

## Batheaston Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of Batheaston Parish Council held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Present: Councillors Hannah Squire (Chairman), Dom Denny, Derek Greener,  
Alison James, Tamsin May, Catherine McCarthy,  
Sue Peachey, Patrick Vandestein.**

In attendance: Richard Maccabee (Clerk).

#### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. **Public participation** regarding matters on the agenda.
  - 1.1. A number of representatives of GrowBatheaston attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the activities of the group, which came into existence in the first lockdown period last year.
  - 1.2. They have already undertaken several projects. established a physical and online presence and built up a strong network of relationships with a diverse set of local organisations.
  - 1.3. They have received 500 trees of various species from Conversation Volunteers to be planted in a publicly accessible space, and would be interested in working the Council if it has suitable land.
  - 1.4. They are also keen to set up some "Sharing Sheds" and to assist the Council with the Playground Project.
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs James Jeffery, Andrew Lea, Alexis Pavlou. **Matt Tovey**
3. There were no **declarations of interest** from Councillors.
4. **Council approved** a motion by the Clerk to defer the approval the minutes of the two meetings of Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to the next meeting.  
(This also deferred **Item 5** on the Agenda.)
6. **Council noted** the Response to the Complaint as approved by Cllr Jeffrey, the Chairman of the meeting on Council on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

#### STANDING ITEMS AND REPORTS

7. **Planning Applications**
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  - 8.1. To review the following planning application from Bath and North East Somerset Council:
    - 8.1.1. Application: [19/05512/FUL](#)  
This was on the basis of concerns that the development would have an adverse effect on the environment, exacerbating flooding on the site and elsewhere; increasing existing traffic congestion and parking difficulties in the area. It was noted that the proposed development would be more

acceptable if there was a commitment to have "net-zero impact".

**Councillors resolved to object** to this Application on this basis.

8.1.2. Application: [20/04278/FUL](#)

Councillors **resolved not to object**.

It was however suggested that it might be necessary to take steps to ensure that they are not used by the general public as an informal recycling site.

8.1.3. Application: [20/04321/FUL](#) Councillors resolved **not to object**.

8.1.4. Application: [20/04467/FUL](#) Councillors resolved **not to object**.

8.1.5. Application: [20/04506/VAR](#) Councillors resolved **not to object**.

8.1.6. Application: [20/04544/VAR](#) Councillors resolved **not to object**.

**8.2. Council noted** the following decisions on planning applications have been notified by Bath and North East Somerset Council:

8.2.1. Application: 20/03564/FUL – Decision: Permit

8.2.2. Application: [20/03616/TPO](#) – Decision: Consent

8.2.3. Application: [20/03633/LBA](#) – Decision: Consent

8.2.4. Application: [20/03838/TCA](#) – Decision: No Objection

8.2.5. Application: [20/04013/TCA](#) – Decision: No Objection.

## 9. Clerk's report.

**9.1. To receive** a report from the Clerk. (Clerk, A)

9.1.1. **To note** that the new website for the Council is now live.

9.1.1.1. The Clerk indicated that he intended to switch off the old site by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

9.1.1.2. He requested content from Councillors, their personal biographies and photographs, and the information on Village.

9.1.1.3. It was noted that he now needs to set up the new Email Accounts, which are referenced in the new site.

9.1.2. **Council noted** the recent inquiry from GrowBatheaston for suggestions of sites to plant 500 trees, as discussed in Item 1.

## 10. Chairman's report.

- 10.1. The Chairman indicated that she has little to say, as this is her first meeting. She noted however that 2020 had been a difficult year for everybody, and looked forward to 2021, with the hope that the Council would harness the energy in the community, as demonstrated by GrowBatheaston.
- 10.2. Ward Councillor Sarah Warren indicated that she is happy to give a brief update.
- 10.3. She described the work done to re-surface the roads on St Catherine Way, which was urgently required to allow buses to climb access. This had led to the removal of some parking spaces. Some spaces were to be reinstated in response to objections.
- 10.4. The Clean Air Zone in central Bath will come into effect on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021. This will mean that vans, lorries, and other larger vehicles will face a charge. More details are at: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/bath-clean-air-zone>
- 10.5. She noted that there will be consultation on the Partial Update to the Local Plan in January and February 2021. She explained that this partial update is being undertaken to incorporate Climate Emergency, and a full update.
- 10.6. Cllr Vandesteen reminded Councillors to submit proposals for inclusion in the 2021/22 budget in time for the Finance Committee, on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**The meeting closed at 8:19pm**

### **Forthcoming Meetings**

Parish Council Meeting, 7:15pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021  
Finance Committee Meeting, 7:15pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Parish Council Meetings are open meetings;  
members of the public are welcome to attend and may speak by invitation.

Signed: -

*Richard Maccabee*

Parish Clerk

Date 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021