

Batheaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the General Strategies Committee Meeting held
in The Rhymes Pavilion on 4th APRIL 2017 at 7-15 pm**

Present : Cllrs E Adams(Chair), P Bennet, P Burcombe, N Clutterbuck, D Greener, G Riley & M Townley (Clerk)
Attending: Cllr S Frayling

G-731 Public Participation

(a) None

G-732 Apologies

Cllrs S Hagen, R Mimmack, D Redding,

G-733 Declarations of Interest

None declared

G-734 Minutes of the Meeting held 21st FEBRUARY 2016

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

G-735 Matters Arising from above Minutes

- (a) Electricity Sub-station. Has been repainted.
- (b) Toilet Block Floor repairs to be progressed. SF
- (c) NP Links to already issued papers researched from Julie O'Rourke and passed on.
- (d) VPA: Has been that the the BPC ceases any future support payments
- (e) Monks Path: Recent Lighting installations has 'destroyed' sections and restitution is being pursued. CMcC
- (f) Trees by the Brook: All planted in March as programmed.

G-736 New Parish Councillors

(a) There is still a vacancy for the 15th Parish Councillor and advertisements will be pursued.

G-737 Riverside Project – CAT Progress

- (a) The B&NES legal Department issued draft formal papers, and revisions advised – to reduce superfluous sections..
- (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 'finalised' 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) The insurance for this area to remain as a B&NES commitment – for this year only, the BPC to pay its share to B&NES in the future.
- (g) This Meeting recommended that the Party-in-the-Park (set for 27th May) become an Annual Event.

G-738 Park & ride Progress

- (a) A Freedom of Information (FoI) investigation has revealed that Highways England will not permit access off the Bypass to site B.
- (b) The same FoI also revealed that the B&NES received this message from Highways England on 13th February but withheld this data from the Scrutiny Panel, which had been 'called-in' to review the Cabinet's January decision.
- (c) At this time there has been no permission requested for site F – to which Highways England will only permit a Traffic Lights access off the Bypass.
- (d) All 3 x Bathavon North Parish councils have pledged support to the "Meadows Alliance Group".

G-739 Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Proposals

- (a) An analysis completed of all 'outstanding' Vision Plan proposals – some 45% has been completed.
- (b) A draft Questionnaire prepared to address the outstanding items but this Meeting agreed that a Statement of Proposals would better serve for a Referendum. WP

G-740 Annual Village Meeting

- (a) Set for Thursday 27th April in The Rhymes Pavilion. The projector will be used onto existing position screen.
- (b) The BNVH will be invited to speak on the Village Hall Replacement project, after the Annual Report presentation and Refreshments. MT
- (c) A representative from the Twinning Group to be invited to speak on this year's proposed French visit. EA
- (d) An advertising poster to be issued this week for posting to websites/noticeboards/BREDAC. MT

G-741 Parish Council Composition

(a)	Proposed	N Clutterbuck	}	RESOLVED -	That the proposal to adopt new titles for the 3 x Committees and Working Party assistance be adopted – (as issued by NC).
	Seconded	G Riley	}	(Unanimously)	

G-742 Local Plan

- (a) Comments advised on the second stage of the Core Strategy Spatial Study. This advice is an initial 'offering' and there will be further opportunity to amend/add in the coming months as the programme outlook alters.
- (b) B&NES is proposing a NP Meeting on 24th April in the Guild Hall. 2 x Representatives required. PC/DG

G-743 Meetings Timetable May 2017 – May 2018

- (a) The draft proposal agreed for recommendation to the BPC next week.

G-744 Any Other Business

- (a) This year a new entrance to The Pavilion is proposed, but an entire replacement should be considered.
- (b) The design for the replacement Village Hall in School Lane was developed some 10 years ago and some features are probably no longer relevant.
If the Hall Application is rejected by B&NE then a re-design might be considered.
- (c) CURO's proposal for Housing on the Coalpit road garages site is 'dragging on'.
- (d) A revised update – March 2017 - received on the "Governance & Accountability Statement". The only minor alteration requests that annually the BPC considers its approval of the existing internal auditor procedure.

Proposed	N Clutterbuck	}	RESOLVED -	That this Meeting recommends that the Parish Council adopts the revised "Governance & Accountability – March 2017"
Seconded	G Riley	}	(Unanimously)	

G-745 Communications

- (a) Resident – Jim Morrison - is our new Webmaster. 'Enhancement' of the new website now being investigated.
- (b) There is a possibility that a BREDAC-style facility can be adopted using Google platforms.

G-746 Date of Next Meeting

Proposed for Tuesday 16th MAY 2017 in The Rhymes Pavilion at 7.15pm

Chairman.....Date.....