

**Minutes of a Meeting of Batheaston Parish Council
held at 7:15pm on Tuesday 17th June 2025
at the Rhymes Pavilion**

**Present: Councillors Hannah Squire (Chair),
Peter Bryant, Catherine McCarthy,
Sue Peachey and Kate Skelton**



PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. **Council accepted** apologies for absence from Cllrs Butt, Gray, Lewis and Pavlou.
2. There were **no declarations of interest** from Councillors.
3. There was **no public participation**.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**
 - 4.1. **Council approved** the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 17th June 2025.

FINANCE

5. Finance Operations Matters

- 5.1. **Council noted** the record of transactions for April, May and June 2025.

WORKING GROUPS

6. Highways Transport and Planning Working Group

- 6.1. Cllr McCarthy gave a verbal report.
 - 6.1.1. She noted that a resident had written to Ward Cllr Guy regarding the west- / in-bound bus stop at High Bannerdown which provides little or no safe space for waiting. This has been referred to B&NES Highways. Councillors noted that the danger is exacerbated by speeding and heavy goods vehicles.
 - 6.1.2. Cllr McCarthy is engaging with property owners to cut back a tree obscuring a streetlight on West View Road.
 - 6.1.3. She noted a recurrence of bad parking in and around Seven Acres Lane and Prospect Gardens. Council noted the action from the last meeting (Item 9.2), for the Working Group to facilitate discussion with residents and other bodies to formulate strategies to alleviate the problems relating to parking in many parts of the village.
 - 6.1.4. Cllr McCarthy noted that the Clerk had submitted a request to B&NES for the signage to the key locations on Northend to be updated.



- 6.2. **Council noted** the changes to the junction of Catherine Way and Steway Lane, and the plans for the Parish Council to take on operational responsibility for opening the junction when required.

- 6.2.1. Cllr McCarthy informed the meeting that she has requested that CURO make the posts more visible and provide keys, to allow the Council to take operational responsibility for opening them when necessary.

7. Nature and Environment Working Group

- 7.1. **Council received** a verbal report from the Clerk in Cllr Lewis's absence.

- 7.1.1. He commented that they had held a very productive meeting of the Riverside Working Group.

8. Communication and Community Working Group

- 8.1. **Council received** a verbal report from Cllr Skelton.

- 8.1.1. Cllr McCarthy has been working with Steve Frayling to refurbish noticeboards

- 8.1.2. The Clerk noted that he had met with Cllr Gray to allow her to post to Facebook on the Council's behalf, and had begun the process of creating regular content.

- 8.2. **Council discussed** the possible content for the Autumn Edition of the Batheaston Times.

- 8.2.1. Cllr Squire undertook to provide a review of the Party with a call for more Councillors.

PROJECT GROUPS

9. Summer "Wild Water" Party

- 9.1. **Council approved** a report from the Clerk on the financial results of the party.,

- 9.1.1. This indicated an overall loss, or cost, for the Party of £1,540

- 9.1.2. He noted that he had received more cash and some invoices at the meeting, which would in aggregate slightly improve this out-turn

- 9.1.3. Councillors asked that he compare this summary with the 2024 party, to identify key changes.



BATHEASTON SPORTS FOUNDATION

10. Update from the Trustees

- 10.1. **Council received** a verbal report from Cllr Peter Bryant on an informal meeting of trustees, 24th June.
 - 10.1.1. He commented that the trustees are aiming to develop a plan to fully establish over the next six months.
 - 10.1.2. Amongst other things, this will cover the agreement of leases and management arrangements with the Parish Council.
 - 10.1.3. It will also aim to give a vision – a “blue sky plan” – of what might be achievable, with the assistance of professional experts as necessary.
- 10.2. There have been no nomination(s) to be trustees yet, although a number of people have been approached.
- 10.3. **Council resolved** to provide administrative support to the Batheaston Sports Foundation for the first year of operation, to 31st March 2026.

STANDING ITEMS AND REPORTS

11. Planning Applications

- 11.1. **Council reviewed** the following Planning Applications to Bath and North East Somerset Council:
 - 11.1.1. Reference Number: [25/02491/FUL](#)
Site Location: Pound Hill Cottage Northend Batheaston BA1 8EW
Description of Proposal: Erection of single storey porch on front elevation.
 - 11.1.2. Reference Number: [25/02473/VAR](#)
Application Type: Application for Variation of Condition
Site Location: Avondale Garage High Street Batheaston BA1 7DW
Description of Proposal: Variation of conditions 13 (Implementation of Landscaping Scheme (Bespoke Trigger)), 20 (Ecological and Biodiversity Net Gain Compliance Report (Pre-Occupation)) and 28 (Plans List (Compliance)) of application 23/02316/FUL (Demolition of existing buildings, retention and refurbishment of commercial office unit (use class E.g) attached to neighbouring dwelling and development of 4 dwellings (use class C3) with associated landscaping and engineering works).
 - 11.1.3. Reference Number: 25/02628/FUL
Site Location: 205 London Road East Batheaston BA1 7NB
Description of Proposal: External alterations for the replacement of a window and restoration of the facade.



- 11.1.4. Reference Number: 25/02629/LBA
Application Type: Listed Building Consent (Alts/exts)
Site Location: 205 London Road East Batheaston BA1 7NB
Description of Proposal: External alterations for the replacement of a window and restoration of the facade.

Council resolved not to oppose all of the foregoing applications.

- 11.1.5. Reference Number: 25/02637/FUL
Site Location: Barn Bailbrook Lane
Description of Proposal: Conversion of a barn into a dwelling

Council reviewed this application **and approved** a draft text for objection.

- 11.2. **Council noted** the following decision which has been notified by Bath and North East Somerset Council since the last meeting.

- 11.2.1. Application Number: 25/01572/FUL Decision: PERMIT

- 11.3. **To note** that this accords with the Parish Council's submission

12. Clerk's Report

- 12.1. **Council received** a report from the Clerk.

- 12.1.1. He noted the request from B&NES for organisations to express an interest in Community Energy local renewable energy.

13. Chair's Report

- 13.1. **Council received** a verbal report from the Chairman.

- 13.1.1. She thanked all Councillors for their participation and commitment in 2024/25, and wished everyone a good summer break.

Meeting Closed at 8:42pm
Forthcoming Meetings:

Parish Council Meeting, 9th September 2025

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

Signed: -

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Maccabee".

Parish Clerk

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