

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Monday 25th October 2011 at 7-15 pm

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

Messrs Steve Cast and Peter Fear were welcomed to their first full Parish Council Meeting.

C-536 Minutes of Meeting held 20th September 2011

Proposed D Lavington } RESOLVED – That the Minutes be formally approved as presented.
Seconded D Gledhill } (Unanimously)

C-537 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

(a) Nothing raised

C-538 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-539 Chairman’s Report & Correspondence (K Hawkins)

(a) River Avon Crossing

1 Now a confused situation. B&NES bureaucratic and non-existent cooperation across relevant Departments is delaying ANY progress, and the Design staff for the crossing are “locked” into pre-conceived plans – now corrected after consultation about “building regulations”.
It is now possible that if a Planning Application is Not determined by next 5th April the monies will be used elsewhere. The Cabinet Member had been kept informed and he is pursuing.
This Meeting agreed to prepare a Planning application – for B&NES to process when approved.

(b) River Avon Footpath BA 2/5 Repair

2 Repairs completed and Footpath re-opened Monday 3rd October. (Closed August 2006)

(c) Park & Ride Progress

3 Cllr Veal has determined that the Meadows might be purchased.
Neither Bathford nor Bathampton are interested.

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

4 Bathford PC addressed, Bathampton Chairman met and both understand the proposals.

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

5 Paperwork issued by email and post – in the allotted time-frame.

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

C-540 Report from Planning & Environment Committee (D Robins)

(f) Status of Batheaston’s Decisions to Planners

6 It is of concern that Planners take so long to process the simplest of Applications, and that they ignore their own policies.

(g) Imminent Development at bottom of Bannerdown Road

7 A 106 Agreement has been signed but still no approval of the application received.

(h) Colerne ex-MoD Storage

8 Still no response from Wilts Council officers.
MV advises that contact is made with the “Wilts Area Committee” which next meets on 14th November. They should be made aware of the problems and are more likely to progress.

(j) B&NES Place-Making Programme

9 VP and DR met for the 2nd tranche with B&NES. A very positive meeting but it highlighted that 90% of attendees were “rural” and that the urban ‘voice’ was not apparent.
The effects of the proposed “Localism” Bill is still unknown. The Authorities might try to abrogate their responsibilities and if PCs are granted more Planning powers there should be a ‘professional’ officer dedicated to this Area.

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

C-541 Report from Village Centre Committee (K Hawkins)

(l) Pavement at shops & Pedestrian Priority

10 A B&NES topographical survey completed and details offered to VP.
We will now prepare a scheme for costing and for issue to the BPC.

11 Grant Application registered and will be considered on 17th November.

If the grant fails the Cabinet Member has promised to build the costs into next year’s budget.

(m) Update on Jubilee Event in 2012

12 Notes issued of Meeting held 16th October 2011.
It is intended that all events are self-funding.

13 A very positive meeting with members from Village Organisations and Bathford & Bathampton.

14 Next meeting set for 16th November, which will attempt to establish a programme for the entire weekend.

15 The Solsbury Hill Beacon is having much opposition and both Bathford and Bathampton will investigate a possible site in their Parishes.

(n) Communications Workshop Update

A very positive me

- 16 First media Training held – very successfully - in the Youth Club on 5th September.
 A second Training session is pending volunteers from Councillors – VT,PF & KE to date.
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| Proposed | L Brass | } | RESOLVED | - That the Report be accepted as presented. |
| Seconded | K Eardley | } | (Unanimously) | |

C-542 Report from Highways, Footpaths & Lighting Committee (K Hawkins)

- (o) Bannerdown Progress on 20mph Limits
 17 Action from Wilts council non-existent.
 Will participate in the “Wilts Area committee” as in c-540(8).
 Need some action to reduce HGV traffic.
 Our Cabinet Member is in discussion with Wilts Council counterpart, but other infrastructure damage – to cellars etc. – needs consideration as much as bridges.
- (p) Re-instatement of Solsbury Hill Footpath
 18 Legal paperwork now 8th in the Officer’s queue.
- (q) Lighting Matters
 19 Quotations requested to fit timers to all Lights to switch off from Midnight to early morning. **MT**
- (r) Update on B&NES Joint local Transport Plan
 20 The existing JTLP Transport Plan still quotes the possibility of a A46/A36 link road off the By-pass. The suggested use of the existing rail system is just not possible.
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| Proposed | L Brass | } | RESOLVED | - That the Report be accepted as presented. |
| Seconded | J Heffer | } | (Unanimously) | |

C-543 Report from General Purposes Committee (S Fremantle)

- Presentation of unaudited Accounts for April/May/June 2011 (M Townley) Figures as per Budget
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| (t) | 21 | Income: April £477; May £184; June £83 | Expenditure : April £-2175; May £ -2127; June £-5150; July £-7865; August £-11118; Sept £10641 |
| | | July £ 33; August £ £173; | |
| | | Sept £173 | |
- (u) Special Payments Recommendations (M Townley)
 22 CAB £1000
- (v) Progress of Bulletin no 28
 23 DG advises that the Draft is not acceptable and review with VP required. **DG/VP**
- (w) Noxious Weeds
 24 Brook surveyed and own Gardener will treat each May and September.
 Costs to be recognised in the Precept.
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| Proposed | V Trenchard | } | RESOLVED - | That the Accounts, Special Payments and Report be |
| Seconded | K Eardley | } | (Unanimously) | accepted as presented. |

C-544 Report from all Councillors – representation and issues in Village

- (a) The Website has been active for some weeks.
 To be advertised on BREDAC, with a request that local Organisations check for updates. **MT**
- (b) A request from residents to remove the speed table at the Car Sales will cost at least £2000.
 This Meeting referred a Decision back to the HFL for investigation.
- (c) MV offers a synopsis of the programme for the 3 x district councillors. Useful for the bulletin? **MV**
- (d) The development of the Fiveways House has been accepted by the Listed buildings Committee. But still waiting the Application approval.
- (e) The Monks Path from Hill Hawkers to Hollies Lane needs attention. **MT**

C-545 BLA Report

- (a) AGM is set for Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm in The Rhymes Pavilion.
 (b) Investigating the Queens Jubilee Field Project.

C-546 Clerks Report

- (a) New noticeboard at bottom of Elmhurst Hill ordered for delivery early November.
 The necessary posts have been installed.
- (b) The recent ALCA AGM recorded a very successful “rescue” and much improved data information.
- (c) Notes issued of last week’s Liaison Meeting.
- (d) As per the Meeting’s timetable the Clerk is not available for most of November.

C-547 Press Release

Nothing at this time

C-548 Date of next Meeting: -

Tuesday 20th December 2011 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

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