

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in  
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 7-15 pm**

**Present :-** Cllrs V Pecchia, (Chair), J Beresford-Smith, P Blanking, P Burcombe, V Drew, K Eardley, P Fear,  
S Fremantle, K Hawkins J Heffer, G Riley, V Trenchard, M Tabb & M Townley (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllrs L Brass, S Cast, M Corbett, M Johns, D Robins,

**Attending:** Cllr Veal and Mrs S Hagen

**C-847 Public Participation**

Nothing raised

**C-848 Declarations of Interest**

None declared

**C-849 Minutes of Meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

Proposed J Hawkins } RESOLVED – That the Minutes be formally approved as presented.  
Seconded V Trenchard } (Unanimously)

**C-850 Matters Arising from the above Minutes**

- (a) Signage for the new Bridge required, especially at Mill Lane. Request action via Council Connect. **MT**
- (b) Landscaping and trees for the Bridge being “Championed by M Corbett. **MC**
- (c) The Core Strategy adopted by the B&NES Council but needs ratification at National level.
- (d) Bulletin No 32 issued as programmed but some Distributors were issued too short/too many. **ALL**  
Correct requirements to be advised to the Clerk, who will annotate the electoral roll.  
The editorship must rotate – between chairs? – and timetable to be established..
- (e) Specifications for gardening the Batheaston Gardens being pursued. **MV**
- (f) A trial “Mailchimp” issue will be issued before end of August. **PF/MT**

**C-851 Receipt of Standing Committee Reports**

- (a) General Purposes (S Fremantle)
    - i This month is the best time to tackle obnoxious weeds, giant hogweed growing by the Brook at the White Lion. Advise Council Connect. **MT.**
    - ii A new Meetings timetable proposed that “fixes” meetings to specific Tuesdays in the month eg PEC always on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday... To be adopted from next May 2015.
    - iii Government Acts concerning Standing Orders advised in the book “Local Councils Explained” (now received) and the BPC’s SOs to be annotated. **MT**
  - (b) Highways, Footpaths & Lighting (J Heffer)
    - iv Cllr Riley “championing” the Pavement and finding contacts very difficult. On 23<sup>rd</sup> July’s Cluster Meeting Cllr Crossley declared that the Pavement would definitely be completed this financial year.
    - v The Car Park sign was to be modified to record that only 3 hours parking permitted for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The wording will be altered for only Monday – Friday 8.00am to 5.00pm.
    - vi The anti-truck Boom still needs repair and being urged.
  - (c) Planning & Environment (M Townley)
    - vii An application for “Fossway” considered last week and resulted in the Applicant withdrawing.
    - viii The B&NES requirements for the next stage of the Housing Development Plan received and this Council’s response annotated on a map of the Village, including an applications review back to 1999. The NPC to consider the results before reporting back to B&NES **PF**
  - (d) Neighbourhood Plan (P Fear)
    - ix The “Think Tank” is being circulated through the Village and suggestions on residents “needs” being collected.
    - x This Meeting recorded grateful Thanks to MC for his “creation” of the think Tank.
    - xi An on-line questionnaire is available and VD offered to promote to the Estate residents through the Facebook facility. **VD**
- Proposed V Drew } RESOLVED that – All the above Reports be accepted as presented.  
Seconded M Tabb } (Unanimously)

**C-852 Presentation of Unaudited Accounts**

- (a) **June 2014** All figures versus budget. The unaudited figures, verified by Cllr Heffer, indicate: -  
Income = **£637** Savings Year-to-Date = **£1997**  
Expenditure = **£5087** Reductions Year-to-Date = **£8756**
- (b) Special Payment Recommendations  
Ralph Allen Press £339, Pavement Refurbishment = up to £10,000  
Proposed J Heffer } RESOLVED – The Special Payments are  
Seconded K Hawkins } 10 x “For”, 2 x “Against”, 1 x “Abstention” approved as presented.

**C-853 Composition of Committees.**

All Councillors are able to attend all Meetings but, legally, there can only be 7 voting members.

General Purposes Committee	VP, PF, KH, JB-S, LB, SF, KE	+ JH
Highways Footpaths & Lighting	VP, JB-S, PF, JH, MJ, GR, MTa	+ MC
Planning & Environment Comm.	VP, PF, PBI, LB, PBU, KH, GR	+ VT & DR
Neighbourhood Plan Committee	VP, PF, VD, PBU, KH, GR, VT	+ JB-S, PBI, SF & SC MC

Revised Councillors/Organisations listing attached to these Minutes.

**C-854 Bath Transport Package (BTP)**

- (a) B&NES officers did not follow Parish Charter guidelines and ask this Council to consult on the BTP. Instead it was posted on the B&NES website and advised in the Bath chronicle. Not the required "consultation" procedure and acknowledged, the officers will now accept comments in the next 2 weeks.
- (b) The BTP has a separate section concerning Park & ride sites to the east of Bath. It does NOT contain proposals for a link road off the Batheaston By-pass to the A36. These details are also on the B&NES website in another section.
- (c) A draft response to the P & R and Link proposals considered at this Meeting and changes proposed. The response recommended to be addressed to Dr J Farrar. **PF/SF**
- (d) Council agreed its position on the Bath Transport package and any potential A46/36 link is, for the time being, neutral until it has the opportunity to assimilate better information on design, routing and implementation.

The Meeting agreed to extend the closing time by 10 minutes to 9.40pm.

**C-855 Housing Survey**

- (a) CURO has completed a survey in Bathford – questionnaires, concerning needs and potential building sites recommendations, issued to all households. CURO carried all costs
- (b) This Meeting agreed to request a similar CURO survey for Batheaston. **MT**

**C-856 Chairman's Report**

- (a) Nothing at this time.

**C-857 Clerk's Report**

- (a) Nothing at this time.

**C-858 Date of next Meeting: -**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.15pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (to be confirmed)**

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