

**Batheaston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the General Strategies Committee Meeting held  
in The Rhymes Pavilion on 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017 at 7-15 pm**

**Present** : Cllrs E Adams,(Chair), P Burcombe, N Clutterbuck, R Mimmack, D Redding, G Riley & M Townley (Clerk)  
**Attending:** Cllrs C McCarthy, D Greener

**G-708 Public Participation**

(a) None

**G-709 Apologies**

Cllr S Hagen

**G-710 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Burcombe (YC & BLA), Mimmack (BLA), Redding (BLA)

**G-711 Minutes of the Meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016**

Proposed	G Riley P	}	RESOLVED -	That the Minutes be accepted as a true record.
Seconded	Burcombe	}		

**G-712 Matters Arising from above Minutes**

(a).A new Gas Sub-station cover has been installed and Western Power has permitted the Gas Co.to repaint the Electricity Sub-station.

- (a) The Car Park sign advising of potential "Flooding" is missing. HFL
- (b) A large vehicle is traversing the Footpath behind the School and churning up the ground.  
The 2 x iron bollards in the Handyman's store to be installed to prevent access. HFL
- (d) B&NES is still refusing to acknowledge that the Gardens at the Penthouse Steps are their property but this "denial" is being refuted. HFL
- (f) The Gents/Ladies sections of the Toilet Block have now been cleared. Floor repairs to be progressed.

**G-713 New Parish Councillors**

- (a) Cllr Greener now a fully signed-in Councillor.
- (b) There has been no request for an Election to replace Bond & Gledhill so a Co-option Request for new Councillors will be repeated. This need was expressed in our editions for the "Local Look".

**G-714 Riverside Project - CAT Progress**

(a) The Head of B&NES Property has now approved the draft Heads of Terms (HoT) and the B&NES legal Department should have the formal papers drawn up by the end of this month.

- (b) The HoT contained much input from this Council's legal advice team.
- (b) The draft HoT contains a clause that B&NES will complete all Walling repairs over a 2-year term. And also a 'break ' clause allowing the BPC to withdraw after 2 years operation.
- (c) A 'Risk Assessment' will be required, when the BPC has sight of the legal papers.
- (d) The Toilet door has been vandalised and repairs to be progressed.  
Cllr Greener offers a CCTV unit to focus on the Toilet Block. DG
- (e) B&NES has offered their Services suppliers so that the BPC can raise its own contracts - but at the beneficial charges rates as B&NES.. MT
- (f) Quotation for Replacements fittings for dismantling the Youth Shelter obtained at £498

**G-715 Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Proposals**

- (a) A NP must have a Team comprising half Parish Councillors and half Residents.
- (b) This Meeting agreed to pursue with a Working Party when Councillor vacancies are filled.
- (c) A meeting with B&NES J O'Rourke to be arranged to develop a programme for completing a NP before the end of this year.

**G-716 Precept 2017-18 Considerations**

- (a) A detailed listing of all proposed Income and Expenses considered at this Meeting.
- (b) All enhancements requested by the 3 x Committees have been included, with an additional £370 required for new Trees maintenance.
- (c) With the anticipated Outlook for this year, and adoption of all enhancement requests, the Reserves by April 2018 might be reduced to £25500.
- (d)

Proposed	N Clutterbuck	}	RESOLVED -	That a Precept of £45,000 for 2017-18 be recommended to the BPC. 4 x 'For'
Seconded	G Riley	}		3 x 'Abs'

**G-717 Any Other Business**

- (a) A Party in the Car Park - similar to last year - is being considered for June 2017 and BPC support at £500 proposed.
- (b) Cllr Ward advises that a Decision by B&NES Cabinet is due at the end of this month.  
When details are known, a response will be formulated on behalf of the BPC. EA
- (c) Cllr Clutterbuck detailed proposals for a re-structuring of this Council's operations. Copies of these proposals will be

Issued this week, for discussion at next week's BPC Meeting.

- (d) The B&NES /ALCA Group wish to meet in the Pavilion at one the quarterly Meetings.  
The Pavilion can be available Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May, Thurs 28 September or Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The BPC will offer the Pavilion to the B&NES/ALCA Group for any of the above dates.
- (e) The Annual Parish Report has to be prepared for issue on 10<sup>th</sup> March - for the April issue of the "Local Look".  
Chairmen to each prepare a 90 word synopsis by 1<sup>st</sup> March for MT/GR to "finalise".

**CHAIRS**

**G-718 Communications**

A resident has offered his services as Webmaster. A 'confirmation' meeting to be arranged.

**EA**

**G-719 Date of Next Meeting**

**Proposed for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 in The Rhymes Pavilion 2016 at 7.15pm**

**Chairman EMMA ADAMS Signed the above Minutes on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017**