

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Batheaston Parish Council

held at 7:15pm on Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Present: Councillors Hannah Squire (Chair), Dom Denny, Derek Greener, Alison James, Andrew Lea, Tamsin May, Catherine McCarthy, Alexis Pavlou, Sue Peachey, Dawn Skarset, Hannah Squire, Patrick Vandesteen.

In attendance: Richard Maccabee (Clerk).

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Public Participation.

- 1.1. A resident spoke in support of Planning Application 20/03054/OUT, giving the background and commitments made to ensure that the application would not result in an additional dwelling.
- 1.2. A representative of Grow Batheaston briefly introduced the proposal for the Playground and Wild Area (at agenda Item 10) indicating that she hoped it could form the basis of some collaboration with the Council.
- 1.3. Another representative of Grow Batheaston commented on their discussions with the Batheaston Medical Surgery, to clarify that these were independent of Village Green discussions.
- 1.4. Two members of the Village Green Project outlined their involvement in this project. They are keen to improve this space in the Village; bring specific skills, including relating to working residents to generate ideas and develop an outline design for the spaces.

The following two items were taken later, between Items 6 and 7, as Ward Cllr Guy was required in a BANES Council meeting at the same time.

- 1.5. Ward Cllr Guy gave an overview of discussions relating to the closure of Morris Lane to traffic.
 - 1.5.1. He indicated that many residents of Morris Lane and nearby have expressed the desire to reduce traffic, especially "rat-running".
 - 1.5.2. As a first step, BANES had conducted a very quick consultation with residents in this immediate vicinity, to verify that the above view is widely held. He made clear that this was only a first stage, and a wider consultation, with residents in areas that might be affected by diversion of traffic, will be undertaken.
 - 1.5.3. He recognised that this had not been understood initially and sought to reassure residents that no changes will be made without this wider consultation.
- 1.6. A resident commented on these proposals, thanking Cllr Guy for the reassurances he had been able to give. She indicated however that there were nonetheless concerns amongst residents about the potential impact of changes to traffic arrangements.

2. **Apologies were accepted** from Cllr Jeffery.
3. There were **no declarations of interest**.
4. **Minutes of previous meetings**
 - 4.1. **Council approved** the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 15th December 2020.
 - 4.2. **The Clerk apologised that the** minutes of the meeting of Council held on 26th January 2021 were not yet complete.

VILLAGE MATTERS

5. Riverside Area

- 5.1. **Cllr Lea withdrew** this item, to be considered at a subsequent meeting.

6. Parking

- 6.1. Cllr Peachey introduced this item. Council approved an amendment to the motion, as follows: “to approve that a scoping group to develop the Terms of Reference for a Working Group to consider parking to be brought back to Council at a subsequent Council meeting.”
 - 6.1.1. Councillors Denny, Greener, McCarthy, and Peachey volunteered to join Cllr Jeffery on this group.
 - 6.1.2. **Council approved** the amended motion.
- 6.2. This item was deferred as a consequence of the change above.

7. Climate Emergency (Cllr Peachey, A)

- 7.1. This item was **deferred**.

8. Bath and North-East Somerset Council’s Transport Delivery Action Plan

- 8.1. Cllr McCarthy introduced this item, indicating that there the deadline for feedback to BANES was 1st March 2021.
 - 8.1.1. She noted that while it was fully appropriate that BANES sought to reduce traffic in Bath City Centre, specifically with the introduction of the Clean Air Zone, Council should be concerned about the displacement of traffic to Batheaston.
 - 8.1.2. **Council approved** an amendment to the motion to “that Cllrs McCarthy and Pavlou would submit a response on its behalf by the deadline of 1st March 2021.”
 - 8.1.3. **Council approved** the amended motion.

9. Village Green

- 9.1. Cllr Vandesteen introduced a paper on the Village Green Project.
 - 9.1.1. He described the background to the project, and previous discussions at Council.
 - 9.1.2. He noted that the Council had included in its budget for the current year provision for a Public Works Loan to provide significant investment for the project.
 - 9.1.3. He commented that the leak of confidential information provided to Council in a closed session of its November 2020 meeting had caused significant delay.

It had caused third parties, that might play a part in the project, had indicated that they were no longer prepared to have such conversations.

- 9.1.4. He regretted that this meant that the process of co-design (consultation with residents on the outline design of spaces) had therefore been delayed.
- 9.1.5. **Council approved** an amendment to the motion to form a scoping group to start a co-design process of collaboration with residents and interested parties for the improvement of Batheaston.
- 9.1.6. Cllrs Greener, Pavlou and Skarset volunteered to join Cllr Vandesteen in his scoping group.
- 9.1.7. **Council approved** the amended motion.

9.2. Cllr Greener withdrew this item.

9.3. Council resolved to write to all third parties involved acknowledging the leak of privileged, without prejudice information and setting out the actions and measures put in place to prevent re-occurrence and reconfirming its support for their initiative.

Clerk

10. Collaboration with GrowBatheaston

- 10.1. This item was deferred.

11. Communications and Engagement

- 11.1. This item was deferred.

12. Budget Options

- 12.1. This item was deferred.

13. Grants to Community Groups

- 13.1. This item was deferred.

- 13.2. Cllr Vandesteen introduced this item. Discussion at FinCo; split vote. Discussion of BANES Covid-19 funding.

- 13.2.1. Council **approved** the total grant payment of £2,000 to be given to the Youth Club for the current year.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

14. This item was deferred.

15. There were no nominees to join the Finance Committee.

16. This item was deferred.

17. Council approved the panel for a hearing the Complaints against the Clerk: Cllrs Denny, Lea, Pavlou, Peachey, Skarset

STANDING ITEMS AND REPORTS

18. Planning Applications

- 18.1. **Council reviewed the** following planning application from Bath and North East Somerset Council:

- 18.1.1. Application Reference: 19/05512/FUL
Council concerns remain. The location has difficult and narrow access, and will exacerbate the traffic problems in the area. The suggestion that the

development would be more acceptable if there were a commitment to “net zero emissions” (for the whole scheme). The value of bringing commerce into the Parish was however noted.

- 18.1.2. Application Reference: 20/03054/OUT
Council noted the undertaking by the applicant that the development of the outbuilding would not be allowed to become a dwelling.
- 18.1.3. Application Reference: 20/04703/VAR Council did not oppose.
- 18.1.4. Application Reference: 21/00411/FUL Council did not oppose.
- 18.1.5. Application Reference: 21/00412/LBA Council did not oppose.
- 18.1.6. Application Reference: 21/00427/FUL Council did not oppose.
- 18.1.7. Application Reference: 21/00489/TCA Council did not oppose.
- 18.1.8. Application Reference: 21/00557/FUL Council did not oppose.

18.2. Council noted the following decisions on planning applications have been notified by Bath and North East Somerset Council:

- 18.2.1. Planning Application: 20/02112/FUL – PERMIT
- 18.2.2. Planning Application: 20/04834/TCA – No Objection
- 18.2.3. Planning Application: 21/00026/TCA – No Objection
- 18.2.4. Planning Application: 21/00089/AGRN –
Refuse (Prior Approval not Permitted Development)
- 18.2.5. Planning Application: [21/00090/AGRN](#) – No Prior Approval required

19. Clerk’s report.

- 19.1. This item was deferred.

20. Chairman’s report.

- 20.1. This item was deferred.

21. Ward Councillors’ Update.

- 21.1. This item was deferred.

Council agreed that the Clerk will call an Extraordinary Meeting to deal with the deferred items on Tuesday 9th March 2021, to precede the scheduled Finance Committee meeting.

Meeting Closed 10:00pm

Upcoming Meetings:-

Parish Council Meeting, to be called on Tuesday 9th March 2021
Finance Committee Meeting, on Tuesday 9th March 2021
Parish Council Meeting, 7:15pm on Tuesday 23rd March 2021
Council meetings are open to the public, and members of the public are welcome to join and may speak by invitation.

Signed: -



Parish Clerk

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