

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of Batheaston Parish Council
held at 7:15pm on Tuesday 13th February 2024 at the Rhymes Pavilion.
Present: Councillors Hannah Squire (Chair of Council),
Peter Bryant, Evie Gray, Peter Lewis, Catherine McCarthy,
Sue Peachey, and Kate Skelton.**

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. **Council accepted** apologies for absence from **Cllr Butt and Pavlou**.
2. **There were no declarations of interest from Councillors**.
3. **No members of the public wished to participate in the meeting**.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**
 - 4.1. **Council approved** the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 16th January 2024.
5. **Council noted** progress on actions from previous meetings.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

6. **Highways, Transport and Planning Working Group**
 - 6.1. **Council approved** a response to Bath and North East Somerset Council regarding their proposals for the Pelican crossing at the east end of London Road, at its junction with Fiveways, as follows:
 - 6.1.1. “BPC are happy with the proposals and understand and support the reasons for the change of the type of crossing. They will also welcome the improvement to the road surface and the commitment to improve the aesthetics of the crossing”.
7. **Community and Communications Working Group**
 - 7.1. Cllr Skelton indicated that she is undertaking a course on communications (not at BPC's expense), and will be looking to make improvements to the website.
 - 7.2. Councillors noted that for many residents will be more likely to use social media than the website. Initially this will be Facebook, Instagram,
8. **Working Group to Establish a Charity to Develop Sports and Recreation Facilities**
 - 8.1. **Council noted** the draft constitution to be submitted to the Charity Commission, following advice from a specialist solicitor.

8.2. **Council nominated** the following Councillors to join Cllr Bryant as the inaugural trustees of the Charity.

8.2.1. Cllr Squire, with an initial term of 3.5 years

8.2.2. Cllr Peachey, with an initial term of 3 years

8.2.3. Cllr Gray with an initial term of 2.5 years.

9. Working Group to organise a Summer Party

9.1. Cllr Squire commented that at the recent meeting of the BLG that many community organisations wish to contribute to the summer party.

9.2. **Council amended** the motion to change the title of the event "Summer Party"

9.3. **Council approved** the amended motion.

10. Rhymes Pavilion Working Group

10.1. Council noted that there had been little progress with consultation, and that there needs to be a renewed focus on this.

10.2. The Clerk commented that he is working with representatives of Penny's Pantry to address the immediate issues with the building, as approved by Council in its November meeting.

STANDING ITEMS AND REPORTS

11. Finance Operations

11.1. Council deferred the motion to review the transactions undertaken in January 2024 (for subsequent approval at Finance Committee) (Clerk, A)

12. Planning Applications

12.1. Council reviewed the following planning application from Bath and North East Somerset Council, and resolved not to oppose:

12.1.1. Reference number: 24/00474/TPO.

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

12.2.1. Application Number: 23/04809/TPO Decision: CONSENT

12.2.2. Application Number: 23/03890/LBA Decision: CONSENT

12.2.3. Application Number: 23/03889/FUL Decision: PERMIT

12.2.4. Application Number: 23/03999/FUL Decision: PERMIT

12.2.5. Reference Number: 23/04000/LBA Decision: CONSENT

- 12.3. **Council noted** that for 12.2.1, 4 & 5, these accord with the view of the Parish Council, which were not to oppose; for 12.2.2 & 3, “Council expressed concerns about parking, welcomed additional housing stock in the village, albeit regretting the loss of commercial stock”.

13. Clerk’s Report

- 13.1. Council received a verbal report from the Clerk.
- 13.1.1. He commented that he proposes that the Annual Village Meeting be held on 21st May.

14. Chair’s Report

- 14.1. Council received an oral report from the Chairman.

Meeting closed at 8:37pm

Forthcoming Meetings:
Council Meeting, 16th March 2024

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

DRAFT UNAPPROVED