

TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD IN THE CONYGRE HALL ON MONDAY 12th APRIL 2010 at 7.30 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, E. Potter and
R. Young.

2901. WELCOME
Chairman welcomed all attending.

2902. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
There were no apologies for absence.

2903. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest.

2904. MINUTES
The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, Council agreed
that Chairman should sign these as being correct.

2905. MATTERS ARISING

- a) As the Timsbury Allotments Management Committee undertake full responsibility for any loss arising from the theft of contents from a shed on the Allotment Field, the Council gave permission for the erection of a storage shed for tools.
- b) Victim Support thanked the Council for their donation of £30.
- c) Chairman attended the B&NES Business Award 2009/2010 Presentation Evening at the Guildhall, Bath, together with Mr. & Mrs. Sanjeev Pun, who were delighted to be nominated.
- d) Council requested that Mr. Cupis should be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting.
- e) A meeting held at the Seven Stars on 5th March held by Dan Norris, M.P. to review highway problems in Timsbury was not successful, and a petition is now to be requested.

2906. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

There were no applications received for the vacant seat on the Parish Council.

2907.

REPORTS

a) **POLICE FORUM**

Cllr. Mrs. A. Gibbons reported on the Police Forum meeting held on 8th March, which included an address by Mr. Simon Selby, Youth Strategy Officer, who dealt with the theft of mobile phones in schools, and Inspector Kendall, who stated that Timsbury was a low crime rate area, and that the police could not deal with security cameras providing they were not trained on private property. Community Contact Vehicles are to be withdrawn, and replaced by two more PCSO's in this area, but Beat Surgeries are to continue.

b) **PARISHONLINE MAPPING**

Cllr. Mrs. D. Sewell outlined a new mapping service recently completed by an aerial survey, and presented at Bath Spa University on 9th March. Software was demonstrated at a workshop, and B&NES are paying for all parishes to have use of the data for recording purposes. Future costs to the Council will be £30 per annum.

c) **PLANNING FOR NON-PLANNERS**

Chairman reported on a planning meeting held in Bath on 10th March, and was advised that Planning Officers decide 90% of all applications.

d) **POLICY C BRIEFING**

Chairman also reported that at the Policy C Briefing Meeting held in Bath on 11th March, responses were requested concerning new housing development boundaries, and development in larger villages. Council requested that a separate meeting should be held on Wednesday 5th May, to report findings at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Monday 10th May.

e) **ALCA SGM**

Finally, Chairman reported on the ALCA Special General Meeting, where it was agreed that smaller Parish Councils would remain on a new low subscription rate, whilst larger Councils contributions would be reviewed. Currently, ALCA has expenditure problems.

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CLERK'S REPORT

- a) Council were advised of a NALC Legal Briefing Document L 07-07, which advises the passing of a Resolution adopting the Revised Code of Conduct including Paragraph 12(2).
- b) B&NES Draft Highway Transport Improvements Capital Programme Schemes, and Structural Maintenance Capital Programme 2010/2011, are to be circulated internally.
- c) B&NES Public Transport Services report that all journeys on Bus Service 768 to Bath, will be operated by CT Coaches, and there are no changes to the timetable.
- d) B&NES Highway Services have been advised that sections of a retaining wall in Church Lane are in danger of collapsing.

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- e) B&NES Traffic & Safety Services have been informed that port-a-cabins erected in Wheelers Yard, are restricting the vision for drivers of vehicles exiting The Avenue.
- f) B&NES Highway Inspector has been advised of two loose inspection covers in the Avenue and North Road.

2909.

TOWN PLANNING

a) **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. **No.04/03145/FUL**

J. Gregory-Stevens - Removal of existing stables building and
Crossway Stable siting of new stables building.
Farmborough.

Development Control Committee, Guildhall, Bath 14th April 2010
at 2.00 pm.

2. **No.10/00167/UNDEV**

Two Ginnels - Possible unauthorised aerial erected.
The Avenue.

3. **No.10/00441/FUL**

Amesbury Hill House - Letter of objection received from
Amesbury. P. Fettes, Amesbury Cottage, Amesbury.

b) **APPLICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

1. **No.10/00721/FUL**

Mr. Alex Fan - Change of use of ground floor from office
The Connies, to tearoom and Deli, and alterations to
The Square. openings.

Council agreed that Chairman should adjourn the meeting to allow Mrs. Fan to comment on opening hours. These would be 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. There being no further comments, Chairman resumed the meeting.

Council had no objections. (10 for, 1 abstention).

2. **No.10/01150/FUL**

Mr. J. Mead - Erection of two storey side extension and
3 Bloomfield Avenue. single storey porch.

Council agreed that Chairman should adjourn the meeting to allow Mr. Bishop to comment on the application. Mr. Bishop, who owned the semi-detached property to No.3 Bloomfield Avenue, objected to the size of the extension, compared to the property, materials used was rendered and not stone, and was also too close to the road junction.

There being no further comments, Chairman resumed the meeting.

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Council wished to object to the application as the design was poor, detrimental to the street scene, and against Policies D1 and D2.

If the Planning Officer is minded to approve this application, the Parish Council requests that it is referred to the Planning Committee.

(10 against, 1 abstention).

3. No.10/00888/FUL

Mr. S. Lye
Beechwood Bungalow
The Avenue.

- Erection of two storey extension with provision of two dormers and erection of detached rear garage following demolition of existing.

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Council wished to object to the application as it is a single storey created into two storey dwelling, which is architecturally detrimental.

(10 against, 1 abstention).

4. No.10/01233/FUL

Mr. T. Fisher
Richmond Place
North Road.

- Erection of car port to side elevation.

Council had no objections. (10 for, 1 abstention).

5. No.10/01101/FUL

Mr. S. Young
Merry Wind
8-10 Northfield.

- Erection of a single storey rear extension.

Council wished to object to this application, as it is not in keeping with the existing character of the cottages.

(10 against, 1 abstention).

2910.

PARISH COUNCIL RECEPTION

Council were advised that a Reception for the Timsbury Village Plan, Allotments Management, and Timsbury-in-Bloom Committees, will be held on Friday 7th May 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Grove Room, Conygre Hall. Preparation for refreshments will commence at 6.00 pm. The estimated number attending will be 50, including guests of committee members and Councillors.

2911.

CPRE VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2010

Council agreed to enter this competition.

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TIMSBURY IN BLOOM

Council agreed that Timsbury should enter this competition for 2010, and were advised that Somer Housing had donated £250.00, and an anonymous donation had been received for £500.00. The Council may be requested for further financial support, as 3,000 plants were ordered and stored in a greenhouse, more boxes required, and assistance promised in Radford.

An entry form for the best kept front garden 2010 is to be published in the May and June issues of the Timsbury Letter, to be completed and taken to Timsbury Post Office.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Council agreed to an application submitted by Dr. Tim Nobbs, for the erection of a 6' x 4' shed on plot No. 29 of the Allotment Field.
- b) Council approved a donation of £60.00 to the Over Sixties Club towards the running costs of the Community Service Vehicle. Cllr. Mrs. M. Hayward declared an interest.
- c) B&NES Environmental Services reports that the uplift for the Parish Sweeping Scheme will be 2.18% for 2010. Mr. Trevor Cummings, the Environment Manager is leaving B&NES.
- d) Dorothy Miley, Parking Services Manager for B&NES has received a request for yellow line restrictions outside Mead Farm on North Road. Council agreed that this issue could not be dealt with piecemeal, and wished to continue to object to any restrictions on this road.
- e) Council were advised that only one quote had been received for the conversion of the telephone kiosk in South Road, for the sum of £1,375.00. Council agreed to reconsider the specification.
- f) NALC are hosting a Conference and Exhibition on Friday 2nd July 2010 at the Marriott Bristol City Centre Hotel from 9.30 am to 4.45 pm at the cost of £105.75 inc. VAT.
- g) Bath & District Citizens Advice Bureau invite the Council to attend a Briefing Session on 'Delivering Advice in B&NES' on Monday 26th April 2010 in the Guildhall, Bath from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm.
- h) Questions raised for discussion at the Parish Cluster Group Meeting to be held on 15th April 2010 include Double taxation, Enforcement Action, Potholes and Parish Mapping.

2914.

PARISH ACCOUNTS

- a) The following bills were presented as paid:

			£
3262	Bath YMCA	Youth worker (March)	250.00
3264	Parochial C.C.	Cemetery Grant (4th	187.50
3267	Printsetters Ltd.	Quarter)	510.40
3268	Southern Electric Ltd.	Printing April Newsletter	151.75
3269	Conygre Trust	Public lighting maintenance	95.00
3270	Bath YMCA	Room hire	250.00
3271	Consortium	Youth worker (April)	51.22
3272	EDF Energy Ltd.	Office supplies	195.42
3263	Administration	Public lighting	1,125.00
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3266	"		138.00

Council approved Clerk's actions.

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b) V.A.T. CLAIMS

			£
3268	Southern Electric Ltd.	Public lighting maintenance	22.60
3271	Consortium	Office supplies	7.63
3272	EDF Energy Ltd.	Public lighting	9.31

Council approved V.A.T. claims.

c) The following bills were presented for payment: £

Clerks & Councils Direct Subscription renewal	11.00
R.V. Watts Website hosting	73.75

Council approved payments.

2915.

ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

- a) Dist. Cllr. D. Deacon reported that Somer Housing had completed the resurfacing of a public footpath at the rear of the warden's bungalow in Greenvale Drive. A meeting is to be held shortly with Somer Housing concerning the empty bungalows in St. Mary's Close, and a speed repeater sign is to be installed at Hook Hill.
- b) The B&NES Maintenance Programme for 2010/2011 does not include resurfacing of the public footpath in Bloomfield Park Road from The Glebe to Lippiatt Lane.
- c) There have been very few visits to Timsbury by the roadsweeping vehicle.
- d) The solar lamp at the rear of Lippiatt Lane is awaiting repair.

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MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- a) An ALCA course is to be held on 19th April 2010 at Yatton.
- b) Cllr. Mrs. A. Gibbons reported that the Reception held at The Forum, Bath on 25th February 2010 organised by the Army Presentation Team was very successful.
- c) Cllr. E. Potter asked if there was still a Youth Club in Timsbury.
- d) Mr. Rex Brown, the B&NES Officer connected to the Parish Sweeping Scheme has retired.
- e) As from 6th April 2010, 106 funding will be known as The Community Infrastructure Levy.
- f) The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Monday 26th April 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Conygre Hall.

There being no further business, Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm.

(Chairman)

(Date)

**The next Meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting
to be held on Monday 10th May 2010.**

*The above Minutes were approved by Timsbury Parish Council
at their meeting on 12th April 2010.*