

## Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of Batheaston Parish Council is held at 7:15pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022, at the Rhymes Pavilion.**

**Present: Councillors Hannah Squire (Chair of Council), Peter Lewis, Catherine McCarthy, Alexis Pavlou, Sue Peachey.**

In attendance: Richard Maccabee (Clerk).

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

#### 1. **Public participation** regarding matters on the agenda.

##### 1.1. Immi Corry, who set up and runs Penny's Pantry gave the background to Item 8.1.

- 1.1.1. She thanked the Council for their support of the last year, to allow Penny's Pantry to support members of the community in need.
- 1.1.2. She indicated that a committee has now been established to oversee the operations. It now has a core group of regular users, which she hopes to grow further by advertising to reach other parts of the community.
- 1.1.3. The organisation has some financial reserves, but she sees these being used for further investment in improvement.
- 1.1.4. She is also looking into establishing the organisation formally, as a charitable enterprise of some sort.
- 1.1.5. She concluded by requesting that the Council continue to allow use of the Rhymes Pavilion free of charge.

#### 1.2. **Council approved an Amendment to take Item 8.1 at this point on the agenda**

**Item 8.1: Council received** a report on the operation of Penny's Pantry, and Council approved future support for the initiative. (A)

8.1.1 **Council resolved** to ask the Clerk to collaborate with Ms Corry to develop a rolling contract for the use of the Pavilion by Penny's Pantry, with a view to agreeing this at a subsequent meeting of the Council and reviewed thereafter every 6 months.

**Clerk**

#### 2. **Apologies** were received from Cllr Peter Bryant.

#### 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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## VILLAGE MATTERS

### 5. Highways

- 5.1. Council received** an oral report on matters relating to Highways from Cllr McCarthy. She highlighted the current issues that she has in hand at the moment:
- 5.1.1. She is working with BANES Councillors and Officers to provide more 20 mph signage for the High Street
  - 5.1.2. Review and re-position the Council's noticeboards on which she is working with the Clerk
  - 5.1.3. She has expressed concerns about the state of repair of a wall on Penthouse Hill.
  - 5.1.4. She continues to lobby BANES Officers for a pedestrian crossing at the top of Muddy Lane which is used as a walking route to school.
  - 5.1.5. Cllr Lewis reported on the webinar he had attended regarding the Liveable Neighbourhood initiative for the lower section of Morris Lane. There will be new road markings, and further consultation with residents on the progress so far.
  - 5.1.6. There had also been reference to the problem at the bottom of Bannerdown Lane, at the Five Ways Roundabout with the railings being frequently hit by lorries. Cllr McCarthy noted that the white lines are very indistinct, and do not facilitate safe use of the roundabout.
- 5.2. Council approved** the following expenditure
- 5.2.1. £270 for 18 (new) hanging baskets at £15 each, filled with 6 begonias, at £2.50 each in each basket
  - 5.2.2. £90 for 6 large tubs, each with 6 plants
  - 5.2.3. £30 for 6 bags of compost

### 6. Queens Platinum Jubilee

- 6.1. Council approved** an amendment to this motion: to approve up to £3,000 to be spent on preparations for the party.
- 6.2. Council approved** the amended motion. The Clerk to progress.

**Clerk**

### 7. Riverside

- 7.1. Council approved** an updated Terms of Reference for the Working Group from Cllr Lewis.

**7.2. Council received** a verbal report from Cllr Lewis on current activities and plans.

7.2.1. He outlined the positive discussions with the representatives of the Secret and Forest Gardeners, and the activities underway. These include: the felling of the two ash trees, which have ash die-back (to be undertaken as soon as the magpie fledged and leave the nest); the pollarding of the goat willows, which are over-hanging the perimeter wall and a series of maintenance tasks.

## **8. Facilities**

**8.1.** This item was taken at the start of the meeting.

## **9. “Rural Leadership Group”**

**9.1. Council received** a verbal report from Cllr Squire.

9.1.1. She said that the group was making good progress; that Cllr Guy was leading it very effectively; and that the Batheaston Times had been a particularly positive step.

## **FINANCE MATTERS**

### **10. Finance Update**

**10.1. Council received** a report from the Clerk regarding the financial position at the end of 2021/22.

10.1.1. He noted that the Council had spent approximately £14,000 more than it had received in income, but that the year ahead should be in balance.

**10.2. Council noted** the plans for the submission of the Annual Governance and Accountability Report for 2021/22.

10.2.1. In answer to a question, he expressed the view that good progress had been made through the year, but that more needed to be done to fulfil all of the regulatory requirements on the Council.

## **STANDING ITEMS AND REPORTS**

### **11. Planning Applications**

**11.1. Council reviewed** planning applications from Bath and North East Somerset Council, and resolved not to oppose the following:

11.1.1. Reference Number: 22/01024/FUL

11.1.2. Reference Number: 22/01039/FUL

11.1.3. Reference Number: 22/01118/FUL

11.1.4. Reference Number: 22/01205/LBA

11.1.5. Reference Number: 22/01225/FUL

11.1.6. Reference Number: 22/01392/FUL

11.1.7. Reference Number: 22/01477/FUL

11.1.8. **Council resolved to oppose** Application Number: 22/01295/FUL, at 11 Northend Batheaston BA1 7EE, noting that this application represents an incremental change to build upon a previous application (16/06218/FUL) but by adding accommodation, at the expense of a garage, will exacerbate parking problems on a busy road within a very short distance of the Primary School.

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

11.2.1. Application Number: 21/05623/FUL

11.2.2. Application Number: 22/00054/FUL

11.2.3. Application Number: 22/00175/FUL

11.2.4. Application Number: 22/00336/FUL

## 12. Clerk's Report

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

12.1.1. He drew Councillors' attention to the Grow Batheaston initiative working with others to improve the management of St Catherine's Brook. He is liaising with Grow Batheaston and will keep Councillors informed.

## 13. Chairman's Report

**13.1. Council received** an oral report from the Chairman.

**The meeting closed at 9:00pm**

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

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: