

# Batheaston Parish Council

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Cllr Paul Myers  
Cabinet Member - Economic & Community Regeneration  
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Dear Cllr Paul Myers,

## Parish Sweeper Scheme

Thank you for your not-unexpected letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> September, advising that the existing Scheme will terminate in the next 2 x years.

The B&NES Council is responsible for Refuse Collections, Highways & Pavement Cleaning amongst its many other responsibilities .

Some 18 years ago the Parish sweeper scheme was introduced so that our cleaning Teams would not have to travel out to the rural areas to complete the Pavement cleaning requirements. It was considered – quite rightly – that the village knew their own areas and might respond more quickly to any problems that might arise.

The inference in your letter is that the total cost of cleaning our Pavements will be passed to the rural areas and that "they" must increase their Precepts accordingly.

Naturally we must therefore assume that B&NES will not honour its legal duties about Pavement cleaning and that this same 'cancellation' will mean that the pavements in Bath will also become filthy.

Or will Bath – and all the 30+ villages who did not join the Parish Sweeper scheme - continue to be cleansed?

The B&NES Council should recognize that it cannot abrogate its responsibilities and pass on "its" expenses without the proper consultation as required by the Parish Charter.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr Emma Adams  
(Chair of the Batheaston Parish Council)

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