

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Batheaston Parish Council is held at 7:15pm on Tuesday 15th March 2022, at the Rhymes Pavilion.

Present: Councillors Alexis Pavlou (Vice Chair of Council), Peter Bryant, Peter Lewis, Catherine McCarthy, Sue Peachey.

In attendance: Richard Maccabee (Clerk).

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Public participation regarding matters on the agenda.

- 1.1. A representative of Grow Batheaston made some comments regarding Item 9.1.1, the motion to waive charges for Facilities.
 - 1.1.1. She highlighted the community nature of the activities, concerns about the quality of the facilities, including some outstanding health and safety issues; and the possibility that Grow Batheaston may be able to access funds that are not available to the Council.
 - 1.1.2. In answer to a question from a Councillor regarding the last of these, she highlighted conversations that GB have initiated with Sport England, and her own experience of similar ventures. She said that significant funding can be accessed, to upgrade or replace facilities.
 - 1.1.3. In answer to a question from a Councillor, she described how GB would work with the Council on such a bid; seeking Council's approval for any proposals.
 - 1.1.4. She also gave an update on other GB activities: that refreshments for the children's football sessions on Saturdays are currently suspended; and that they are seeking to work with a partner to run weekly sessions in the Forest Garden for the under-5s.
 - 1.1.5. **Council approved** a motion to consider Item 9.1.1 at this point

Item 7.1 Council approved the proposal to develop plans for a not-for-profit shop to be located in the Toilet Block at the Riverside.

- 7.1.1. The Clerk will liaise with the resident to develop detailed proposals

Clerk

9.1.1. Council approved proposals to waive charging for Council facilities for the following activities:

9.1.1.1. Children's Football

9.1.1.2. Netball

9.1.1.3. **Council approved** an amendment to add the words "for an initial period of 12 months" to the motion

9.1.1.4. **Council approved** the amended motion.

2. **Council received apologies** for absence from Cllr Squire.

3. There were **no declarations of interest** from Councillors.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

4.1. **Council approved** the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 15th February January 2022.

VILLAGE MATTERS

5. **Highways**

5.1. **Council received** a report on matters relating to Highways from Cllr McCarthy.

2.1.1. She said that she is pursuing the idea of having vehicle activated speed signs on the High Street and possibly on Northend.

2.1.2. She also intends to arrange for the horse trough on the High Street to be cleaned

2.1.3. With the Clerk she is liaising with CURO to establish procedures for the “green gates” (at the end of Catherine Way) to be opened when necessary.

5.2. **Streetlights**

5.2.1. Council noted that the Clerk has commissioned the replacement of the light on the Batch and the repair and upgrade of the lights on the Car Park.

5.2.2. A resident has asked that the new lamp post on the Batch should not obstruct the pavement. The Clerk will suggest a convenient location to the contractors.

Clerk

6. **Queens Platinum Jubilee**

6.1. **Council received** a report on the planning for celebrations of the Jubilee party by email from Cllr Squire.

6.2. Councillors discussed the various strands of activity, investigating entertainment and refreshments for the event.

6.3. These will be reported to the “Rural Leadership Group” meeting on 29th March.

7. **Riverside**

7.1. **Council approved** Cllr Lewis as the leader of the Riverside Working Group (as approved 9th March 2021).

7.2. **Council approved** up to £2,000 (plus VAT) to fell the two ash trees in the Secret Garden, which have been diagnosed as suffering from ash die-back, noting that this work will not be carried out until planning approval has been granted by BANES.

7.2.1. The Clerk is awaiting quotations from tree surgeons, and was given others to contact by Councillors.

7.3. **Council approved** up to £150 (plus VAT) to remove the alder on the banks of the river which fell in the recent storms.

7.4. **Council noted** that the work to pollard the group of goat willow trees in the Forest Garden has been approved by BANES and will be undertaken free-of-charge by Grow Batheaston.

7.5. **Council noted** that the Clerk is in discussion with a resident concerning the proposal approved at the last meeting, to establish a shop in the Riverside Toilet Block.

7.5.1. He commented that he has met the resident at the location, and discussed possible works to convert it to a shop. The next step is for him to contact the relevant officers at BANES to discuss planning and other constraints on the use of the building.

Clerk

8. "Rural Leadership Group"

8.1. **Council noted** that the Clerk has submitted copy for inclusion in the newsletter to be delivered to all households in the Parish.

FINANCE MATTERS

9. Finance Update

9.1. **Council received** a report from the Clerk. (Clerk, A)

9.1.1. This item was taken earlier in the meeting.

9.1.2. **Council noted** that a presentation will be made at the next Council meeting, regarding the regular booking of the Rhymes Pavilion for Penny's Pantry and the Saturday morning refreshments.

9.1.3. **Council approved** increases in pay for the all members of staff, back-dated to 1st April 2021, in line with the nationally negotiated framework.

Clerk

9.1.4. **Council approved** awarding of the contract for grass cutting of the football pitch, playground and riverside for this calendar year to Tom Ledbury, as outlined in the attached price list.

Clerk

STANDING ITEMS AND REPORTS

10. Planning Applications

10.1. **Council reviewed** the following planning applications from Bath and North East Somerset Council:

10.1.1. Reference Number: 19/05512/FUL (revised information)
Site Location: The Yard Northend Batheaston Bath BA1 7ES
Description of Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of two new buildings (B1 Business use).

10.1.2. **Council noted** the improvements in the plans. The reservations previously expressed – regarding the difficult and narrow access to the location, and that it will exacerbate the traffic problems in the area – remain, and therefore in spite of its wish to support local businesses, **Council resolved** to reiterate its opposition to the application.

- 10.1.3. Ref, Application Number: 21/05561/FUL (revised information)
Site Location: Victory Gardens Bannerdown Drive Batheaston
Description of Proposal: Erection of five detached dwellings.
- 10.1.4. **Council noted** that the revised information addressed the concerns it had with the previous submission.
- 10.1.5. Therefore **Council resolved** to withdraw the objection previously filed,
- 10.1.6. **Council resolved** not to oppose
- Reference Number: 22/00336/FUL
Reference Number: 22/00931/FUL
Reference Number: 22/00991/FUL

Clerk

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

Application Number: 21/04427/FUL
Application Number: 21/04428/LBA
Application Number: 22/00467/TCA.

11. Clerk's Report

- 11.1. Council received** a report from the Clerk, including the following specific items.

- 11.1.1. **Council approved** the installation of signs to limit parking on the Riverside Car Park to 2 hours.
- 11.1.2. Councillors requested that the Clerk confirm details, including full costs of the installation of the signs with the Parking Working Group before proceeding.

Clerk

- 11.1.3. Councillors requested that the Clerk renew attempts to recruit additional Councillors.

Clerk

12. Chairman's Report

- 12.1. Council received** an oral report from the Chairman.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm

Upcoming Meetings:-

Council Meeting, 26th April 2022
The Annual Meeting of Electors, 10th May
Annual Parish Council Meeting, 17th May

Council meetings are open to the public, and members of the public are welcome to join and may speak by invitation

Signed by Cllr Hannah Squire, Chair of Council:

Date: