Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held
in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 11th DECEMBER 2018 at 7-15 pm

Present -> Cllrs E Adams (Chair), P Burcombe, N Clutterbuck, D Craig, P Day, D Greener, S Hagen, C McCarthy, , A Pavlou, D Redding, E Wright and M Townley (Clerk)

Attending: None

1 Public Participation

None

2 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs S Cast (business), (sickness), J Luck (homecare) – all absences accepted.

3 Co-option of Parish Councillor

Proposed Seconded RESOLVED - That Mr Andrew Lea be co-opted as Parish councillor for the remainder of this term 2018-19. 11 x ‘For’ 1 x ‘Abst’

Mr Lea was not present to sign his “Declaration of Acceptance” and “Register of Interests”.

4 Appointment of Clerk

4.1 There were 18 enquiries, 8 completed their application forms and 5 x Nominees interviewed on 22nd November.
4.2 The new Clerk is Mrs Sarah Orme – moving into Bath this month
4.3 Transition period is proposed between 27th – 31st December.
4.4 All clerk’s facilities and files to be removed – by van – in that period.

DG/ SO/ MT

5 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Burcombe & McCarthy have an interest in the Church Hall rebuilding.

6 Minutes of the Meeting held 20th NOVEMBER 2018

Proposed Seconded RESOLVED - (Unanimously) That the Minutes are a true record.

7 Standing Committee Reports

7.1 Planning Applications Committee (PAC)
7.1.1 A resubmission to extend 15 Northends shows little differences to the Application rejected in March 2018
7.1.2 A redevelopment of Mealings Yard has been advised and informal pre-application meetings to be arranged to discuss.
7.1.3 If any Councillors are advised of possible changes please notify the Clerk and DR before dissemination.

7.2 Review & Policies Committee (RPC)
7.2.1 Next meeting set for Tuesday 15th January - Precept

7.3 Human Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC)
7.3.1 Councillor Training proposed on 28th January 2019.
    Will offer the Pavilion as a venue and invite our sister Parish Councils to participate
    Dates for a Planning Training Course being pursued
    PD/JL/ SO/ PD

8 Working Groups Reports

8.1 Neighbourhood Plan Group (NP) - EW is the Co-ordinator:
8.1.1 Next meeting set for 14th January 2019

8.2 Parking Group (PG) - JJ is the Co-ordinator:
8.2.1 Minutes issued with several residents participating. B&NES are supportive of the proposals being investigated
8.2.2 Likely expenses this year – to 31st March 2019 - to be advised to the Clerk by noon this Friday.

8.3 Play Area Group (PAG) - JJ is the Co-ordinator:
8.3.1 Likely expenses this year – to 31st March 2019 - to be advised to the Clerk by noon this Friday.

8.4 Riverside Group (RG) - DG is co-ordinator:
8.4.1 All likely costs advised and a Grant Application request (for £33,100) issued last Friday.
    The application has been acknowledged
8.4.2 Resolution passed to support the planning application for secret Garden Accessible Paths. Thanks given to DG for paying the money. This meant that the deadline for the Grant was met.

8.5 Christmas Decorations Group - C Mc C is the co-ordinator
8.5.1 A ‘fantastic’ “Switch-on” last Friday and many residents very appreciative. Many thanks to CMcC

8.6 Suffragettes Memorial Group (SG) - CMcC is the co-ordinator
8.6.1 The BT logo cannot be removed and replacement of the 3 x panes now in progress.

8.7 Highways Group (HG)
8.7.1 B&NES has now agreed to improve the white-lining at the bottom of Bannerdown Road – but safety fears remain.
8.8.2 B&NES has still to move the Coalpit Road exit ‘zip’ line forward 1 metre towards the roundabout.

9 Presentation of Unaudited Accounts

9.1 Accounts for September and Year to date

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£1790 saving to Budget
£25410 Saving to Budget

9.2 Consideration for Expenditures

9.2.1 Xmas Pourboires £250
9.2.2 WG-Riverside: £6600 (Tree Works £1900, Remove Hedge £400, Plinths £1150, Wall clearing £450, Lime Walk Pruning £500, Toilet Roof Safety £250)

Proposed Seconded RESOLVED - (Unanimously) That the Riverside expenditures of £6600 be included in this year’s Budget
9.2.3 Riverside First Aid Kit £50
9.2.4 Volunteer Bouquets £200
9.2.5 Garden Paths Planning application £137
9.2.6 Clerk's Office removal £150

9.3 Some expenditures - required to be budgeted for next year’s Precept - have been advised to the Clerk. All Committees/Working Groups need to advise potential expenditures between now and end of next March – to the clerk by noon this Friday 14th December.

9.4 RESOLVED (Unanimously)
That the expenditure of £5000 – for the Secret Garden Paths – is set in next year’s Budget

9.5 RESOLVED (Unanimously)
That the November Accounts be agreed and accepted, and approve all the declared expenditures.

9.6 RESOLVED (Unanimously)
That the £1000 for the Batheaston/Oudon Twinning Association be include in next year’s Budget.

9.7 Discussion and vote deferred to the next BPC Meeting on 22nd January 2019

10.1 RESOLVED (Unanimously)
That this Council reserves money for a 2nd Handyman – and further discussion deferred to the next BPC Meeting on 22nd January 2019

11.1 RESOLVED (Unanimously)
That a grant of £1000 for the Batheaston/Oudon Twinning Association be include in next year’s Budget

12.1 RESOLVED (Unanimously)
That the BPC borrows £100,000 for the Village Hall rebuild. Vote to increase the Precept, after a Referendum of the Village. This proposed Resolution to be on the next Agenda for consideration

13 Deferred until 22nd January 2019 meeting.

14.1 Thanks expressed to:
   a Christmas Decorations and Switch-on – Thanks to Cllr McCarthy and Team – a wonderful atmosphere. Special ‘Thanks’ to Cllrs McCarthy, Day and Burcombe for organising the music, refreshments and carols.
   b Riverside Grant sub-Committee – Thank you to Cllr Hagen and the wonderful volunteers, Vicki Wells, Catherine Gregory and Wendy Chambers for their work, writing and submitting the grant application to Enovert.
   c Parking Group – J Jeffery and Team – getting so many residents to participate.
   d To the Clerk – Mike – for so many years of dedicated service over the last 23 years. More later at a Farewell Party.

15.1 Replacement “signatories” required and JJ and AP have the necessary papers to complete.
15.2 Pavement Sweeping the B&NES proposal to withdraw support monies being actively pursued with B&NES Cabinet members
15.3 Deeds of the Pavilion and Grounds, Lease of the Car Park/Secret Garden, and Purchase of the BT Kiosk passed over to the Chair Cllr E Adams
15.4 The Meeting witnessed 19 x cheques signed by Cllrs EA and NC.
15.5 Donation of £50 for the Suffragette Memorial received from Cllr Day.
15.6 Will express my thanks later for the good wishes offered on my retirement

16 Communications
EA still chasing for email addresses.

17 Date of next Meeting -
Tuesday 22nd JANUARY 2019 at 7-15 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (Precept)