

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the General Strategies Committee Meeting held  
in The Rhymes Pavilion on 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 at 7-15 pm**

**Present** : Cllrs E Adams,(Chair), P Burcombe, N Clutterbuck, S Hagen, D Redding, G Riley & M Townley (Clerk)  
**Attending:** Cllrs C McCarthy and Messrs D Greener, P Bowden, P Fear, P Johnston and M Stevens

**G-694 Public Participation**

- (a) Derek Greener – Was attending to observe as is interested in the Councillor vacancy. He has lived in High Bannerdown for 11 years, is a retired engineer and has 2 x children and 4 x grand-children. Now wishes to participate and offer some energy to this Village
- (b) Paul Bowden – Appreciates the installation of a Pavement at the bottom of Bannerdown Road but there are “teething” problems. He read out a long list of email exchanges with the B&NES officer, responses not satisfactory.  
Cllr Burcombe echoed some of these problems.  
A site meeting will be arranged with the B&NES officer. **SH**
- (c) Peter Fear – his updates on progressing the refurbishment of the river bank alongside the Cycle Path has been issued to all Councillors. The establishment of an organisation “Friends of Bathampton Meadows” is in progress and the Bathscape and Waterscape organisations have just been granted £1.5 million so that funds should be available for further works.
- (d) Phil Johnstone – The ‘heart’ of the many emails over the past 3 months is a need to verify a percentage in the 2009 Vision Plan. Some 82% of respondents had declared a wish for the Pedestrian Bridge and copies of the “raw data” needed for his personal verification.  
A source of this “raw data” will be researched. **NC**
- (e) Mark Stevens – Recognises the value of P Fear’s works but is concerned that there will be further developments on the Meadows.  
The Meadows are owned by B&NES and firmly in Bathampton Parish.  
The BPC has NO plans for development but is liaising with the Avon Wildlife Trust, the “Friends” and Bathampton PC.

**G-695 Apologies**

Cllr R Mimmack(?)

**G-696 Declarations of Interest**

None declared

**G-697 Committee composition**

All attending members can vote at this Meeting

**G-698 Minutes of the Meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

Proposed	G Riley	}	RESOLVED -	That the Minutes be accepted as a true record.
Seconded	P Burcombe	}		

**G-699 Matters Arising from above Minutes**

- (a) A new Gas Sub-station cover will be installed 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> December and Western Power has permitted the BPC to repaint the Electricity Sub-station.

**G-700 New Parish Councillors**

- (a) Mr Greener was attending today to observe how we operate.
- (b) 2 x further residents have expressed an interest but meeting on Tuesdays is difficult for both.  
Co-option to a Working Party is possible.
- (c) Propose that all Vacancy advertisements be repeated. **Monitors**

**G-701 Riverside Project – CAT Progress**

- (a) Whilst B&NES has accepted that the Gardens Listed Walling needs extensive repairs a CAT will not be prepared whilst the BPC insists on improvements.
- (b) This Meeting agreed to the proposed additional clause which keeps responsibility for any Walling repairs with B&NES whilst the BPC assumes this Community Asset Transfer. (CAT)
- (c) Our Ward Councillors and Cllr C Gerrish are supporting this alternative clause.

**G-702 Neighbourhood Plan (NP)Proposals**

- (a) A NP must have a Team comprising half Parish Councillors and half Residents.
- (b) This Meeting agreed to pursue with a Working Party when Councillor vacancies are filled.
- (c) ALCA has issued funding guidelines for any NP

**G-703 Enhancement/Precept 2017-18 Proposals**

- (a) Riverside Benches £2000, Secret Garden £1000, Youth Shelter Resiting £500, New Shelter £5000
- (b) Pursuing an entry in the “South West in Bloom” will be considered by the HFL Committee **SH**

**G-704 “Scenic Map” Considerations**

(a) In progress

**GR**

**G-705 Standing Orders - Update**

- (a) All Councillors were emailed with copies of the proposed minor changes to acknowledge the alterations in the Committees composition – titles of GSC and PAC, and absorption of SGC.
- (b) Comments to be advised to the Clerk by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December so that a completed set of Orders can be considered at the BPC Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**ALL**

**G-706 Any Other Business**

- (a) The Car Park sign advising of potential “Flooding” is missing. **HFL**
- (b) Swainswick PC has successfully planted 99 Yew Trees. (Similar to replace our Football Field Lleylandii?) **PAC**
- (c) The Gents/Ladies sections of the Toilet Block are to be cleared out soon. **NC/SF**
- (d) A large vehicle is traversing the Footpath behind the School and churning up the ground.  
The 2 x iron bollards in the Handyman’s store to be installed to prevent access. **HFL**
- (e) B&NES is still refusing to acknowledge that the Gardens at the Penthouse Steps are their property so the BP will adopt. Monies will be required to refurbish. **HFL**

**G-707 Communications**

- (a) Mr Johnston was given time to explain what he really wanted with the last 3 month’s emails.  
The BPC will research for the Vision Plan “raw data” he has requested [see G-694(d)]  
The BPC believe that all inquiries will then be satisfied and reiterate that the Meadows fare in the Parish of Bathampton and that the BPC has are no plans for development on the Meadows..

**G-708 Date of Next Meeting**

**Proposed for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017 in The Rhymes Pavilion 2016 at 7.15pm**

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