

TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD IN THE CONYGRE HALL ON MONDAY 6th APRIL 2009 at 7.00 pm

Present : In the Chair : Cllr. Mrs. V. Packham
Cllrs. Mrs. M. Hayward, Mrs. J. Collett, Mrs. M. Deacon, Mrs. A. Gibbons,
Mrs. D. Sewell, Mrs. C. Watts, D. Deacon, K. Galpin, J. Hall, E. Potter, and
R. Young.

2749. **WELCOME**

Chairman welcomed all attending.

2750. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Cllr. W. Sparey.

2751. **TIMSBURY VILLAGE PLAN**

Chairman welcomed Dr. G. Smith, Chairman of the Timsbury Village Plan Steering Committee, who addressed the Council with an update of the Village Plan. Dr. Smith outlined the progress since the Steering Committee was formed, whose brief was to obtain the views of residents into an Action Plan from an 'Have Your Say' Day in October 2007.

A Questionnaire had been designed and sent to B&NES for analysis. 40 volunteers were used to distribute and collect forms, with collection points in the village. A youth questionnaire was also compiled, and a project completed at St. Mary's School. The responses of those residents who completed the questionnaire were very interesting. This amounted to 52% of the adult population, a total of 1,074. Responses had included support for the Timsbury Letter, the Youth Club, local stores, 20 mph speed limit, street lighting, P.C.S.O's, an extension to the cemetery, and a Village Day - now set for 19th June 2010.

A question was raised asking if the information could be placed on the internet, and Dr. Smith stated that the Action Plan will go on-line.

There being no further questions, Chairman thanked Dr. Smith for his information and attendance.

2752. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. V. Packham, Cllrs. J. Hall and R. Young declared an interest in the Planning Application of playground equipment for St. Mary's School.

2753. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting, on 2nd March 2009, having been circulated, Council agreed that Chairman should sign these as being correct providing Minute 2744, Parish Lights, should read:

'Any additional work required to make the street lights electrically safe would be considered, but no additional work should be carried out purely to comply with electrical regulations.'

2754. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Contact has been made with Mike Fairbeard of Bath YMCA, concerning Timsbury Youth Club.
- b) The Reception for the Newsletter Distributors held on Monday 23rd March at the Conygre Hall was successful.
- c) The Council are taking further advice concerning the production of the Timsbury Letter in alternative formats.
- d) The culvert in Lippiatt Lane is to be replaced with a 300mm pipe. Clerk was requested to pass this information to Mr. B. Pearce of the Allotments Management Committee.
- e) Mr. Stefan Chiffers, B&NES Area Traffic Engineer, is to install a flashing '30 mph sign' in South Road, at the beginning of May, and preparing a traffic calming scheme for Radford.
- f) The growth of ivy on the rear boundary wall of the cemetery is the responsibility of Somer, as there are no roots on the cemetery side of the wall.
- g) A meeting has been held with Mr. Lawrence concerning the stiles on his land at Tynning, and he has promised to improve their access.
- h) To date, no applications had been received from anyone interested in repainting the telephone kiosk.
- i) Further progress has been made towards the repair of the bungalows in St. Mary's Close.
- j) Two waste bins have been replaced in Southlands Drive and the High Street, and a new installation outside St. John's Hall in North Road. A request was received for a waste bin at the end of the cinder path in the Square, and the transfer of another from Gladstone Cottage to the opposite side of North Road.
- k) Flower & Hayes had installed the bollards in Bloomfield Close.

2755. **CLERK'S REPORT**

- a) B&NES have resurfaced the public footpaths in The Glebe and Upper Furlong.
- b) Polycarbonate panels continue to be removed from the bus shelter in Bloomfield Road, near the Coalpit crossroads.
- c) The telephone kiosk at the top of Radford Hill has received damage to some polycarbonate windows.
- d) PC Stuart Peard has taken over as Beat Manager from PC Gavin Williams.
- e) The Forestry Commission has investigated the removal of trees from the Wheelers' site, and state that although many trees were diseased, it exceeded the permitted amount to be felled. No action can be taken as some trees could be claimed as dangerous to the public under Health & Safety Regulations.

2756. **TOWN PLANNING**

a) **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. B&NES Planning Services report that no breach of planning control had occurred at Temperance Cottage, North Road.
Council wished to object that they were not informed of any changes to permitted development.
2. Council wished to respond to the B&NES Revised Scheme of Delegation.

b) **B&NES DECISIONS**

1. **No. 09/00162/FUL**
Dr. Mary Holbrook - Erection of a boiler house.
Sleight Farm, Hayeswood Road. ***- Approved.***

2. **No. 09/00163/LBA**
Dr. Mary Holbrook - External alterations for the erection of a
Sleight Farm, boiler house.
Hayeswood Road. ***- Approved.***

3. **No. 08/04707/AR**
Radstock Co-operative - Display of 2 internally illuminated fascia signs,
Society Ltd. 1 non-illuminated fascia sign,
North Road. 3 window graphics, and 1 menu board to
replace existing ***(Retrospective) -***

Refused.

4. **No. 09/00192/FUL**
Mr. P. & Mr. J. Cracknell - Erection of two semi-detached houses.
2 Chapel Walk. ***- Refused.***

5. **No. 09/00113/TPO**
Mr. M. Bowden - Reduce height of lime by approx. 7.5 m.
The Lodge, Church Lane. ***- Approved.***

6. **No. 09/00193/TPO**
Mr. A. Barker - Pruning of 1, felling of 2, and removal of
Parish's House 1 beech trees.
The Hook. ***- Approved.***

c) **APPLICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

1. **No. 09/00816/FUL**
Mr. M. Pike - Erection of a first floor side extension.
The Orchard Priors Hill. ***- No objections - 11 for, 1 abstention.***

2. **No. 09/00853/FUL**
Mrs. J. Tew - Erection of detached double garage.
52 St. John's Road. ***- No objections, 11 for, 1 abstention.***

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No. 09/01019/FUL

Mr. R. Bridges

- Erection of new dwelling on land

adjacent

Penryn

following demolition of existing garage

South Road.

and building.

Council wished to object to this proposal of a new dwelling as the design is alien to the architectural vernacular in South Road. The parking is inadequate for two dwellings as vehicles could not enter or leave the property in forward gear, and Penryn also loses their garage facilities.

If Planning Services are minded to approve this proposal, Timsbury Parish Council requests that the application goes before the Planning Committee.

4. **No. 09/01063/FUL**

St. Mary's Primary School

- Construction of timber playground equipment.

Lansdown View.

- No objections, 8 for, 1 abstention.

2757. **JOINT WASTE CORE STRATEGY PLAN**

Council wished to see facilities in Norton Radstock, as they were concerned that waste would travel over long distances in other options.

2758. **TIDY TIMSBURY**

a) **LITTER PICK DAY**

Council agreed that Saturday 13th June would be suitable for a Litter Pick Day. B&NES has agreed to supply tongs, bags, gloves and jackets.

Volunteers to assemble in the Conygre Hall car park at 10.00 am, and litter pick in selected areas until 12 noon. Refreshments available at finish, and Dan Norris, M.P. to be invited. All details to be published in the Newsletter.

b) **BATH IN BLOOM**

Cllr. Mrs. C. Watts reported that 2,000 plants awaited transfer from Mr. Sewell's greenhouse to 18 timber boxes, possibly in June. Travis Perkins had supplied the materials, and the plant boxes were currently under construction. Free compost had been obtained from B&NES, but more was needed. Council agreed to also enter the Calor Village of the Year Competition for 2009, and a better map of Timsbury was requested.

2759. **THE CONYGRE TRUST**

a) Ms. Christine Bateman and Cllr. W. Sparey both agreed to continue as Trustees to represent the Council on the Conygre Trust. Carried unanimously.

b) Council agreed to reimburse invoices from the Conygre Trust totalling £3,940.76 for works on the Recreation Field during 2008/2009. Cllr. Mrs. M. Hayward declared an interest. Carried unanimously.

2760. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Comments on the B&NES Draft Public Path Order Policy should be forwarded to the Clerk before 1st May 2009.
- b) Mr. J. King, B&NES Public Transport Officer, reports that the panels in the bus shelter in Bloomfield Road, near the Coalpit crossroads had been replaced, and the Council suggestion for etching each panel will be investigated.
- c) Council agreed to the application of 6' x 4' sheds to be erected on plots No's 18 (Mrs. K. Dale), No.27 (Mr. M. Saunders) and No.63 (Mrs. P. Attride).
- d) Council were invited to attend an informal presentation concerning a planning application to enhance Bristol International Airport in the Administration Building of the airport on 6th April at 6.30 pm.

2761. **PARISH ACCOUNTS**

- a) The following bills were presented as paid:

		£	
3125	The Conygre Trust	Room hire	133.00
3126	Parochial C.C.	Cemetery grant	187.50
3128	Caterkwik	Kitchen equipment	1,250.05
3134	R.V. Watts	Website renewal	76.83
3135	Printsetters Ltd.	Printing April Newsletter	597.66
3136	The Consortium	Office supplies	36.83
3137	O.T.J. Weaver	Cutting the Ha-Ha	65.00
3127	Administration		1,025.00
3129	"		394.11
3130	"		168.00
3131	"		130.00
3132	"		71.28
3133	"		20.00
	Petty Cash		43.52

Council approved Clerk's actions.

- b) **VAT CLAIMS**

		£	
3128	Caterkwik	Kitchen equipment	163.05
3136	The Consortium	Office supplies	4.80

Council approved VAT claims.

Council approved a requirement of £100 petty cash, ALCA subscription of £579.69, and a £10 subscription to Clerks and Councils Direct.

2762. **ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

- a) The installation of a street light in Lippiatt Lane is progressing.
- b) B&NES are addressing the issue of the Children's Play Area in Greenvale Drive.
- c) The tenant farmer of a field at Crocombe, owned by Mrs. Newth, has ploughed over several footpaths and blocked access with manure. Clerk was requested to provide all past correspondence to Dist. Cllr. D. Deacon.

2763. **MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION**

- a) The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 27th April in the Conygre Hall at 7.30 pm.
- b) A Cluster Meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton on Wednesday 29th April at 6.30 pm. Items for the agenda should be forwarded to the Clerk as soon as possible.
- c) A flag pole in a garden opposite the garage in North Road is causing problems.

There being no further business, Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm.

(Chairman)

(Date)

**The next meeting will be The Annual Parish Council Meeting
to be held on Monday 11th May 2009.**

*These Minutes were approved by Timsbury Parish Council
at their meeting on Monday 11th May 2009.*