

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Batheaston Parish Council held at 7:15pm on Tuesday 18th October 2022, at the Rhymes Pavilion.

Present: Councillors Hannah Squire (Chair of Council), Peter Bryant, Wesley Hallam, Peter Lewis, Catherine McCarthy, and Kate Skelton.

In attendance: Richard Maccabee (Clerk), Councillors on Bath & North East Somerset Council: Kevin Guy, Shaun Stephenson McGall, and Sarah Warren.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Public participation regarding matters on the agenda.

- 1.1. The Chair of Bath & North East Somerset Council, Cllr Shaun Stephenson McGall
 - 1.1.1. He said that he has been a Councillor for Oldfield Park for 24 years and has just become a member of a Parish Council.
 - 1.1.2. He is attending this meeting, and others with Parish and Town Councils in BANES, principally to thank the Parish Councillors for undertaking the role without payment. He said that he appreciates the important role that these Councils play in their communities.
 - 1.1.3. He is also seeking to understand this tier of Local Government better.
 - 1.1.4. Parish Councillors asked about the local bus service. BANES Councillors replied that the service is provided by private companies under legislation made at national level. The main recourse is for residents to write to the companies responsible for delivering the service, or to members of parliament to press them to allow local councils to have greater control of services (as is the case in London and Manchester).
 - 1.1.5. They are however working with colleagues at the West of England Combined Authority to seek to improve the service.

2. Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Alexis Pavlou and Sue Peachey.

3. No declarations of interest from Councillors.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

- 4.1. Council approved the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 27th September 2022.

VILLAGE MATTERS

5. Playground

- 5.1. Council noted the recent annual inspection, undertaken by the "Play Inspections Company", and that repair and replacement is in hand for the following items:



- 5.1.1. replacing the bucket swing seat;
- 5.1.2. repairing or replacing the broken fence;
- 5.1.3. replacing the self-closing gate.
- 5.2. **Council approved** the replacement of the picnic table, at a cost of up to £800.
- 5.3. Cllr Skelton gave a brief update on the Park Party Event, which had been very successful and well attended. The Graffiti Workshop on the skate ramp and the walls of the garages had been a particular success.
 - 5.3.1. Cllr Lewis said that he has started work to analyse the results of the survey of residents. There had been 89 responses; it had proved to be a very successful way of involving members of the community.
 - 5.3.2. The Clerk reported that he had written to the Enover Trust seeking an extension of its deadline for completion of the project to June 2023.

6. Rhymes Pavilion and Penny's Pantry

- 6.1. The Clerk briefed the Council on his discussion with representatives of Penny's Pantry, whom he had met recently.
 - 6.1.1. They are hoping to put the operation on a formal footing, ideally by finding a charity or other organisation to take responsibility for it.
 - 6.1.2. It was noted that it has quite a large client base, including from amongst single parents and the elderly.
 - 6.1.3. It was noted that they are in discussion with Batheaston Leisure Association as a means of securing its future.
- 6.2. Council discussed the future of the Rhymes Pavilion
 - 6.2.1. The Clerk commented that he had had a chance discussion with the managing partner of a local Architects, who had offered to provide advice on the feasibility of various options to refurbish, extend and replace the building. Councillors asked him to proceed with these discussions.
 - 6.2.2. It was noted that many members of the Community feel a great sense of ownership and pride in the building, and the Council should bare this in mind in reviewing options.
- 6.3. What did we say about: "To approve a plan for the Council to take part in the "Warm Welcome" initiative."? I didn't record anything, and am not sure you voted for anything?



7. Car Park

- 7.1. Council noted progress to implement parking limits in the Car Park, which should be in place by Christmas.

8. Christmas Events

- 8.1. Cllr McCarthy briefed Council on the current plans.

8.1.1. The date for the switch on has been set for Saturday 3rd December.

8.1.2. The planned pop-up market scheduled for the same early evening has been moved from the Riverside Car Park to New Village Hall and St Johns Church.

8.1.3. It was noted that the Santa Float, organised by the Rotary Club, is also set for that same evening.

8.1.4. The fair at the Primary School is due to take place on the previous Saturday, 26th November.

9. Highways

- 9.1. Council received an update on the following streetlights from the Clerk:

9.1.1. The repair to the West View Road is being undertaken by BANES, who have offered to take the light on, subject to a contribution from the Council equivalent to the cost of decommissioning the list (as approved at previous Council meeting).

9.1.2. The work to decommission the light on Northend, near Fairhaven Cottages, has been commissioned.

9.1.3. The repair of the light on Vale View Terrace has been investigated and will now proceed.

9.1.4. It was noted that the replacement of the light on The Batch is about to be undertaken.

- 9.2. Cllr McCarthy commented that the work on the Suffragette Memorial is ongoing and working towards completion in the next month or so.

9.3. Cllr McCarthy has also been pursuing the problem of speeding, and the possible installation of new signage to try to combat this. She is currently awaiting further information from our Police Community Support Officer and BANES.

- 9.4. She will be speaking to the owner of the Horse Trough on the High Street, to seek to have it better presented.



STANDING ITEMS AND REPORTS

12. Planning Applications

- 12.1. **Council reviewed and resolved not to oppose** the following planning applications from Bath and North East Somerset Council:
- 12.1.1. Reference Number: [22/03919/LBA](#)
 - 12.1.2. Reference Number: [22/03918/FUL](#)
 - 12.1.3. Reference Number: [22/03755/TCA](#)
 - 12.1.4. Reference Number: [22/03666/TCA](#)
 - 12.1.5. Reference Number: [22/04025/FUL](#)
- 12.2. **Council noted** the following decisions on planning applications have been notified by Bath and North East Somerset Council:
- 12.2.1. Application Number: 22/03233/VAR: PERMIT
 - 12.2.2. Application Number: 22/03104/FUL: PERMIT
 - 12.2.3. Application Number: 22/02504/FUL: PERMIT
 - 12.2.4. Application Number: 22/02505/LBA: CONSENT
 - 12.2.5. Application Number: 22/03149/FUL: PERMIT
- 12.3. **Council noted** that all of these decisions align with the recommendations of the Parish Council.
- 12.4. **Council considered** the process for engaging with Bath and North East Somerset Council's Consultation on its Local Plan.
- 12.4.1. It was noted that the wholesale review of the Plan is commencing, and Parish Councils will be consulted in the New Year.
- 12.5. To resolve that the Clerk will provide a Terms of Reference for a Sub-committee to review Planning Applications for the next meeting.
- 12.5.1. Councillors expressed a variety of views, with a number of the view that the current process is reasonably effective.
 - 12.5.2. They **resolved to defer the item**, to allow for more consideration.



13. Clerk's Report

13.1. Council received a brief verbal report from the Clerk.

13.1.1. He undertook to propose a schedule for meetings in 2023 as soon as possible, for adoption at the next meeting.

Clerk

13.1.2. He informed Councillors that he had received a donation of £50 from a local couple for the Playground Project. Councillors expressed their gratitude and asked him to send a letter of thanks on their behalf.

Clerk

14. Chairman's Report

14.1. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Kevin Gill, Shaun Stephenson McGall and Sarah Warren for attending the meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:17pm

Forthcoming Meetings:

HR Committee Meeting, 1st November 2022
Council Meeting, 15th November 2022

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:

15.11.22

