

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 9th December 2014 at 7-15 pm

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

Apologies: Cllrs P Fear, M Johns, D Robins,

Non-attendance: S Cast,

Attending: None

C-881 Public Participation

Nothing at this time

C-882 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

C-883 Minutes of Meeting held 28th October 2014

Proposed K Eardley } RESOLVED – That the Minutes be formally approved as presented.
Seconded L Brass } (Unanimously)

C-884 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

(a) Petition. A proposed addition to the Standing Orders was considered by the GPC – for discussion later in the agenda.

C-885 Receipt of Standing Committee Reports

(a) General Purposes (S Fremantle)

i Standing Orders.

A detailed study in progress to absorb much of the new NALC model into our Orders.

ii Toilet Block/Gardens/Car Park.

(a) Lease details received from B&NES and considered by the GPC last week. A response and consensus on the principle should be progressed sooner rather than later and before the term of the current B&NES administration ends in May 2015.

Copy of the Lease to be issued for comments to be advised to SF by 16th December. **ALL**
(Lease sent to all Councillors 10th December)

(b) After much discussion it was unanimously agreed:

i To establish a working group of 2/3 Councillors + 2/3 residents to appraise the short and long term potential for social benefit of the assets subject to transfer, including development opportunities and potential for securing planning permissions and funding as appropriate. The working group is to report directly to Council as its work will cover all committees and make its own arrangements for where and when to meet;

ii Prepare and send an early response to B&NES on the terms of the asset transfer. comments by Tuesday the 16th December to Cllr. S Fremantle; **ALL**

iii Request B&NES initiate a survey and make available a schedule of condition and inventory of all assets and their boundaries to be transferred. On receipt of such Batheaston to evaluate degree of risks and financial implications to Council and community.

(c) A provisional list of activities considered desirable on the leasehold sites was distributed for information only. The working group should consider all possibilities and Councillors are invited to make comments on the issued list and offer other ideas to the Clerk by 13th January '15. **ALL**.

(d) Cllr. Corbett agreed to lead the referred working group in (b) (i) with the assistance of Cllr. Pecchia. Cllr Fear, in his report on the NPC, made reference to parishioners interested to be a part of this group,

MC will contact and make arrangement for an initial meeting to take place. **MC/JB-SD/PBI/VP**
(Post meeting Cllrs. Beresford-Smith and Blanking registered their interest in being part of the working group.)

iii Petitions

Proposal for our Standing Orders issued for comments. Required to the Clerk by 13th January. **ALL**

(b) Highways, Footpaths & Lighting (J Heffer)

iv B&NES is still promising that Skansa will start on the Pavement refurbishment right after the Kelston landslip repairs. Now due January/February 2015. Sight of Designs to be requested. **GR**

v Luminescent discs installed on the Bridge, but some 30 now missing.

Comment to be sent to supplier of discs. **JH**

vi Cllr Tabb has pursued Landscaping, seats etc with Bathampton PC, and an Environmental Study costed and recommended. Council agreed to financial contribution as recommended by GPC Bathampton PC should participate and are pursuing signage at the Mill Lane end of the cycle path.

vii Several letters progressed to MPs etc. about the proposed development on Colerne Airfield.

(c) Planning & Environment (L Brass)

viii To date all this Council's recommendations have been agreed by B&NES, but too many are still outstanding from the planning officers.

ix A recommendation that an independent Company might look after a Unisex Toilet requested.

(d) Neighbourhood Plan (P Fear.)

x A workshop of volunteer residents on 8th December reviewed all Think-Tank topics and established some commonalities.

xi An 'open meeting' now proposed for January to highlight investigations to date and invite comments and suggestions. Resident's ideas are required at this stage.

Proposed L Brass } RESOLVED – That all the above Committee Reports and recommendations be
Seconded P Blanking } (Unanimously) accepted as presented.

