

TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD IN THE CONYGRE HALL ON MONDAY 7th JUNE 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, J. Hall and E. Potter.

2935. WELCOME
Chairman welcomed all attending.

2936. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
There were no apologies for absence.

2937. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest.

2938. TIMSBURY YOUTH CLUB
Chairman introduced Mr. Mike Fairbeard, Chief Executive of Bath YMCA, who updated the Council concerning the activities of Timsbury Youth Club. Mr. Fairbeard outlined the programme of the Club, which was transferred to Bath YMCA two years ago, and thanked the Council for funding £3,000 p.a. over a three year period.
The Club has a budget of £10,000 from a deficit fund, and £20,000 has been spent on a new floor, boiler, heating and alarm systems from Quartet. The Club employs 3 youth workers, and is open on Monday and Wednesday evenings for young people (10-19) and is also open at other times during the week for a Breakfast Club (children 4-11). This is in partnership with St Mary's Primary School, with after-school community activities.
A presentation to B&NES Youth Bank by some young members raised £15,000 for a new kitchen.
Questions raised by Councillors included Friends of YMCA, opening hours, more communication, charges, and the need to raise the profile.
Chairman thanked Mr. Fairbeard for his report, who promised to provide regular information.

2939. MINUTES
The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, Council agreed that Chairman should sign these as being correct, providing Minute 2929 b) should read 'Thursday 10th June' not 20th June.

2940. MATTERS ARISING

- a) The Timsbury in Bloom Group are reorganising the duties and responsibilities of their members.
- b) The Footpath in the Glebe has been cleared.

2941. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

Chairman read a letter received from Cllr. Mrs. C. Watts who wished to resign as a Parish Councillor as from 8th June 2010.

Chairman stated that there were now two vacancies and read letters of application from Mr. Peter Richards and Mr. Richard Fox, both from Radford. Council unanimously co-opted both applicants who joined the meeting at this point.

2942. **REPORT**

Chairman reported on the ALCA meeting held on Wednesday 19th May 2010. Tony Heaford was now Vice-Chairman and the issues raised included double taxation, cemeteries, closed churchyards, The Parish Charter, Regional Spatial Strategy, future of ALCA, Police accidents reports, and training for Councillors.

2943. **CLERK'S REPORT**

- a) A meeting to progress a proposal for a new bus service from Peasedown St. John to Bristol will be held on Thursday 10th June at 7.30 pm in the Conygre Hall. Cllr. R. Fox agreed to attend.
- b) A further opportunity to give views on the Revised Policy 8 on Landfill under the Joint Waste Core Strategy can be made to The West of England Partnership until 28th June 2010.
- c) An ALCA Members Needs Survey 2010 has been completed, and returned on 15th May.
- d) Proposals of the Policy C briefing, listing four sites considered suitable for development, were sent to B&NES Planning Services on 19th May.

2944. **TOWN PLANNING**

a) **B&NES DECISIONS**

1. **No.10/00150/FUL**

Messrs. P & J Cracknell - Erection of two semi-detached houses with
2 Chapel Walk. vehicle access and parking.
(Revised application). - Approved.

2. **No.10/01233/FUL**

Mr. T. Fisher - Erection of car port to side elevation.
Richmond Place
North Road. *- Approved.*

3. **No.10/00463/FUL**

Mr. D. Meyers - Change of use of land from agricultural to
4 Foundry Cottages. mixed use (keeping of horses and livestock)
and retention of two timber buildings and
concrete yard/hardstanding area. *- Approved.*

4. No.10/01528/FUL

Mr. F. Lacey
8 Greenvale.

- Erection of single storey rear/side extension.

- *Approved.*

b) APPLICATIONS TO COUNCIL

1. No.10/01920/FUL

Mr. A. Cox
Ridings Farm
Hayeswood Road.

- Installation of two wind turbines.

Council agreed that Chairman should adjourn the meeting to allow Mrs. Mary Young to address the Council.

Mrs. Young stated that the installation of the wind turbines were at the west end of the reservoir near the Timsbury Industrial Estate, and also intended to submit an application for more wind turbines. There being no further comments, Chairman resumed the meeting.

The Council received a suggestion that an energy supply company could be established in Timsbury, but there was some opposition concerning the use of wind turbines for this use, as they would spoil the view, especially in the Green Belt.

Council agreed not to object to this proposal.

(11 for, 1 against, 1 abstention).

2. No.10/01762/FUL

Mr. & Mrs. M. Jackson
Rosewood Manor
Loves Hill.

- Erection of single family dwelling in walled garden replacing existing residential use of The Lodge House.

(Revised proposal).

Council agreed that Chairman should adjourn the meeting to allow Mr. Edward Drew to address the Council.

Mr. Drew, Consultant to Mr. & Mrs. Jackson, stated that the curtilage of the house included a walled garden, purchased by a previous owner, Mr. Feeney, from The Cheshire Home, and as a result the area of development is not listed. The proposed building is contained within a wall, reduced in size and height, therefore cannot be viewed from the side. B&NES Planners were also in favour of the application. There being no further comments, Chairman resumed the meeting.

Council agreed that, although the proposal was outside the Housing Development Boundary, it was a smaller plan within a retaining wall, and had no objections.

(9 for, 3 against, 1 abstention).

2945.

PARKING IN TIMSBURY

Dist. Cllr. D. Deacon stated that he was shortly to meet Mr. Stefan Chiffers, B&NES Traffic and Safety Officer to discuss the parking problems in North Road. Other issues raised were the failure of the speed sign at the Hook, 20 mph speed limits, and an HGV/width/weight limit.

An extra meeting was proposed to discuss these issues, and Chairman requested that this item should be placed on the next agenda.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- a) An appeal for funding to Vitalise has been removed from the ALCA Newsletter attachments, together with a request for Chairman's details, currently circulated internally.
- b) Mr. Kevin Packer of B&NES Highways and Parking has requested views of the Council concerning gritting routes, grit bins and snow clearance for a Winter Maintenance Review before 4th June.
Clerk has responded quoting the Parish Charter which lists 21 working days must be given for Councils to reply. The letter dated 19th May only gave 10 working days to respond, and Dist. Cllr. D. Deacon agreed to consult Mr. Packer.
- c) Mr. Colin Hudson, B&NES Rights of Way Officer, requests details of the landowner of a plot at the end of Mill Lane, and advises that B&NES are entering into a Permissive Path Agreement at CL21/46, with a kissing gate. Council suggested that the landowner lives at Lime Kiln Farm.
Cllr. Richard Fox declared an interest.
- d) A Flood Awareness event will take place at the Guildhall, Bath on 29th June from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm.
- e) Avon & Somerset Constabulary advise that currently there is a spate of thefts of metal. Details are to be published in the July issue of the Newsletter.
- f) ALCA has supplied details concerning the position of the Council as Custodian Trustees of the Conygre Trust. Chairman requested Cllr. Mrs. Anne Gibbons, the representative of the Council on the Conygre Trust, to give future reports.
- g) On 14th Aril, The Community Action Board agreed to wind up the activities of the charity, and made all staff redundant on 30th April.
- h) Timsbury Over Sixties Club thanked the Council for their donation of £60.00 towards the running costs of the Community Service Vehicle.
- i) A Homeseach Policy Review Consultation will take place on Thursday 10th June 2010 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm in the Guildhall, Bath.

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PARISH ACCOUNTS

a) The following bills were presented as paid:

			£
3290	Mrs. V. Packham	Reception expenses	48.43
3294	T.J. Webber	Internal Audit	80.00
3295	Broker Network	Insurance renewal	533.44
3296	Printsetters Ltd.	Printing June Newsletter	510.00
3297	C.M. Watts	Bath in Bloom expenses	56.24
3298	British Telecom	Telephone account	164.31
3299	Consortium	Office supplies	70.66
3300	M. Bowddage	Miners Garden maintenance	80.00
3301	Bath YMCA	Youth worker (June)	250.00
3292	Administration		402.14
3293	"		162.50
3302	"		1,250.00
	Petty Cash		18.44
	"		18.75

Council approved Clerk's actions.

b) **V.A.T. CLAIMS**

			£
3298	British Telecom	Telephone account	23.80
3299	Consortium	Office supplies	10.52

Council approved V.A.T. claims.

c) **EDF ENERGY**

At the recent ALCA meeting, Ms. Kathryn Manchee, Clerk to Dunkerton Parish Council, reported that savings could be made by transferring charges for parish lighting from EDF Energy to EON. This company made no standing charge, and the Clerk reported that details received from Ms. Manchee would be investigated, together with claims that EDF Energy would also take back charges for the supply of electricity to our telephone kiosk.

2948.

ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

- a) Chairman and the Council congratulated Dist. Cllr. D. Deacon for successfully transferring the ownership and responsibility of the Greenvale Drive Children's Play Area to B&NES.
- b) A dropped kerb has been installed at the corner of North Road, near the Hook.
- c) A bus timetable has been agreed for Service 768.
- d) A diversion order has been made for the footpath at St. John's Road to Greenvale Drive.
- e) A build up of waste material was reported at Crocombe.

2949.

MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- a) Bath-in-Bloom Group have received an invitation to visit Parish's House Gardens to include all Councillors. Please inform Mrs. C. Watts if you wish to go.
- b) A Village Fun Day is to be held on Saturday 19th June, with other events.
- c) A Litter Pick Day is to be held on Saturday 26th June from 10.00 am to 12 noon, assembling in the Conygre Hall car park. Mr. Jacob Rees-Mogg, MP has agreed to attend.
- d) CCTV on the exterior walls of Parish's House were installed on the advice of the police.
- e) Chairman thanked Cllr. Mrs. C. Watts for her contribution and service to the Council, which had been greatly appreciated.

There being no further business, Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10 pm.

(Chairman)

(Date)

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 5th July 2010.

*The above Minutes were approved by Timsbury parish Councillors
at their meeting on 5th July 2010.*