

TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD IN THE CONYGRE HALL ON MONDAY 7th September 2009 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.

2807. **WELCOME**
Chairman welcomed all attending.

2808 **APOLOGIES**
Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Cllrs. W. Sparey and R. Young.

2809. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest.

2810. **MINUTES**
The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, Council agreed that Chairman should sign these as being correct providing Minute 2801 (a) should read 'electronic' and the Timsbury Village Plan Draft Report on Community Planning should read 'Saturday 3rd October 2009' not 17th.

2811. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Council agreed that B&NES should replace the dying Turkey Oak tree at the Coalpit crossroads, with an English Oak tree.
- b) Council agreed that items of the Code of Conduct procedure of an alleged breach should read:
'Councillors will be informed if, following investigation of any complaint, a fellow Councillor is found by the Standards Board to have breached the Code of Conduct'.
- c) B&NES report that enquiries will be made before white 'Keep Clear' signs are placed in South Road and have recommended that similar road markings are placed in front of the vehicular access adjacent to the Old Post Office in the High Street.
- d) B&NES Planning Services have strongly urged Wheelers & Co. Ltd. to arrange safety measures for trees on the Batch.
- e) Conygre Trust state that they will commission additional work to the Children's Play Area with contractors up to the value of £10,000, and will act as agents for the Parish Council to obtain an invoice for the purpose of reclaiming the VAT.

c) **APPLICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

1. **No.09/02468/FUL**

Flower & Hayes Ltd. - Erection of 28 dwellings, office
Wheelers Yard accommodation and formation of new
North Road. vehicular access following demolition
of existing buildings.

Council wished to object to this development, as the land is not designated in the Local Plan.

The Council welcomed the reduction in the numbers of dwellings, but considered that the density was still too high. There is a lack of amenity land, no play space, no storage facilities, insufficient garages, and the parking problems are still not addressed. A public footpath should be provided eastwards into the village up to Newmans Lane, and the road table pedestrian crossing is in an inappropriate position, and should be viewed from the village.

The building line from the highway at 4 metres is too small, and the site is completely divorced from the Batch.

(10 against and 1 abstention).

2. **No.09/02763/FUL**

McIntosh Homes
Elder Cottage
Rectory Lane.

Council agreed that Chairman should adjourn the meeting to allow representations to be made. Mr. Sharp, on behalf of McIntosh Homes, stated that meetings had been held with B&NES Planning Services, and their architect, who were aware of the Conservation Area, and had submitted a sympathetic development.

Mr. E. Chivers, a local resident, objected to the proposed development, as Elder Cottage would increase in size from 40 sq. to 90 sq. metres, trees removed, and a stone wall at Home Farm demolished. 380 cubic metres would be excavated from the site, making it lower than Home Farm, and the new retaining walls would have an 1.8 metre fence built on top. There were further concerns of parking, no splay at the entrance, and heavy vehicles using the narrow access road.

There being no further comments, Chairman resumed the meeting.

Council wished to object to this development as it did not preserve or enhance the Conservation Area, was detrimental to the neighbourhood, and has no visibility splays. Only three parking spaces were inadequate, and was contrary to Policy BH6.

(10 against and 1 abstention).

3. **No.09/02807/FUL**

Miss J. Reeves - Provision of new vehicular access and
1 Meadgate West. driveway.

Council did not wish to comment, as the proposal was not in the Parish of Timsbury.

2815. **VILLAGE FUN DAY**
Council considered financial support in principle, but requested further information.
2816. **ST. MARY'S CHURCH**
Chairman declared an interest in this matter.
The Rev. Chris Hare reported that an old yew tree in St. Mary's Churchyard has shown further signs of deterioration this year, and B&NES Arboricultural Officer has advised remedial works and inoculation costing £400 - £600. As the Church accounts recorded a loss of £2,000 for the year ended 31st December 2008 , an appeal was made to the Parish Council to meet these expenses.
Council agreed to support St. Mary's Church in this matter, but wished to await a report from Cllr. E. Potter, who stated that B&NES should provide the funding, as they are responsible for closed churchyards.
2817. **BUS SERVICE CONTRACTS**
Council requested that a reply should be sent to B&NES Public Transport that the present bus services should be retained, as they are all well used.
2818. **CORRESPONDENCE**
- a) A.L.C.A. report that they have only received 25 confirmations of attendances for their AGM to be held on 23rd September at the Conygre Hall.
Cllr. Mrs. J. Collett wished to be included for attending the meetings at 6.30 pm, and buffet at 5.30 pm.
 - b) Clerk agreed to enter a £5,000 competition on behalf of the Council, to write an article for British Telecom, describing in no more than 1,000 words, how our community intends to use the recently purchased telephone kiosk. As there is a closing date of 31st October 2009, suggestions were requested as soon as possible.
 - c) The West of England Joint Waste Core Strategy reports that two sites at Cabot Park, Avonmouth, and Warne Road, Weston super Mare, are highlighted for further assessment.
 - d) A.L.C.A. report that Councils can request their MP's to sign Early Day Motion No. 1545 in support of the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill.
 - e) Paulton Parish Council request completion of a questionnaire to collate information concerning the setting of precepts. Council agreed not to take part in this exercise.
 - f) The Chairman of B&NES, Cllr. Bryan Chalker invites nominations for his Community Awards for 2009/2010. As the closing date is 30th October, Council agreed to place this matter on the next agenda.

PARISH ACCOUNTS

a) The following bills were presented as paid.

		£
3176	EDF Energy Ltd. Public lighting	137.00
3177	N.A.L.C. Local Council Review	13.50
3178	Conygre Trust Reimbursement invoices	335.50
3181	Timsbury Allotments Admin & hedge cutting	400.00
3183	A. Gorse Two portfolios (Bath in Bloom)	10.00
3184	1st Office Photocopying	30.57
3185	B.W.B.S.L. Allotment water rate	113.88
3186	The Consortium Office supplies	71.66
3187	D. Reeves Install AVG security	120.00
3188	Printsetters Ltd. Printing August Newsletter	510.40
3189	Bath YMCA Youth worker (August)	250.00
3190	Conygre Trust Room hire for meetings	90.00
3191	O.T.J. Weaver Cutting the Ha-Ha	65.00
3194	Will Fear Decorating telephone kiosk	735.00
3195	British Telecom Telephone account	154.33
3196	Printsetters Ltd. Printing September Newsletter	638.52
3197	Mazars Audit fees	327.75
3198	B. Sewell Woodchip for Triangle	37.00
3199	Bath YMCA Youth worker (September)	250.00
3179	Administration	394.11
3180	"	14.00
3182	"	126.00
3192	"	394.11
3193	"	114.00
3200	"	1,125.00
	Petty Cash	2.00
	" "	9.40
	" "	3.46

Council approved Clerk's actions.

b) **VAT CLAIMS**

		£
3176	EDF Energy Ltd. Public lighting	6.52
3184	1st Office Photocopying	3.99
3186	The Consortium Office supplies	9.36
3195	British Telecom Telephone account	20.13
3197	Mazars Audit fees	42.75

Council approved VAT claims.

c)	The following invoices were presented for approval to be paid:	£
	The Conygre Trust - Maintenance of field	242.50
	Cutting Bloomfield Road and North Road hedges	<u>400.00</u>
		<u>642.50</u>

Council approved payment of these invoices.

2819. (cont'd)	d) Council approved renewal of membership to Community Action	£ 30.00
	e) Council approved payment of a Petty Cash requirement	50.00

2820. **ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

- a) White lines requested from Lippiatt Lane into North Road, and in Lippiatt Lane.
- b) Progress requested for the refurbishment of the bungalows in St. Mary's Close.
- c) Overhanging vegetation in Loves Hill.

2821. **MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION**

- a) Items for the agenda at the Parish Cluster Meeting to be held at The Hollies, Midsomer Norton, must be received by Wednesday 17th September 2009.
- b) A change of the finance meeting date from Wednesday 30th December 2009 to Monday 4th January 2010, to be considered at the next meeting.
- c) The results of the Bath-in-Bloom Competition will be available from 17th September 2009.

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 October 2009.
*The above Minutes were approved by Timsbury Parish Council
at their meeting on Monday 5th October 2009.*