



Proposed Schedule of Meetings for Autumn 2026

I propose the following schedule, adhering to our standard, second Tuesday of the month.

- 8th September
- 13th October
- 10th November
- 8th December

Council is asked **to approve** this schedule.

Resident Communications: each week I receive a handful of emails and phone calls from members of the public on a wide range of topics. This month, there have been two specific complaints about parking on the **Riverside Car Park**: abuse of disabled spaces and long-term and overnight by campervans. The reconfiguration of the Car Park has been a possible project for a number of years, but we might consider progressing it this year (I have provisionally registered our interest in funding from WECA for EV Chargers).

I intend to ask the residents who have complained about the **Energy in your Community** project (in person at the February and March Council meetings and by email) whether they wish to invoke the Council's complaints process.

The Summer Edition of the **Batheaston Times** will be produced during May; our copy is due to be delivered next Friday 1st May, with the copies available in the stands around the village by 29th May.

The new **Noticeboards** are on order, for delivery and installation late May/early June.

I submitted the response to the Freedom of Information request regarding the Bathampton Meadows Alliance on 21st March. The respondent has asked a series of follow-up questions, which I intend to answer this week.

Catherine Way / Steway Lane Access will be open while a lower section of Northend is closed for 28–30th April for Telecomms works.

High Bannerdown bus stop: B&NES are investigating providing a hardstanding, to provide a safer place to wait.

Playground Repairs I have sought quotes for the urgent repairs to playground equipment, and will commission the work this week.

Finance As noted elsewhere, with my colleague Rachel, we are starting to use the new finance system, Scribe for this financial year. We will continue to use our previous system, AdvantEdge, for the completion of last year's accounts.

I am very grateful to Craig Brooks and members of Grow Batheaston for the **litter pick in and around St Catherine's Brook** on 27th March. They collected 10 bags of rubbish!

I will have this collected, along with the **rubbish in and behind the toilet block** next week. I will also commission confidential disposal of old Council papers that we are no longer required to keep, as

defined in the **Records Retention Policy**. Rachel has been painstakingly working through the boxes stored in the Rhymes Pavilion basement to identify these and re-filing those that are still needed

Streetlights: the existing light on **Victoria Gardens** has been repaired; B&NES have offered to consider providing an additional light if budget allows.

Grass cutting tenders concluded successfully, with the award of contracts for the Riverside to J H Jones, and for the football pitch and playground to B&NES. In both cases, we have met them on site and are pleased with the first results.

Charmydown Barn development: as noted elsewhere, we worked closely with St Catherine and Swainswick Parishes and residents to provide an objection at the Planning Committee, which was however approved. I am now working with them to provide evidence of the use of the footpath in front of the property for the appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

Finally, we are preparing for the Open Afternoon, this Saturday 25th April from 2pm, for which we will be providing refreshments.

Richard Maccabee

Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

21st April 2026