

**Batheaston Parish Council**

*Minutes of the Meeting of the Batheaston Parish Council held  
in The Rhymes Pavilion on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017 at 7-15 pm*

**Present :-** Cllrs R Mimmack (Act-Chair), E Adams, P Burcombe, N Clutterbuck, D Craig, D Greener, S Hagen,  
C McCarthy and M Townley (Clerk)

**Attending: 3** x residents.

**1 Public Participation – Nominees for the Parish Councillor vacancies.**

Alexis Pavlou: - Wished to add to his written CV, hard copy with all Members. Came from Croydon with a Greek Cypriot father and has enjoyed a varied career and a passion for economics and politics. Now has a teaching post and believes – again with passion – that being ‘fair’ in all dealings. Wants to help and realises that small teams can make a difference.

Andrew Lea: - Unable to attend but offered a statement via Cllr Adams: I have lived in Batheaston for 17 years, initially in Valeview Terrace and now on Morris Lane. My three children were all born and raised in Batheaston, one still attends Batheaston primary school and the other two who previously attended now attend Ralph Allen and Fosse Way.

Batheaston is an area I have grown to love and cherish and the community within it. As a key member of the Bathampton Meadows Alliance, I worked and campaigned endlessly to stop the needless destruction of this precious green land.

Presenting at BANES cabinet and council meetings. This made me realise that campaigning for the good of the people, while positive, has limited impact unless you help the community with wider decision making.

Hence my wish to become a Parish Councillor.

One of the key issues I see with Batheaston is the cohesion of the community, the ability for all to have an equal voice and as a council we need to collaborate with other organisations and peoples for the greater good.

I have extensive experience in marketing, research, insight and people behaviour understanding at Director level. I am also a keen cyclist, gardener and promoter of safe cycle and walking routes.

Jamie Luck: - Born and bred in Bath and his career includes 7 x years in the theatre. Lived for 2 years in Northend and the past 5 years in Elmhurst. Is a governor at the Primary School, which their 2 children attend. Batheaston has a very varied range of people, with many needing support. Jamie is a director of the charity “Mentoring Plus” and has a passion for helping this community particularly children and young people.

All three candidates for thanked for their attendance.

**2 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs S Cast, J Jeffery, D Redding (on business), District Cllr G Ward.

**3 Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**4 Co-option of Parish Councillors**

4.1 There are 4 more candidates for this post and they intend meeting with the Council on 24<sup>th</sup> July.

4.2 The 4 x Vacancies will be filled at the 24<sup>th</sup> July meeting.

**5 Minutes of the Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018**

Proposed	E Adams	}	RESOLVED - (Unanimously)	That the minutes are accepted as a true record.
Seconded	S Hagen			

**6 Receipt of Standing Committee Reports**

6.1 Strategic Planning SPC - (*Derek Greener*)

6.1.1 Concerned that siting of the Outdoor Gym Equipment now impinges on a “Disabled Parking” space. Removing the kerb will cost some £1500, should there be a Risk assessment of keeping the kerb? Should an alternative site be sought? Are the protective Planters suitable?  
This meeting agreed (6 x ‘For’ vs 1 x ‘Against’) that the SPC reviews again with full analysis of revenue and capital costs, Risk and Access assessments

Planning & Recreation (PRC)

6.2 6.2.1 Nothing to add to the Minutes

6.3 Highways, Footpaths, Environment & Lighting (HFE) (*Susanne Hagen*)

6.3.1 A road accident occurred in the High Street and the HFE should consider (a) introduction of a ‘Speed Watch’ system (b) more 20mph repeater signs, (c) advice from the Police on ‘dummy’ mannequins?

6.3.2 Bathampton Parish wish to measure air quality at the Toll Bridge ahead of proposed introduction of Congestion Zone in central Bath. Hire of a Measuring Unit would cost £250 each for both Batheaston and Bathampton PCs.

6.3.3 Maps issued to all members of the Grass Verges and ownership. CURO have problems with their Grass Cutting contractor, and B&NES will cut 2 x annum.

6.3.4 There have now been 2 x falls into the river and the cased lifebelt units are inoperable. A simple Lifebelt on a rope costs around £193.

6.3.5 This Council is very grateful to the B&NES volunteers who worked on the Penthouse steps and painted the Youth Club. A ‘formal’ letter of “Thanks” suggested. **RM**

6.3.6 Progress on accepting B&NES offer to continue to enforce the cancelling the Car Park TRO to be urged. An HFE agenda item for 24<sup>th</sup> July. **ALL**

6.4 Review & Policy Committee (RPC)

6.4.1 This Committee now initiated and are considering more use of Working Groups (WGs).

6.4.2 The Clerk issued a listing of possible Working Groups – Councillors invited to suggest additional WG’s and Cllr Clutterbuck will reissue his paper suggesting 2 Council meetings each month, as proposed 2/3 years ago. **ALL**

6.4.3 A Human Resources Advisory Group (HRAG) has been established to deal with all Personnel matters. Currently comprising RM, DG, DC, EA

Proposed	E Adams	}	RESOLVED - (Unanimously)	That the above Reports are accepted.
Seconded	S Hagen			

**7 Presentation of Unaudited Accounts**

7.1 Accounts for JUNE and Year to date

	April	MAY	JUNE	
Income	22640	7396	<b>38</b>	£4957 saving to Budget
Expenditure	490	5412	<b>3811</b>	£12026 Saving to Budget

7.2 Audit 2017-18 Update

The new External Auditors need all papers remitted by email and the 11 x pages sent 2 weeks ago.

7.3 Considerations for Expenditure

- 7.3.1 BPC Councillors Training @ £200,
  - 7.3.2 HFE High Street Plants & compost @ £92
  - 7.3.3 SPC 'Secret Garden' Plants & Materials @ £1100
  - 7.3.4 PRC Play Area (Broadleaf Landscapes) @ £500; Pavilion Repairs (Broadleaf Landscapes) @ £600
  - 7.3.5 BPC Funding for Christmas decorations and Riverside Benches will follow usual procedures. WG's should consider Re-lining of the M/S Court, An Infants Play area in the Secret Garden, Riverside jetty improvements, developing a strategy for the riverside.
- To consider process for

Proposed	S Hagen	}	RESOLVED -	That the June Accounts and all the above expenditures are
Seconded	P Burcombe	}	(Unanimously)	approved.

**8 Neighbourhood Plan Progress**

- 8.1 Will not be including the "Hedgerows analysis" in the final Report.
- 8.2 The "Landscape Assessment" is being reworked – for inclusion in the final Report
- 8.3 An "open meeting" proposed – in St Johns Church - so all 90 volunteers can participate – the Working Groups proposals will be emphasised in this gathering. Dates to be finalised,  
*This Meeting agreed to exceed the 9.30pm finish time.*

**9 Riverside Progress Update**

- 9.1 The Garden Group's (GG) Working Party met last Sunday for the 5<sup>th</sup> time, and sterling work continues.
- 9.2 The BPC owes grateful "Thanks" to Catherine Gregory and Sue Oldfield – who work so hard and are 'logging' all the hours entered to date.

**10 Composition / Working Groups Composition**

All Councillors invited to add to the Working Groups Listing (as 6.4.2) so that a fuller programme can be developed for the Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> July. **ALL**

**11 Adoption of Draft Social Media Policy – RD 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018**

Cllr Clutterbuck to re-circulate his comments on the original proposals – for review at the 24<sup>th</sup> July Meeting.

**13 Councillors concerns & Representations (for information only)**

- 13.1 'Sink-hole' at the bottom of Fosse Lane needs urgent repairs.
- 13.2 Potholes developing in Northend with all the construction traffic accessing the Hawkers site development.

**14 Chairman's Report**

- 14.1 The Village Hall in School Lane is to be demolished during the Summer Holidays

**15 Clerks Report**

- 15.1 Three cheques signed at this Meeting
- 15.2 The S.106 Grant of over £18,789.78 has to be spent by January 2022 – monies can only be spent on Recreation Facilities – Listing/costs to be prepared.
- 15.3 Wessex Water is to complete installation works in the Secret Garden – as details issued to all Councillors.

**16 Communications**

No press release at this time.

**17 Date of next Meeting:-**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018 at 7-00 pm in The Rhymes Pavilion (To be confirmed)**

**18 Councillors Code-of-Conduct**

See separate Confidential Report

**Chairman.....Date.....**