Batheaston Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held in
The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 17th JANUARY 2017 at 7-15 pm

Present:- Cllrs G Riley(Chair), E Adams, P Burcombe, N Clutterbuck, P Corley, S Frayling, D Greener, S Hagen, C McCarthy, D Redding, R Mimmack and M Townley (Clerk)
Attending: Messrs P Bennett, P Cast, Mr Jeffrey and P Fear

All Councillors introduced themselves to the visiting Councillor Applicants.

C-261 Public Participation -
(a) Nothing raised.

C-262 Apologies for Absence
Full attendance

C-263 Declarations of Interest
None required as the Precept to be decided tonight embraces all aspects of the Village.

C-264 Minutes of Meeting held 13th DECEMBER 2016

RESOLVED - That the Minutes be formally approved as presented.

C-265 Matters Arising from the above Meeting
(a) A ‘Red’ BT Phone Box has been requested by CmcC – waiting response.
(b) Rob Kendall has sent regrets for missing the December meeting, but thanks for invite.
(c) Original ‘Scenic Map’ recovered – for re-working.
(d) B&NES officers have site-visited to improve signage for the new pavement on Bannerdown Road. A second visit promised – with their proposals.

C-266 Receipt of Standing Committee Reports
(a) Highways (HFL) – Cllr Susanne Hagen
i. Speed Table in High Street now reduced to legal limits.
ii. The 3 x new Gateway Signs to be ordered. B&NES will install in April.
iii. Handyman Vacancy – Requirements to be resolved at next week’s HFL Meeting. Councillors asked to forward comments to SH before next Tuesday.

(b) General Strategies – Cllr Emma Adams
iv. Legal papers for the Car Park CAT promised from B&NES by end of this month.
v. B&NES has declared its options for the P&R East of Bath. Cabinet will make final Decision on 25th January and EA will speak at this Meeting. (Although invited to today’s P&R Media Meeting SH was not allowed to attend!)

(c) Planning applications – Cllr Steve Frayling
vi. Site Meeting held with Crossman Homes which has purchased part of the Land next to the Pavilion – to erect an Office on stilts. Some non-listed walling has been removed for access at this time.

RESOLVED - That the above Reports are accepted as presented.

C-267 Presentation of Unaudited Accounts for December 2016

(a) April May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov DEC
Income 27382 572 580 572 1328 610 23382 572 572 £4890 More than Budget
Expenditure 4735 4128 3396 3021 2751 4024 12361 2767 6461 £6400 Less than Budget

(b) Special Payments
Toilets Floor £1500, May Party £500 float, River Footpath £250

RESOLVED - That the December Accounts, and Special Payments, are approved as presented.

C-268 Parish Councillor Vacancies
(a) Steve Cast, Paul Bennett and James Jeffrey have applied to fill the vacancies. All nominees are well-known and respected.

RESOLVED - That the 3 x Applicants be co-opted as full Parish Councillors.

C-269 Councillors – Representations & Concerns
(a) A meeting to proceed with the Riverside Footpath improvements being arranged with PF.
(b) Lifebuoys – by the River - have been requested from B&NES Property Services
(c) The ‘Batheaston Forward’ AGM is set for next Monday 23rd January.
(d) This Council approved the Application to replace the Church Hall in December 2015. The B&NES Development Control Committee (DCC) is set to consider this Application on 8th March 2017. A very unsatisfactory delay and reasons to be queried.

RESOLVED - That the 3 x Applicants be co-opted as full Parish Councillors.

C-270 Council Structure Review
(a) NC’s Presentation. Papers issued to all Councillors, including BLA input. This Meeting agreed that a re-structuring, as proposed, is worthy of consideration but the effects of the ending of the BLA/BPC agreement in 2019 has to be fully considered.
(b) The proposal that all Assets might be under separate control, and that small Working Parties established for specific projects, needs further discussion. Deadline target for agreement suggested as end of March this year.
(c) Proposal and arrangements for the BLA needs a separate Meeting and dates will be arranged.
Precept Considerations 2017 - 18
(a) The GSC Meeting last week considered all the elements of Income and Expenditure and only minor changes offered.
(b) The Recommendation to maintain the Precept at £45,000 should realise Reserves of over £26,000 by March 2018.

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<td>N Clutterbuck</td>
<td>S Frayling</td>
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B&NES Core Strategy Modifications
(a) The Government Inspector has rejected sections of the proposed B&NES Core Strategy. B&NES has offered various modifications and has issued all these changes for consultation Comments.
(b) Review of these modifications has indicated many inconsistencies and studies continuing.

Chairman’s Report
(a) Very appreciative of a successful year with 4 x new Parish Councillors

Clerk’s Report
(a) New auditors for 2018 – 2019 = PKF Littlerjohn LLP (not Grant Thornton)
(b) Bathavon Forum – This Meeting agreed that the existing single Forum should be divided into two separate units of a Bathavon North and Bathavon South Meetings.

Communications
A resident has volunteered as Webmaster and a meeting to discuss being arranged.

Date of next Meeting :-

Tuesday 14th FEBRUARY 2017 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion