

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Batheaston Parish Council is held at
7:15pm on Tuesday 17th May 2022, at the Rhymes Pavilion.

Present: Councillors Hannah Squire (Chair of Council),
Peter Bryant, Peter Lewis, Catherine McCarthy, Sue Peachey.

In attendance: Richard Maccabee (Clerk).

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- 1.1. To elect the Chair of Council
- 1.2. Cllr Squire was nominated and seconded, and duly elected to the post.
- 1.3. Public participation regarding matters on the agenda.
- 1.4. There were no members of the public present, but Ward Councillor Sarah Warren gave a brief update on BANES' activity:
 - 1.4.1. Regarding the Liveable Neighbourhood project for Morris Lane / Bannerdown Road she said that there will be a co-design meeting for residents and others, on the evening of 1st June 2022. This will aim to determine aspects of the plan to take forward.
 - 1.4.2. There was a discussion about speeding controls; the addition of more 20 mph signs; using informal signs to encourage adherence; and vehicle activated signs. Cllr McCarthy said that she would follow this up.

Cllr McCarthy

2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Pavlou
3. There were **no declarations of interest** from Councillors.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**
 - 4.1. The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 26th April 2022 were **approved**.
5. **To approve** the co-option to the Council.
 - 5.1. This item was deferred to the next meeting, as the co-option candidate had been unable to attend.
6. **To elect** a Vice-Chair of Council
 - 6.1. This item was deferred to the next meeting.



VILLAGE MATTERS

7. Highways

- 7.1. **Council received** a verbal report on matters relating to Highways from Cllr McCarthy.
- 7.2. Councillors discussed concerns about litter in the village, and options to address this problem. They asked the Clerk to schedule a meeting to brainstorm ideas to improve the situation. In the meantime, they asked him to make sure litter was a focus for Council staff.

Clerk

8. Queens Platinum Jubilee

- 8.1. **Council received** a verbal report on the planning for celebrations of the Jubilee party from Cllr Squire.
 - 8.1.1. She described recent discussions with potential providers of entertainment, which are not yet concluded, but she is hopeful that a full programme will be in place for the event.

9. Riverside

- 9.1. **Council received** a verbal update from Cllr Lewis as the leader of the Riverside Working Group.
 - 9.1.1. He has been impressed with the activity of the Secret Gardeners and Grow Batheaston in establishing the Forest Garden.
 - 9.1.2. He also commended the work on the tree surgeon, George Cashel, of GC Tree Services, in attending to the ash trees and fallen alder, particularly in providing the basis for table and benches to be created from the trunks of the ash trees.
 - 9.1.3. The damage to the height restriction barrier to the car park was noted, and the Clerk was asked to address this urgently.

Clerk

- 9.2. **Council approved** a quotation to pollard the goat willows in the Forest Garden area of the Riverside, at a cost of £480.

Clerk

10. Rural Leadership Group

- 10.1. **To approve** the establishment of a committee to oversee improved communications with residents by all community organisations, including the Parish Council, to ensure that the "Batheaston Times" continues after its successful launch edition, and to include other communication channels.
 - 10.1.1. The Clerk apologised that he had not been able to provide the document for this item, and it was deferred to the next meeting.

Clerk



GOVERNANCE MATTERS

11. Approval of Council Policies

- 11.1. **Council approved** the Standing Orders, which are unchanged from the review in August 2021.
- 11.1.1. The Clerk confirmed that he had reviewed the guidance from sector bodies to ensure that there were no changes recommended arising from legislation changes, etc.
- 11.2. **Council approved** the Financial Regulations, noting that the changes to those approved in November 2020 are minimal; simply to reflect latest figures derived from EU and Government thresholds.
- 11.3. **To approve** the Code of Conduct.
- 11.3.1. This item was deferred
- 11.4. **Council approved** the Complaints Policy, which are unchanged from the review in October 2020.

Clerk

FINANCE MATTERS

12. Finance Update

- 12.1. **To receive** a report from the Clerk.
- 12.1.1. This item was deferred

Clerk

13. Grant Application from Community Groups

- 13.1. **To approve** an application for a grant from Sight Support West of England.
- 13.1.1. Councillors discussed the application but were unable to clarify some key questions. They asked that the Clerk reschedule the item for a future meeting when the applicants might be able to attend.

Clerk

STANDING ITEMS AND REPORTS

14. Planning Applications

- 14.1. **Council reviewed, and resolved not to oppose** the following planning applications from Bath and North East Somerset Council:
- 14.1.1. Reference Number: 22/01612/FUL
- 14.1.2. Reference Number: 22/01671/VAR
- 14.1.3. Reference Number: 22/01677/FUL



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

14.2.1. Application Number: 22/00002/FUL
Decision: PERMIT

14.2.2. Application Number: 22/00931/FUL
Decision: PERMIT

14.2.3. Application Number: 22/01024/FUL
Decision: PERMIT

14.2.4. Application Number: 22/01225/FUL
Decision: PERMIT

14.2.5. The Clerk commented that these decisions accorded with the recommendations of the Council

15. Clerk's Report

15.1. **Council received** a report from the Clerk, including the following specific items.

15.1.1. **Council approved the installation of signs to limit parking on the Riverside Car Park to 2 hours.**

16. Chairman's Report

16.1. Cllr Squire thanked Councillors for their hard work, particularly in preparing the Jubilee Party, and hoped that it would be a special day for the community.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Parish Council Meeting, 21st June

Council meetings are open to the public, and members of the public are welcome to join and may speak by invitation

Signed by Cllr Hannah Squire, Chair of Council:

Date:

