

**Batheaston Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of Batheaston Parish Council**  
**held at 7:15pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**at the Rhymes Pavilion.**



**Present: Councillors Hannah Squire (Chair)**  
**Peter Bryant, Arif Butt, Peter Lewis, Catherine McCarthy,**  
**Sue Peachey and Kate Skelton.**

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

- 1. Council accepted apologies for absence** from Cllrs Gray and Pavlou.
2. There were **no declarations of interest** from Councillors.
- 3. Public participation regarding matters on the agenda.**

**3.1. Ref Item 10. Planning Applications**

- 3.1.1. A resident of St Catherine Parish attended the meeting to update Councillors on the developments at Charmy Down Barns (The Parish Council had opposed Planning Application Reference 23/00429/FUL at its meeting in February 2023).
- 3.1.2. She reported that she is concerned that enforcement action has not occurred, and that the “4 year rule” might soon apply, meaning that the developments become approved by default.
- 3.1.3. She asked that the Parish Council join with St Catherine’s and Swainswick Parishes in escalating the matter to Bath and North East Somerset Council. The Clerk advised that this should be an item on the agenda for the Council’s next meeting.

**Clerk**

**3.2. Ref Item 9, Suffragette Memorial**

- 3.2.1. A number of residents attended to support the proposal contained in the report.
- 3.2.2. The Clerk notified Councillors that two residents who were unable to attend had contacted him asking for their objections to be passed on. In one case, an amendment to the motion was requested.
- 3.2.3. The Chair requested that the item be taken at this point

**9. Suffragette Memorial Project Group**

- 9.1.1. Cllr McCarthy, who is leader of the Project Group, presented a proposal from the Project Group to progress with the installation of the memorial to suffragettes in the Eagle Road Phone Box.

- 9.1.2. She outlined the discussion, and the plans developed for the creation of the memorial in the Phone Box. She noted that there was an objection at the meeting, but a majority of the members supported the plans.
- 9.1.3. Subject to approval, she hoped that the memorial would be completed in time to be formally unveiled to commemorate the anniversary of women first casting votes in an election: 14th December, 1918.
- 9.1.4. Cllr Squire proposed the amendment on behalf of the absent resident: to request that a member of the Project Group enquire of the owners of the land to the north of Steway Lane, adjacent to the Limestone Link footpath, whether they would allow trees to be planted to establish a wood as an additional memorial to the suffragettes.
- 9.1.5. Council approved the amendment, and Council approved the amended motion.
- 9.1.6. Councillors thanked Cllr McCarthy for the excellent work she has done on this project.

### **3.3 Ref Item 10, Elmhurst Growing Spaces**

- 3.3.1 Christine Cox, a resident of a property adjoining the Growing Spaces, who is leading the Project Group, attended to comment on the report and answer any questions.
- 3.3.2 The Chair requested that the item be taken at this point

## **10. Elmhurst Growing Spaces**

- 10.1. Council received an update on progress from the Clerk.
  - 10.1.1. The task of addressing some instances of misuse of the land, including for fly-tipping, was noted.
  - 10.1.2. The Clerk undertook to return to Council when decisions are to be made.

## **FINANCE REPORTS**

### **4. Finance Position**

- 4.1. The Clerk reported that there had been no significant change in the position since the last meeting, and that operational costs are still as budgeted.

## **WORKING GROUPS**

### **5. Highways Transport and Planning Working Group**

- 5.1. **Council received** a verbal report from Cllr McCarthy, Lead of the Working Group.
  - 5.1.1. She reported that she had received notification that the addition of parking restrictions on Prospect Gardens had been rejected by B&NES.

- 5.1.2. She also noted that there are two pairs of streetlights out of operation on Northend: near to Loew Northend, which are managed by B&NES; and at the junction with Hollies Lane and beyond, which are run by the Parish Council. The Clerk reported that he is seeking estimates for the light at Hollies Lane.

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

- 6.1. Cllr Lewis, Leader of the Working Group, reported that after a period of inactivity, he and the Clerk had progressed matters, and are hoping to hold a meeting with members of the existing Riverside Working Group soon, to establish the new group structure.

- 6.1.1. He asked Councillors to remove any unwanted items from the Riverside Kitchen and Storeroom, and to help to tidy these rooms up. A date was agreed to do so, as a collective exercise.

## **7. Communication and Community Working Group**

- 7.1. Cllr Skelton, Leader of the Working Group, reported that a meeting of the group is scheduled for the following Tuesday. Councillors who are not members of the group are welcome to join the meeting.

- 7.1.1. Cllr McCarthy reported that the Christmas Lights will be switched on at 6pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, and that all are welcome.

- 7.1.2. Cllr McCarthy reported that she is working with the Clerk to confirm the need for all of the Parish Council's noticeboards before replacements are commissioned. She and the Clerk have met one prospective contactor already.

## **PROJECT GROUPS**

### **8. Suffragette Memorial Project Group**

- 8.1. Item taken earlier

### **9. Elmhurst Growing Spaces**

- 9.1. Item taken earlier

## **STANDING ITEMS**

### **10. Planning Applications**

- 10.1. **Council reviewed** the following Planning Applications notified by Bath and North East Somerset Council since the last meeting, and **resolved not to** them:

- 10.1.1. Reference Number: [24/03839/FUL](#)

- 10.1.2. Reference Number: [24/03935/FUL](#)

**10.2. To note** the following Decisions by Bath and North East Somerset Council since the last meeting:

10.2.1. Application Number: 24/03334/FUL Decision:- PERMIT

10.2.2. Application Number: 24/02975/LBA Decision:- CONSENT

10.2.3. Application Number: 24/02974/FUL Decision:- PERMIT

10.2.4. Application Number: 24/01818/FUL Decision:- PERMIT

10.2.5. Application Number: 24/03214/FUL Decision:- PERMIT

**10.3. Council noted** that the Parish Council had resolved not to oppose all of these applications.

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

**11.1. Council received** a report from the Clerk.

**11.2.** He asked Councillors if they wished him to add an item to the next agenda to allow Council to submit a response to the Government consultation on "enabling remote meeting attendance and proxy voting". There was sufficient interest to warrant this and he undertook to provide more detail.

**Clerk**

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

**12.1.** The Chair reported that she was keen to move the Rhymes Pavilion Project forward, and agreed that there should be a meeting soon.

### **The meeting closed at 8:47pm Forthcoming Meetings**

HR and Finance Committee Meetings – TBC November 2024  
Parish Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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Signed: -  Parish Clerk

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