

Batheaston Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Batheaston Parish Council is held at 7:15pm on Tuesday 15th February 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. Regarding Item 5.1.2, The Spring Paddock

- 1.1.1. The owner of this land explained the background and the objectives of their initiative. She is keen to see the land used and enjoyed by the local community, and is considering options for doing so.

1.2. Regarding Item 7.1, the Proposal for the Riverside Toilet Block

- 1.2.1. A resident outlined her ideas for converting the toilet block into a shop of some sort.
- 1.2.2. She is the proprietor of LEAK, in Larkhall. She took this on from BANES in 2014/15, when they proposed to close the public toilet, refurbishing the building in collaboration with them.
- 1.2.3. This is now a well-established and successful shop selling goods from local designers and makers and has become a key part of the local community. She maintains the public convenience, providing it free-of-charge during the shop opening hours.
- 1.2.4. Her thoughts for the Riverside are along the same lines; creating some form of not-for-profit shop.
- 1.2.5. This idea has been considered before, but the purchase of the Meadows by the National Trust, and the establishment of its Green Corridor presents the ideal opportunity.
- 1.2.6. **Council approved** a motion to consider Item 7.1 at this point

Item 7.1 Council approved the proposal to develop plans for a not-for-profit shop to be located in the Toilet Block at the Riverside.

- 7.1.1. The Clerk will liaise with the resident to develop detailed proposals

Clerk

1.3. Regarding Item 7.2, the use of the riverside and secret garden for a Grow Batheaston pop up market later this year.

- 1.3.1. Representatives of Grow Batheaston outlined this proposal, which they hope will give an opportunity for local businesses and organisations to showcase their wares on 4 days through the summer.
- 1.3.2. **Council approved** a motion to consider Item 7.2 at this point.

Item 7.2, Council approved the use of the riverside and secret garden for a Grow Batheaston pop up market please with a suspension of parking on a number of dates later this year.

- 1.4. Regarding Item 9.2, the “Batheaston Woods” (land behind Elmhurst Estate).
- 1.4.1. Representatives of Grow Batheaston described the process of consultation with the residents of Nos. 35 to 79 of the Elmhurst Estate regarding the plots land behind these properties.
- 1.4.2. The consultation continues.

2. **Council accepted** apologies for absence 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 18th January 2022.

VILLAGE MATTERS

5. **Highways**

- 5.1. **Council received** a report on matters relating to Highways from Cllr McCarthy.

- 5.1.1. She highlighted discussions with BANES Officers regarding speeding, and the possible actions open to the Council to address this. These include providing additional signage and establishing a speed watch team.
- 5.1.2. BANES officers are conducting a feasibility study to ensure safe co-existence of cyclists and pedestrians on School Lane.
- 5.1.3. She expressed her desire for the horse trough on London Road West to be renovated.
- 5.1.4. **Council noted** discussion with CURO representative regarding the arrangements for opening the Green Gates at the end of Catherine Way for emergencies. The Clerk is progressing these, and will bring specific proposals to the next Council meeting.

Clerk

- 5.1.5. **Council noted** the proposals described in Item 1.1 to open Spring Paddock to the public, which they warmly welcomed.

5.2. **Streetlights**

- 5.2.1. Council considered options for reinstating the lights on the Car Park.
- 5.2.2. **Council approved** the option to repair and upgrade the lights to LED light bulbs, with an estimated cost of approx. £3,000 + VAT

Clerk

- 5.2.3. Council considered options for repair of the light on the Batch, noting that the existing light was not serviceable, and required substantial work to repair.
- 5.2.4. **Council approved** the option to replace the existing light with a self-standing column on the opposite side of the road, with an estimated cost of approx. £2,750 + VAT.

Clerk

6. Playground

6.1. Council received a report regarding the progress of the refurbishment of the Playground.

6.1.1. **Council resolved** to allocate a further £2,500 for the first phase, to procure a bespoke slide, as required to safely fit the slope.

Clerk

6.1.2. **Council resolved** that the Clerk will seek quotations to install a handrail alongside the steps beside the slide, and that he will progress with the quote that offers the best value for money, provided that this does not exceed £500.

Clerk

7. Riverside

7.1. The proposal to develop plans for a not-for-profit shop to be located in the Toilet Block at the Riverside.

This item was taken in Public Participation.

7.2. The use of the riverside and secret garden for a Grow Batheaston pop up market please with a suspension of parking on a number of dates later this year.

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8. Queens Platinum Jubilee

8.1. Council received a report on the planning for celebrations of the Jubilee party from Cllr Squire.

8.1.1. Councillors are coordinating with members of other community organisations to arrange events over the long weekend.

8.1.2. The main focus currently is a street party on Sunday 6th June, planned for the High Street.

8.1.3. The Council needs to secure the necessary agreement to close the road. Also to procure bunting.

9. Leadership Group

9.1. Council approved up to £1,000 for the printing and publication of the inaugural Batheaston Times.

9.2. Council received a verbal report from Cllr Squire, echoing that made in Public Participation (Item 1.4.1) on discussions with BANES, the local residents and Grow Batheaston about the future management of plots of land behind Nos. 35 to 79 of the Elmhurst Estate.

FINANCE MATTERS

10. Finance Update

- 10.1. **Council received** a verbal report from the Clerk.
 - 10.1.1. **Council noted** that the Precept for 2022/23 of £55,400 has been formally submitted to BANES.
 - 10.1.2. **Council noted** receipt of the Section 106 funding for the Playground Project, £18,900.

GOVERNANCE MATTERS

11. Co-option Policy

- 11.1. **Council approved** a draft Co-option Policy.
- 11.2. The Clerk will publish the policy and implement it henceforth.

Clerk

STANDING ITEMS AND REPORTS

12. Planning Applications

- 12.1. **Council resolved not to oppose** the following planning applications from Bath and North East Somerset Council:

- 12.1.1. Reference Number: 22/00175/FUL
- 12.1.2. Reference Number: 22/00467/TCA
- 12.1.3. Reference Number: 22/00478/CLPU
- 12.1.4. Reference Number: 22/00597/LBA

Clerk

- 12.2. **Council reviewed** the following planning applications, which fall just outside the boundary of the Parish, as requested by Council at its last meeting.

- 12.2.1. Reference Number: 21/04650/FUL
Application Address: Papermill Cottage, Leigh Lane, St Catherine, BA1 8HG
Proposal: A new vehicular entrance and car parking spaces in the garden of Papermill Cottage
- 12.2.2. Application Reference: 22/00036/FUL
Application Address: Brook Cottage, St Catherine Lane, St Catherine, BA1 8HA
Proposal: Change of use of a residential caravan to holiday accommodation (Retrospective)

- 12.2.3. **Council resolved not to oppose** these applications.

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

- 12.3.1. Application Number: 21/05536/FUL Decision: PERMIT
- 12.3.2. Application Number: 21/05458/FUL Decision: PERMIT
- 12.3.3. Application Number: 21/05567/FUL Decision: PERMIT

12.4. Council noted that the appeal lodged in respect of the Enforcement Notice, 21/00091/UNDEV, at Parcel 0096, Ramscombe Lane, requiring demolition of a building erected without permission has been dismissed.

13. Clerk's Report

13.1. Council received a report from the Clerk.

14. Chair's Report

14.1. Cllr Squire gave a brief verbal report.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm

Upcoming Meetings: -

7:15pm, Tuesday 15th March 2022

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:

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