

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Batheaston Parish Council held on Zoom at 7:15pm on Tuesday 23rd March 2021

Present: Councillors Hannah Squire (Chair of Council),
Derek Greener, Alison James, Andrew Lea, Tamsin May, Catherine
McCarthy, Alexis Pavlou, Sue Peachey.

In attendance: Richard Maccabee (Clerk).

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. **Public participation** regarding matters on the agenda.
 - 1.1. A resident comments on the Planning Application, 21/01107/FUL (Item 6.1.2). He explained that the properties is close to a number of others; and that he felt that it represented a significant over-development, with a separate garage and annex, and extending above the existing roof line. It also impinges on others' privacy.
 - 1.2. He requested that the Council ask BANES Planning Officers that it be called into Council.
 - 1.3. Two more residents, separately, strongly echoed these concerns.
2. **Apologies** were received from Cllr James Jeffrey.
3. A **declaration of interest** was received from Cllr Greener in respect of 6.1.2, as he is a near-neighbour of the property concerned.
4. **Minutes of previous meetings**
 - 4.1. **Council deferred** approval of the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Council held on 9th March 2021.
5. **To approve** the updated Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee
 - 5.1. Cllr McCarthy explained that she had attended more than one of the Finance Committee meeting, as a non-member. She had formed the view that the Committee is deciding matters that should go to Full Council meeting.
 - 5.2. Comments were made:
 - 5.2.1. To caution that the change would require more frequent Full Council meetings, as was the case previously.
 - 5.2.2. To reinforce the message that all Councillors have legal responsibility for the finances of the Council.
 - 5.2.3. That a consequence of this change is that the Finance Committee would effectively become a Working Group, with no powers to approve substantive matters, and that it will become unnecessary for the Clerk to attend the meeting.
 - 5.2.4. It was noted that the Council will need to reinstate a Human Resources Committee if these changes are approved.

- 5.3. **Council approved** the motion.
- 5.4. Councillor Pavlou undertook to bring forward an item to re-establish the Human Resources Committee.

Cllr Pavlou

STANDING ITEMS AND REPORTS

6. Planning Applications

- 6.1. To review the following planning application from Bath and North East Somerset Council:
 - 6.1.1. Council **resolved not to oppose** the application: 21/01063/FUL
 - 6.1.2. Application 21/01107/FUL
 - 6.1.2.1. Councillors expressed concerns that echoed those of the residents.
 - 6.1.2.2. **Council resolved** to strongly oppose the application, and urge that it be called into Committee.
- 6.2. **Council noted** the following decisions on planning applications have been notified by Bath and North East Somerset Council:
 - 6.2.1. Application: 21/00489/TCA - No Objection.
 - 6.2.2. Application: 20/03054/OUT – PERMIT
 - 6.2.3. Application: 20/04703/VAR – WITHDRAWN
 - 6.2.4. **Councillors noted** that Council had resolved not to oppose to the above applications.

7. Clerk's report

- 7.1. **To receive** a report from the Clerk.
 - 7.1.1. **Councillors noted** the preparation for the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held the next evening, 24th March 2021.
 - 7.1.2. The Clerk commented that four vacancies were undergoing the confirmation by BANES that an election is not required by 10 residents. He noted also that two vacancies have been this process and these vacancies can now be filled by co-option, and he intends to advertise them tomorrow.
 - 7.1.3. **Councillors noted** that current legislation would not permit the meetings of Council and the Finance Committee in May and on 8th June 2021 to be held, and to approve delegated responsibility for this eventuality.
 - 7.1.3.1. **Councillors approved** the motion

8. Chairman's report.

- 8.1. The Chair commented that the Annual Meeting of Electors promised to be a very full meeting, and she hoped that it would be very positive.

9. Ward Councillors' Update.

- 9.1. Neither Cllrs Guy or Warren was able to attend.

The meeting closed at 8:17pm

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Signed by Cllr Hannah Squire, Chair of Council:

Date:

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