

**Batheaston Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of Batheaston Parish Council**  
**held at 7:15pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at the Rhymes Pavilion.**  
**Present: Councillors Hannah Squire (Chair of Council),**  
**Peter Bryant, Peter Lewis, Catherine McCarthy,**  
**Alexis Pavlou and Sue Peachey.**

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

1. **Council accepted apologies for absence from Cllr Butt, Gray and Skelton.**
2. There were **no declarations of interest** from Councillors.
3. **A member of the Public Participation** regarding item 9.3, Suffragette Memorial on the agenda.

3.1. Cllr Squire brought forward Item 9.3

9.3 **To receive** a verbal report on the Suffragette Memorial Project Group, from Cllr McCarthy, Lead of the Project Group.

9.3.1 Cllr McCarthy noted that there are many in the local community who wish to see it progress as she had planned.

9.3.2 Cllr Squire reminded the meeting that the outcome of the previous meeting was that a Project Group would be established, with community input. This requires an amended Terms of Reference to be approved, which has not happened due to the focus of time on the Party.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

4.1. **Council approved** the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

5. The Clerk apologised that he had not had time to update the progress on actions from previous meetings

**GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

6. **Highways Transport and Planning Working Group**

6.1. **Council received** a verbal report from Cllr McCarthy, Lead of the Working Group.

6.1.1. She commented that in August there will be improvements undertaken to the lower section of Bannerdown Road and to Fiveways Roundabout by B&NES.

6.1.2. Councillors noted that the A36 will be closed for up to 6 months from the autumn, which will result in diversion to the roads in and around Batheaston.

## **7. Nature and Environment Working Group**

- 7.1. Cllr Lewis, Lead of the Working Group, gave a verbal report, noting that there had no progress on the river safety measures and the pontoon, and that he will prioritise this with the Clerk.

**Clerk / Cllr Lewis**

## **8. Community and Communications Working Group**

- 8.1. Cllr Skelton, Lead of the Working Group was absent.

- 8.1.1. Councillors noted that the approval for the funding of the Batheaston Times for the current year should be reviewed.

## **9. Project Groups**

- 9.1. **Cllr Squire**, Lead of the Project Group, gave a brief verbal report on the Summer Party held on the previous Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July:

- 9.1.1. It was great event, enhanced significantly by the contributions of members of the community.

- 9.1.2. Cllr Squire proposed that there should be a review, and she will circulate first iteration.

**Cllr Squire**

- 9.2. **Cllr Squire**, Lead of the Project Group, gave a brief verbal update on the Future of the Rhymes Project Group

- 9.2.1. Cllr Lewis reported that there have been 69 responses to the survey, and that there will be a push for more over the summer.

- 9.2.2. Cllr Pavlou volunteered to discuss the option for the development of the kitchen that has been proposed by a local businessman.

**Cllr Pavlou / Clerk**

- 9.3. **ITEM TAKEN EARLIER: To receive** a verbal report on the Suffragette Memorial Project Group, from Cllr McCarthy, Lead of the Project Group.

**9.4. Council received** a verbal report on the Rhymes Maintenance Project Group from the Clerk.

9.4.1. He noted that Fire and Electrical Safety Inspections have been carried out.

9.4.2. He noted the fantastic efforts of members of the community, and of Good Gym, to clean and paint the building.

9.4.3. He looked forward to being able to fully re-open the building in September.

## **STANDING ITEMS AND REPORTS**

### **10. Planning Applications**

**10.1. Council reviewed** the following planning applications from Bath and North East Somerset Council, and agreed not to oppose them:

10.1.1. Reference Number: [24/02211/PIP](#)

10.1.2. Reference Number: 24/02262/FUL

10.1.3. Reference Number: [24/02263/LBA](#)

10.1.4. Reference Number: [24/02325/FUL](#)

10.1.5. Reference Number: [24/02386/TCA](#)

10.1.6. Reference Number: [24/02402/VAR.](#)

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

10.2.1. Application Number: 24/00957/FUL Decision: PERMIT

10.2.2. Application Number: 24/01447/FUL Decision: PERMIT

10.2.3. Application Number: 24/01309/FUL Decision: PERMIT

**10.3. Council noted** that the Parish Council's decision on all of these was not to oppose the application.

### **11. Clerk's Report**

**11.1. Council received** a report from the Clerk including the following items.

11.1.1. He commented that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) is with External Auditors, who have yet to respond.

### **12. Chair's Report**

**12.1. Cllr Squire** thanked everyone for their efforts this year, most recently in the organisation of the party, and wished them a good summer break.

**The meeting closed at 8:52pm**

**Forthcoming Meetings:**

Parish Council Meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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

Signed: -  Parish Clerk

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