

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 6th OCTOBER 2015 at 7-15 pm**

To discuss the B&NES Proposed Park & Ride Sites on the Meadows.

Present :- Cllrs R Mimmack, (Chair), E Adams, C Bond, P Burcombe, N Clutterbuck, S Frayling, D Gledhill, S Hagen, C McCarthy, and M Townley (Clerk)

In attendance: Cllrs A Millar, G Ward
R Bisher, T Clayton, P Rodea, R Priday, J Riley, L Martins, K Eardley, D de Lemos, M de Lemos, L Gower, W Goodman, P Martins, A Taylor, M Millar +ano

C-012 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs P Blanking, L Cook, G Riley, V Drew(?)

Standing Orders were suspended to permit residents participation

C-013 P&R Presentations

- (a) There were good attendances to the B&NES presentation held in The Pavilion on Tuesday 29th September, and the BPC presentation in St Johns Church on Sunday 3rd October
- (b) 225 residents participated in the BPC Presentation and 'voted': -
Site A = 3 (1.3%), Site B = 1 (0.4%), Other = 49 (21.8%), Site F = Reject 172 (76.4%)
- (c) This vote shows a clear mandate a there is NO adequate site on The Meadows

C-014 Timetables

- (a) The consultation period for Responses has been extended to Sunday 18th October.
- (b) The B&NES Cabinet is set to meet on Wednesday 4th November to select an option based on the consultation results.
(But this week's Bath Chronicle has a B&NES press release implying that Site B has already been selected!!!)
Any elector has the right to speak at this Meeting – but must be booked by 30th October.
- (c) The next full B&NES Council Meeting is set for Thursday 12th November but this matter will only be discussed if there is a public petition from more than 1,000 B&NES residents or it is requisitioned by 10 B&NES Councillors. Otherwise the Cabinet decision on 4th November will be binding.
- (d) At this time there are over 1665 names on the Batheaston Petition.
To avoid any 'voiding' of this Petition the rules will be ascertained by Ward Cllr Millar **AM**
- (e) The BPC meets next Tuesday 13th October and will determine who might speak.

C-115 General Comments

- (a) For the first time since B&NES was established one Party has an overall majority and their Manifesto pledged a Park & Ride facility will be established to the East of Bath.
- (b) There are to be 9000 new jobs created in Bath and will probably develop the sites of Manvers Street and Avon Street car Parks, so alternative parking spaces will be necessary.
- (c) The B&NES Presentation is very inadequate, lacking clear drawings, no research based justifications, depending on consultants Reports, which are NOT available etc.....
- (d) A BPC Councillor has already protested this "illegality" with the new B&NES Legal Officer.
- (e) Traffic demand is steadily reducing by some 3-4% and new transport systems, electric vehicles etc, Link road make the long term need for P&R sites dubious.
- (f) The lack of traffic information is suspicious. In 2009 the then Administration considered diverting traffic from the North to an expanded Lansdown site, and promised to urge Wiltshire to absorb 'their' traffic but too simple?
- (g) The B&NES Enterprise Proposals for new jobs etc. should NOT justify any building in the Green Belt.
- (h) The Meadows schemes promise specific improvements in congestion, emissions etc. but officers in the Presentations agree that the Scheme cannot deliver these promises.
- (j) All residents, Organisations and Parish Councils should be lobbying their Ward Councillors – particularly the Cabinet members.
The B&NES Cabinet Members are: Cllr Tim Warren (Leader), Cllr Patrick Anketell-Jones, Cllr Charles Gerrish, Cllr Vic Pritchard, Cllr Anthony Clarke (Transport), Cllr Martin Veal, Cllr Michael Evans.

Standing Orders were reinstated

C-116 Resolution

- (a) This Meeting agreed (unanimously) the following Resolution: -
 1. This Parish Council strongly opposes each of the alternative sites A, B and F proposed to create a Park & Ride facility on The Meadows.
 2. This Parish Council rejects the Consultation, as there was insufficient information, misleading drawings and no reasoned justifications in the proposals.
 3. This Parish Council urges B&NES to initiate a more comprehensive review and consultation, with up-to-date traffic information and supporting information, and more information about the Enterprise Zone and greater emphasis on minimising n impact. This review should include consideration of using Site I (Box Road) for A4 and A363 traffic with A46 traffic using an expanded Lansdown site.

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| Proposed | R Mimmack | } | RESOLVED that – | The above proposals agreed |
| Seconded | D Gledhill | } | (unanimously) | |

- (b) The Clerk to generate a "Rejection" letter for approval at the next BPC Meeting – set for next Tuesday 13th October. **MT**
(Draft issued Wednesday 7th October to RM for comments)

C-017 Press Release

RM to contact the Bath Chronicle on Wednesday 7th October.

RM

C-018 Date of next Meeting: -

Tuesday 13th OCTOBER 2015 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion

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