

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Monday 20th September 2011 at 7-15 pm

Present :- Cllrs V Pecchia(Chair) P Blanking, L Brass, S Fremantle, K Eardley, D Gledhill, K Hawkins, J Heffer, D Lavington, G Riley, D Robins, M Tabb, V Trenchard and M Townley (Clerk)
Apologies : Cllr J Beresford-Smith,
In attendance: Cllr M Veal

C-521 Co-option of Parish Councillor

Proposed V Pecchia } RESOLVED – By a show of hands Mrs Margaret Johns was co-opted to
Seconded K Hawkins } (unanimously) be a full Parish Councillor for the term ending May 2014
The 3 other nominees to be offered Co-opted Committee Membership to either the PEC, HFL or VCC
Committees **VP**

C-522 Minutes of Meeting held 1st August 2011

Proposed K Hawkins } RESOLVED – That the Minutes be formally approved as presented.
Seconded P Blanking } (Unanimously)

C-523 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

(a) The proposed Press Release was overtaken by data published, that week, in the Bath Chronicle.

C-524 Composition and Membership of Committees

Both the GPC and HFL Committees have a vacancy.
No volunteer offered to bring these Committees “up-to-strength”.

C-525 Chairman’s Report & Correspondence (V Pecchia)

(a) River Avon Crossing

1. The programme is now at serious risk of delay because Development Control, after some 8 weeks, have still not offered an opportunity to meet, for pre application consultation. Help has been solicited from our District Councillor M Veal and Planning Policy Director Mr. Simon de Beer, hopefully through their intervention DC will respond. Failing this the matter will be brought to the attention of the Cabinet Member Councillor R. Symonds.
Delays now occurring

(b) River Avon Footpath BA 2/5 Repair

2 Repairs are running late –completion date is late Autumn

(c) Park & Ride Progress

3 The B&NES BTP bid was submitted by 9th September and DOES NOT include the Meadows nor the BRT.
The final bid to the Department for Transport did not include the Bathampton Meadow P&R nor the BRT. The effect of this was that if the bid is successful the contribution from Central Government would be in the order of £11 million rather than the original £36million and the B&NES contribution £17.8 million.
MV suggested a small window of opportunity might now exist were the meadows could be bought through East of Bath Parishes or a supportive benefactor, from B&NES at existing use value. If such acquisition and control could be secured the land could be allocated for recreational use, village Green or other appropriate status which would safeguard against the meadows being resurrected as an east of Bath P&R location in the future.

(d) Address to Bathford & Bathampton Parish Councils – concerning the Footbridge & VCC

4 Bathford PC addressed and the information appreciated.
Bathford welcomed the “Jubilee” initiative and our data to be forwarded. **MT**
Bathampton PC Chairman to meet with VP in the next 2 weeks.

(e) Nominations for B&NES Chairman’s Awards

5 Data on the 3 nominations available and Nominations paperwork to be completed. **VP/MT**

Proposed L Brass } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded P Blanking } (Unanimously)

C-526 Report from Planning & Environment Committee (D Robins)

(f) Status of Batheaston’s Decisions to Planners

6 This Council is averaging just over 15 days to process Applications. B&NES takes almost another 7 weeks to complete – even when agreeing with our recommendation.

(g) Recommendation to lobby for “Lead Parish Status” at LDF Place-Making Stage

7 This Council’s status in the B&NES “league” tables is high and we are now working to utilise that ranking.

(h) Imminent Development at bottom of Bannerdown Road

8 Application still being considered and the Cluster Meeting confirmed that a “106 Agreement” should be enforced to improve the carriageway.
TPO on an associated Tree has been confirmed. Any proposed tree-works will now require B&NES approval.

(j) Colerne ex-MoD Storage

9 The presentation by the consultants on the proposed re-development cancelled because the Developer is re-working following comments from the Colerne PC.

(k) B&NES Place-Making Programme

10 Core Strategy – questionnaire to be completed.

The new Government's overhaul of all planning regulations is very good, but permissions are assumed if the application accords with the Local Plan. But not every authority has an approved "Local Plan".

Proposed L Brass } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded K Eardley } (Unanimously)

C-527 Report from Village Centre Committee (K Hawkins)

(l) Recommendation to hold Jubilee Event in 2012

11 Bathampton has a volunteer to join our organising Committee – Cllr Sue Chrisley. Bathford are "warm" to the idea and will consider participation. The BREDAC notice has realised a resident-volunteer.

Notes of the last Meeting (Inc. MV) notes will be circulated to all Councillors. **MT**

12 A Beacon on Solsbury hill is not going well with English Heritage. EH fears that the heat will disturb carbon-dating of any archaeological studies. Alternative ideas to a traditional beacon were discussed such as perhaps a tethered lit-up 'mongolfier' balloon.

MTa is to progress potential proposal and will report in due course. **MTa**

(m) Recommendation to seek Grant aid for Shop's Pavement Improvements

13 Preparation proposed at next week's VCC meeting – together with a "small projects" grant for the Jubilee Event.

(n) Communications Workshop Update

14 Last week's Media Workshop attended by 6 Councillors – and was well received.

This workshop will be repeated, before proposing any changes to communication processes. **DG**

15 Extreme difficulty to get any B&NES officer to consult meaningfully on "Quiet Lanes/Pedestrianisation" proposals. The B&NES data is very out-of-date. **DG**

Proposed L Brass } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded V Trenchard } (Unanimously)

C-528 Report from highways, Footpaths & Lighting Committee (J Heffer)

(o) Bannerdown Progress on 20mph Limits

16 Officers at the recent Cluster Meeting agreed to investigate – especially if a "106 Agreement" can be agreed. An update will be sought at the next cluster meeting.

(p) Re-instatement of Solsbury Hill Footpath

17 After 4 years our application is now 8th in the queue. The legalities are expensive and need much processing.

(q) Lighting Matters

18 Residents had been canvassed about "switching" off Lamps in St Catherines Lane.

This meeting agreed to closing down Lamp No 002 – opposite Fairhaven Cottages.

(r) Update on B&NES Joint local Transport Plan

19 Now pending the review requested by the Inspector.

(s) Road Repairs

20 Repairs in Fosse Lane promised in the next 28 days.

MV advised that any other road repairs required, are identified photographed and sent to B&NES through Council Connect for attention.

Proposed D Gledhill } RESOLVED - That the Report be accepted as presented.
Seconded M Tabb } (Unanimously)

C-529 Report from General Purposes Committee (S Fremantle)

Presentation of unaudited Accounts for April/May/June 2011 (M Townley) Figures as per Budget

(t) 21 Income: April £477; May £184; June £83 Expenditure : April £-2175; May £ -2127; June July £ 33; August £ 173 £-5150; July £-7865; August £-11118

(u) Special Payments Recommendations (M Townley)

22 Creed Family Memorial Seat £400 (to be sited in the Gardens); Hard Drive Recovery £70

(v) Resolution – Amendments to Standing Orders – Tranche 2

23 Proposed S Fremantle & Seconded V Pecchia RESOLVED – (unanimously)

24 Adopts the draft SOs 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 submitted by the GPC as an Annex and shall prevail over existing SOs as last amended on 21st Sept 2010

25 The Working Party to continue examination of the NALC Model SOs, seeking to complete for adoption at the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2012

(w) Progress of Bulletin no 28

26 Reports due this week from some Chairmen. **VP/KH/SF**

To be reviewed and passed to DG for "enhancement". **VP/DG**

(x) Meetings Timetable

27 This Meeting agreed to adopt the May to May calendar – as per issued timetable.

(y) Noxious Weeds

28 Himalayan Balsam, Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed identifies in the banks of the Brook. B&NES can treat fro £1100/annum. Alternative treatment by the Council's Gardener has been adopted instead and monies to be allocated for treatment each year.

Proposed L Brass } RESOLVED - That the Accounts, Special Payments and Report be
Seconded D Lavington } (Unanimously) accepted as presented.

C-530 Report from all Councillors – representation and issues in Village

(a) Tree at the top of muddy Lane is obscuring Lamp No 006. B&NES to treat; **MT**

(b) Refurbishment of yellow lines on the Estate missed in the spring re-workings;

- (c) Monks Path overgrown between Hamlyns and Upper Northend Farm. Council resolved no action be taken for the time being.
- (d) BMX riders are using footpath BA 2/31. The Police are to be advised as misuse of the field poses a danger to public footpath users and the BMX riders themselves who often do not wear appropriate safety equipment; **MT**
- (e) DG is researching the possibility of a Junior Parish Council;

C-531 BLA Report

- (a) Next meeting set for Wednesday 28th September.
- (b) Council resolved that mesh chain link fencing alongside Coalpit Road, should be replaced as previous type but with a gate nearby the Rhymes Pavilion. MT to advise BLA. **MT**
- (c) The village Football Team is now active and plays its home games on the Lansdown playing fields.

C-532 Clerks Report

- (a) Councillors expressed a wish for the offered "Accounts Training". Proposed date is Tuesday 18th October in the Rhymes Pavilion at 7.15pm.
- (b) The ALCA Meeting – to determine Liaison Agenda – set for Wednesday 28th Sept in Timsbury
- (c) The ALCA AGM still OK for Thursday 13th October.

C-533 Press Release

Nothing at this time

C-534 Date of next Meeting: -

Tuesday 25th October 2011 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

Chairman.....Date.....