

TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD IN THE CONYGRE HALL ON MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER AT 7.30pm.

- Present: In the Chair: Cllr Mrs V. Packham.
Cllrs. D Deacon, Mrs M. Deacon, James Hall, David James, Mrs S Langdon, Ray Merchant, Eric Potter, Peter Richards and Mrs Delia Sewell.
- 3143 **Welcome**
Chairman welcomed all attending.
- 3144 **Apologies**
Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Cllrs Terry Baldwin, Keith Galpin and Robert Young.
- 3145 **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 3146 **Minutes**
The Council agreed that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th September 2011 as being correct.
- 3147 **Matters Arising**
- a) It was noted that the Timsbury Road Safety Group is gathering evidence and information that may lead to improvements in South Road, which will be forwarded to Stefan Chiffers at B&NES.
 - b) Councillor Deacon has made the case to Councillor Nathan Hartley regarding the funding for Timsbury Youth Club and is optimistic about the prospects.
 - c) It was decided that Cllrs Eric Potter and Ray Merchant would join the Clerk in attending the Winter Maintenance Evening in Clutton on October 11th at 7.30. The Councillors will raise the subject of gritting within Timsbury at this meeting.
 - d) The clerk confirmed that the Clerk's course he attended, provided by ALCA, was very useful and informative.
 - e) It was decided to hold a public meeting to discuss the planning of celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was decided to

invite representatives from all the organisations within Timsbury and to put information in the November Newsletter. In addition, it was agreed that CPRE should be invited to this meeting in order to take the opportunity to present the various awards that Timsbury has achieved recently.

- f) There is no information yet about when the Citizen's Advice Bureau intend to use the Congyre Hall Car Park.

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Report

The Chairman reported on the ALCA meeting held at the Conygre Hall on 28 September 2011.

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Clerk's Report

The clerk has written to Allotments secretary informing her that the rent levels for the next year will be proposed at the Finance Committee meeting held at the Conygre Hall on 12th October 2011.

The handover between clerks has gone smoothly with training having concluded this week. Derek has kindly agreed to act as an informal advisor as required over the next few weeks.

Councillors agreed to invest in SLCC membership and in 3 books; The Local Council Clerk's Guide; Local Council Finance; and the Parish Councillor's Guide.

Marilyn Sharman is investigating the options for having the sign in the Conygre Hall updated. Whilst not urgent, the clerk will follow this up prior to the next meeting.

Councillors wishing to view the initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituencies in England are invited to view them at www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland The Boundary Commission for England is consulting on these until 5 December 2011. The Chairman pointed out a useful piece in the Radstock and Midsomer Norton Journal regarding this subject.

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TOWN PLANNING

a) **PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

1. **07/02424/EOUT
Closed Polestar
Purnell Factory Site**

The application to revise the Section 106 Agreement was removed from the agenda of the

Development Control
Committee meeting on 28
September as new issues
have arisen.

b) **B&NES DECISIONS**

1. **11/03260/FUL**
Mr P. Brunson
Seven Stars Inn
North Road
Timsbury
- Change of use of
redundant functions room
to holiday accomm.

Approved.

2. **11/02886/FUL**
Mr and Mrs I Bowden
15 Southlands Drive
Timsbury
- Erection of white PVCu
conservatory to rear of
property.

Approved.

c) **APPLICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

1. **11/03323/FUL**
Mr M Hulbert
17 Southlands Drive
Timsbury
- Erection of a single storey
open-framed summer house
in garden with dual pitched
roof. *(Retrospective)*
Council had no objections.
(9 for, 1 abstention)

3151 **B&NES CORE STRATEGY**

- a) The Council were informed that this is unlikely now to progress and therefore decided against a detailed discussion of it.
- b) The Council agreed to support the proposals from Unlock Democracy for powers for Parish and Town Councillors to help them when assessing major planning applications.

3152 **B&NES COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME 2011/2012**

It was suggested that the Timsbury in Bloom Committee be nominated in the Volunteer Team category.

3153 **PARISH CLUSTER GROUP MEETING 20th OCTOBER 2011**

It was agreed that issues to be discussed should include winter maintenance and gritting and Snow Wardens.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Geoff Spicer writes on his appointment as District Commander, Avon and Somerset Constabulary.
- b) A letter has been received from The Community Bus thanking the Council and requesting a contribution towards next year's budget.
- c) Avon and Somerset Police have written to inform us that the Police Forum meeting on 26 October 2011 has been postponed due to the retirement of Inspector Paul Kendall.
- d) ALCA have asked for confirmation of who will attend the AGM from Timsbury PC. Council agreed this will be Councillor Mrs V. Packham, Cllr E. Potter and the Clerk.
- e) Carol Richards wrote to update the Council with the current situation on the Mill Lane planning issue.
- f) Councillor Doug Deacon forwarded correspondence with Planning regarding the Wheelers development.
- g) An arboricultural report has been received relating to 5-11 St Mary's Close.
- h) Councillor Doug Deacon forwarded correspondence relating to the refurbishment of properties in St Mary's Close.
- i) A letter has been received from the Timsbury Road Safety Group expressing concern about overhanging foliage in the village. Clerk to write item for the November Newsletter.
- j) An email has been received from B&NES asking for nominations for the Chairman's Sports Awards 2012.
- k) An organisation called Developing Health and Independence has asked the Parish Council to display their poster on the noticeboard. This was agreed and it was also suggested that it could go in the Newsletter.

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PARISH ACCOUNTS

- a) The following bills were presented as paid:

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| 3484 | Conygre Trust | Room Hire | £ 159.00 |
| 3485 | E.On | Public Lighting | £ 41.43 |
| | | Timsbury In Bloom | |
| 3487 | Peter Richards | Expenses | £ 150.00 |

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| | Timsbury In | | |
| 3488 | Bloom | Hanging Baskets | £ 189.00 |
| 3489 | Bath YMCA | Youth Worker (Sept) Cemetery Grant 2 nd | £ 250.00 |
| 3491 | P.C.C | Quarter | £ 187.50 |
| 3494 | A.L.C.A | Clerk's Course Printing Oct | £ 50.00 |
| 3495 | Printsetters Ltd | N/Letter | £ 602.91 |
| 3486 | Administration | Petty Cash | £ 100.00 |
| 3490 | Administration | | £ 402.14 |
| 3492 | Administration | | £ 1,375.00 |
| 3493 | Administration | | £ 175.50 |
| 3496 | Administration | | £ 36.40 |
| | Petty Cash | | £ 2.38 |
| | Petty Cash | | £ 6.00 |
| | Petty Cash | | £ 13.50 |

Council approved the Clerk's actions.

VAT CLAIMS

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| 3485 | E.On | Public Lighting | £ 1.97 |
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Council approved VAT claims.

- b) Council approved membership fee of £5 (not £35 as in agenda) to Cam Valley Wildlife Group.

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ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

The clerk raised the issue of a proposed multi-agency event that Joyce Pickard is proposing to hold in Timsbury. Clerk to contact her.

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MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

Winter Maintenance Meeting – Tuesday 11th October at 7.30pm

Finance Meeting – Wednesday 12th October at 7.30pm

ALCA AGM – Thursday October 13th at 7.00 pm

Derek's Thank you Evening Monday 17th October 5.30 pm.

Parish Liaison Group – Wednesday 19th October at 6.30 pm

Cluster Meeting - Thursday 20th October at 7 pm

There being no further business that Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.