

MEETING HELD IN THE CONYGRE HALL
ON MONDAY 5th October 2009 at 7.30 pm

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

2822. **WELCOME**
Chairman welcomed all attending.

2823 **APOLOGIES**
Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Cllr. Mrs. M. Hayward.

2824. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest.

2825. **MINUTES**
The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, Council agreed that Chairman should sign these as being correct providing Minute 2810 should read 'The Timsbury Village Plan Draft Report exhibition is to be held on Saturday 17th October 2009 in the Conygre Hall, and that a Parish Planning Seminar was held on Saturday 3rd October 2009 at Salford Hall'.

2826. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Council agreed that the Conygre Trust should liaise between B&NES and Swan Paul, concerning the installation of new play equipment on the Recreation Field Childrens Play Area.
- b) Council agreed that the Finance Committee Meeting should be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 4th January 2010 and the Council Meeting at 7.30 pm on Monday 11th January 2010.
- c) The tenancy of Plot No. 29 on the allotment field has been released.
- d) North Somerset Council have refused permission for the expansion and alteration of Bristol International Airport.
- e) A report from Cllr. E. Potter stating that B&NES are responsible for the trees in closed churchyards has been sent to Rev. Chris Hare.
- f) An article describing the intended use of the K6 telephone kiosk at Radford Hill, has been sent to British Telecom together with photographs in their £5,000 competition. A copy is circulated internally.
- g) Council agreed to nominate our Allotments Management Committee for an award in the Chairman of B&NES Community Award 2009/2010, as Volunteer Team of the Year for Timsbury.

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- h) As there were several areas of overhanging vegetation on public footpaths, Clerk was requested to publish an appeal for residents to cut back any hedges that block footpaths.
- i) Council were advised that Timsbury has a RHS Merit Award in the Britain in Bloom Competition for 2009. Our entry in the Bath in Bloom Competition had been lost in their administration, and Council agreed to enter the next grade in the RHS South West in Bloom Competition for 2010. Village residents will also be able to enter separately in neighbourhood schemes. Chairman thanked Cllr. Mrs. C. Watts and her team for their efforts this year.

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REPORT

Chairman outlined a report of the ALCA AGM and Area Group Meetings held on 23rd September 2009.

The AGM was quorate this year, and had elected Cllr. E. Potter as Vice-President. Subscriptions for 2010 will be based upon 17p per elector, plus 5.19p to N.A.L.C.

The Group Meeting chaired by Cllr. Potter dealt with double taxation issues, and steps taken by B&NES to solve these problems, a street lighting study to consider a 50% reduction after 12.00 midnight, and that the Parish Charter was still not registering with some B&NES services. This mainly concerned responses to planning applications, and reasons must be stated when Parish Councils have no objections.

There were many parishes very dissatisfied with B&NES, who were retaining fees for projects under the Play Pathfinder Scheme. A Housing working party is to be formed to investigate the distribution of new houses in B&NES, as Green Belt villages of Bathford, Bathampton, Chew Magna and A.O.N.B. were against new developments. Councils will soon have an opportunity to comment on the Core Strategy, and this matter is to be placed on the next agenda.

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CLERK'S REPORT

- a) In August B&NES adopted a new Public Path Order Policy, a copy of which is currently being circulated internally.
- b) Avon & Somerset Police Authority are launching their third Community Policing Awards, and nomination forms can be obtained in the Post Office.
- c) Fly tipping of a bed and mattress in a Bloomfield Road lay-by has been dealt with by B&NES Highway Services.
- d) A fault was reported on the parish lamp on the outside of Montrose Cottage in Tynning.
- e) A resident has complained of the unsuitable bollards near the pumping station in Bloomfield Close, and has been advised that they are on private land owned and maintained by Flower & Hayes.
- f) More use of public footpaths CL21/8 and 21/9 at Crocombe since B&NES Rights of Way Services improvements were noted, and Council requested the Clerk to send a letter of thanks.

TOWN PLANNING**a) CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Council agreed that clarification requested by Mike Swinton concerning 106 agreements relating to the Wheelers Yard development be left on file.
2. A copy letter from Mr. G. Smith concerning the construction of a sports pavilion on the school playing field sent to St. Mary's Primary School, was circulated to the Council.
3. B&NES Enforcement Services are investigating the possible unauthorised storage of vehicles at Foundry Cottages, Bloomfield Road.
4. Council were advised that B&NES Planning Services were minded to approve the development of Elder Cottage in Rectory Lane. Clerk was requested to send an email to David Trigwell, copies to Andrew Ryall, stating their objections again, and quoting that it was contrary to Policy BH6 and T24, in the Conservation Area, and should be submitted before the Planning Committee as per the Parish Charter.

b) APPLICATIONS TO COUNCIL**1. No.09/02803/FUL**

Flowers by Nicola
Meadgate Farm
Weekesley Lane.

- Change of use of Farm Shop
(Use Class A1) to a mixed use of shop
and café (Use Class A1
and Use Class A3).

Council had no objections, but wished to add a condition that the opening hours are restricted to 9.00 am to 5.30 pm. The reasons for approval were the creation of employment, and an addition against the loss of shops in the village.

(11 for and 1 abstention).

2. No.09/03413/FUL

Mr. L. Humphries
6 Radford Hill.

- Erection of two storey rear extension
and front porch.

(Re-submission).

Council had no objections, as the new application agreed with their recommendations for a pitched roof.

(11 for and 1 abstention).

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Council agreed that the Allotments Management Committee be requested to trim and tidy the hedge on the western side of the allotment field following complaints of the height from Mrs. D. Jones of The Gables, Bloomfield Close.

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- b) B&NES Environment Services have advised Mrs. Coulton that following an inspection of the trees on The Batch bordering the rear gardens of Conygre Green, no action can be taken as no works could be identified under a Dangerous Tree Notice.
- c) Council were advised that many residents at Radford were concerned at the excessive noise from events held at Radford Mill Farm. Clerk was requested to inform B&NES Enforcement Services.
- d) Council were invited to attend a World Mental Health Day event on Friday 9th October 2009 at Southdown Methodist Church Hall, Bath.

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PARISH ACCOUNTS

- a) The following bills were presented as paid:

		£
3206	Parochial C.C. Cemetery grant (2nd qtr)	187.50
3207	Bath YMCA Youth Worker (October)	250.00
3208	Printsetters Printing October Newsletter	638.52
3209	The Consortium Office supplies	20.46
3204	Administration	394.11
3205	"	168.00
	Petty Cash	2.44
	"	4.34
	"	23.97

Council approved Clerk's actions.

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

		£
3209	The Consortium Office supplies	2.67

Council approved the V.A.T. claim.

- c) The following bills were submitted for approval:

		£
1.	Reimbursement to The Conygre Trust for field maintenance and hedge cutting.	390.00
2.	Subscriptions for 2009/2010 to Cam Valley Wildlife Group	5.00

- d) **A.L.C.A. SUBSCRIPTIONS 2010/2011**

Council were advised that the subscriptions for the next financial year will be £482.85. This is a reduction of 16.7% (£96.84) from the total of £579.69 for 2009/2010.

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ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

- a) Dist. Cllr. D. Deacon reported that Somer Housing are to resurface the road behind the stand of trees in Greenvale Drive, behind the sheltered housing in St. John's Road, and the installation of a new street light adjacent to the garages.
- b) There are overgrown hedges at the Hook.
- c) The viewing plaque in Lansdown Crescent is damaged.

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MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- a) The Timsbury Village Plan Exhibition of a Draft Final Report will be held in the Conygre Hall on Saturday 17th October 2009 from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm.
- b) A Parish Cluster Meeting is to be held in Midsomer Norton on Thursday 8th October at 6.30 pm.
- c) Lloyd Davies is the ECB National Youth Coach of the Year.
- d) Notices of theft from the allotments have been placed on the entrance gates.

There being no further business, Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.

(Chairman)

(Date)

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on
Monday 2nd November 2009.**

**The above Minutes were approved at a Timsbury Parish Council Meeting
on 2nd November 2009.**