

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the General Strategies Committee Meeting held
in The Rhymes Pavilion on 21st FEBRUARY 2017 at 7-15 pm**

Present : Cllrs E Adams,(Chair), P Bennet, P Burcombe, N Clutterbuck, S Hagen, R Mimmack, D Redding, G Riley
& M Townley (Clerk)

Attending: Cllrs C McCarthy,

G-720 Public Participation

(a) None

G-721 Apologies

Cllrs D Greener,

G-722 Declarations of Interest

None declared

G-723 Minutes of the Meeting held 10th JANUARY 2016

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

G-724 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. **CMcC**
- (b) Toilet Block Floor repairs to be progressed. **SF**
- (c) Toilet Block Service Contracts arranged by B&NES, and the first Electricity Invoice received from SSE Southern
- (d) A Party-in-the-Car Park - similar to last year - has been set for June 2017 - date being established.. BPC has promised £500 'seed' monies. Church Fete set for 17th June so date taken. **CMcC**
- (f) The B&NES /ALCA Group has been offered the Pavilion for 25th May / 28th September / 25th January
- (g) The Annual Parish Report has to be prepared for issue on 10th March - for the April issue of the "Local Look". Chairmen to each prepare a 90 word synopsis by 1st March for GR/MT to "finalise". **CHAIRS**

G-725 New Parish Councillors

- (a) The 4 x New Councillors are now all fully accredited and their signed papers are with the B&NES Electoral Officer.
- (b) There is still a vacancy for the 15th Parish Councillor and advertisements will be pursued. **MT**
- (c) Vacancy to be advertised in 10th March issue of the "Local Look". **GR**

G-726 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 week.
- (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 BPC will require B&NES to complete Grass Mowing/Gardening for this year - as these works are already in the B&NES Budget.
- (f) As the Car Park is designated a 'Green space' this transfer will need 2 x weeks of advertising in the Bath Chronicle.
- (g) Grants for Bathscape being pursued by Mr P Fear.

G-727 Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Proposals

- (a) A Working Party comprising P Corley, P Bennett and D Greener have met and are 'digesting' all papers already actioned/considered.
- (b) Links to already issued papers will be researched from Julie O'Rourke. **MT**
- (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-728 Any Other Business

- (a) Park & Ride: The 'Meadows Alliance' is preparing for a possible Judicial Review (JR) and seeking funds. This Committee recommends at least £1000 - to be matched, hopefully, by sister PCs - for consideration at the BPC Meeting set for 14th March.
- (b) Spatial Study: The second stage of the Core Strategy invites comments by 8th March. A BPC Statement on housing at Hawkers Yard, Heather House, Garages Site and previous Place-Making proposals, will be drafted for comments from this Committee. **MT/GSC**
- (c) VPA: Has been conspicuous in ignoring the P&R and is (still) pursuing the A36/A46 Link Road. This Committee agreed, unanimously, to recommend that the the BPC ceases any future support payments
- (d) Monks Path: Recent Lighting installations has 'destroyed' sections and restitution is being pursued. **CMcC**
- (e) BLA Transition: Cancellation of the existing Lease proposed for this 1st April. But how to manage existing assets / Maintenance etc has to established. A "Proposals" paper will be generated for comments. **DR**
The need for legal papers to be discussed with an ex-Councillor. **RM**

- (f) Trees by the Brook: Stock being purchased for planting in March.
Neighbours on the other side of the Brook to be advised of our proposals. RM
- (g) Disaster Accommodation: B&NES has requestd this Council's recommendations for where to provide shelter in
times of 'disaster'. This Committee recommends the new School Hall, then the Church Hall in School Lane

G-729 Communications

- (a) A resident has offered his services as Webmaster. Passwords etc being organized EA
- (b) The new Webmaster offers to 'enhance' the new website
- (c) There is a possibility that a BREDAC-style facility can be adopted using Google platforms.
Using the BREDAC data-base would be required and possible use to be investigated with the administrator. GR

G-730 Date of Next Meeting

Proposed for Tuesday 4th APRIL 2017 in The Rhymes Pavilion at 7.15pm

Chairman..EMMA ADAMS.....Date 4/4/17.....0