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (To be confirmed)**

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