

TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD IN THE CONYGRE HALL ON MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2008 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, W. Sparey
and R. Young.

2696. **WELCOME**
Chairman welcomed all attending.

2697 **APOLOGIES**
Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Cllr. J. Hall.

2698. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Cllrs. Mrs. V. Packham and R. Young declared an interest in Minute 2702 (g)
'New school pavilion'.

2699. **MINUTES**
The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, Council agreed
that Chairman should sign these as being correct.

2700. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a) B&NES Land Charges report that the area surrounding the telephone kiosk at the top of Radford Hill does form part of the public highway. Council requested that permission should be obtained from B&NES Highway Services for the kiosk to remain on the site. Council agreed that the contract with British Telecom should be signed to adopt the kiosk.
- b) Council agreed that all original deeds and documents relating to their land holdings should be sent to Land Registry at Plymouth. Photocopies to be taken before dispatch.
- c) B&NES Environmental Services promise improved administration processes which support the Parish Cluster Meetings, and Council agreed to accept the offer of Mr. Trevor Cummings to address the Council on Monday 5th January 2009, concerning the road sweeping problems in Timsbury.
- d) Chairman stated that the Model Publication Scheme of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 had been completed, but the section relating to the '£25 per hour' should be deleted, as this charge would only be made after 18 hours of work totalling £450, which the Council are unlikely to be requested for.
Council were advised that care should be taken when confidential information and employment details are published on the village website from the Minutes, and such details should be listed under 'Administration'.

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Council also agreed that all minutes should be marked 'Approved by the Council' before placing on the web site, and it was no longer necessary for the Chairman and Clerk to add their signatures to Minutes and Agendas.

- c) Dan Norris, M.P. requested a copy of any responses from N. Somerset Council Planning Services, concerning the Bristol International Airport planning application.
- f) Mr. J. Everitt, B&NES Chief Executive, acknowledged receipt of the information concerning the removal of trees in Church Lane, passing the matter to Mr. M. Smith, B&NES Environmental Services who apologised to the Council for the lack of consultation.
- g) Dist. Cllr. D. Deacon reported that Somer Housing are to install a solar light in Lippiatt Lane.
- h) Somer Housing report that the four bungalows in St. Mary's Close will cost approx. £40,000 to repair each bungalow and it may be several months before a decision is taken either to repair, or to demolish and rebuild.
- i) Council were advised that B&NES Planning Services had sent a copy of the Planning Certificate for the Greenvale Drive Children's Play Area.

2701.

CLERK'S REPORT

- a) BT has provisionally accepted the Council's application to adopt the telephone kiosk at the top of Radford Hill subject to an exchange of contracts.
- b) B&NES Transport Services contractor has agreed to repair the broken window of the bus shelter at the Hook with a polycarbonate panel.
- c) B&NES Environmental Officer, Mr. Trevor Cummings, has promised to investigate the road sweeping problems of Timsbury.
- d) B&NES Highway Electrical Services report that Western Power will commence work in the Avenue on Wednesday 26th November 2008, and will take two weeks to complete.
- e) Farmborough Parish Council report that contact has been made with Mr. Stefan Chiffers, B&NES Traffic Engineer concerning a new footpath from Farmborough to Timsbury along the Timsbury and Bloomfield Roads.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Council were advised that new officers had been appointed to the Timsbury Allotments Management Committee, and a request made at their recent meeting for a grant of £400 to cover administration costs and allotment work.
This matter to be placed before the Finance Committee.

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- b) Paula Bromley, B&NES Youth Officer, and Joanna Brain, B&NES Community Liaison Officer both request an opportunity to meet the Council.
This matter to be placed on a future agenda in 2009.
- c) A request from the Woodland Trust for a donation towards a new forest in Hertfordshire to be referred to the Finance Committee.
- d) Council approved an application from Mr. Larry Cunningham to source information from the Timsbury Book to place on the history section of the village web site.
- e) Chairman agreed to attend an Open Evening at Bristol Airport with Prof. D. Packham on 8th December 2008 to receive details of a Planning Application to enhance the Airport.
- f) Council were invited to attend one of the Oak Tree Planting Ceremonies arranged by B&NES to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, at 10 am Keynsham Memorial Park, 11.30 am at The Hollies, Midsomer Norton, or 1 pm at Parade Gardens, Bath on Wednesday 10th December.
- g) Council were advised of a proposal for a new Sports Pavilion to be sited on the Timsbury Primary School Sports Field, nationally funded from applications by the Timsbury Cricket and Football Clubs as the pavilion would be of service to the community. The school requested support from the Parish Council. There were some concerns that the proposed pavilion would affect the interests of the Conygre Trust, and Chairman agreed to adjourn the meeting to allow Mr. Malcolm Tucker to address the Council on this issue.

Mr. Tucker stated that the new pavilion would afford a great opportunity for all village youth, and the Cricket and Football Clubs Junior Teams to work together.
There being no further comments, Chairman resumed the meeting.

Council agreed to send a letter of support for the idea to be approved in principle, and this was proposed, seconded, and carried by 8 votes for, with 4 abstentions.

2703.

TOWN PLANNING

- a) **106 AGREEMENTS**
Cllr. E. Potter outlined the contents of the B&NES 'Planning Obligations Consultation Draft' concerning payments under 106 Agreements.
A 40 dwelling development on a Brownfield site would require a percentage of affordable houses, £407,000 towards Children's Services, £9,900 for Libraries, £97,000 towards Transport, £141,000 to Greenspace, and £710,000 for Sports & Leisure.

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Council agreed to respond to B&NES Planning Services, stating that if a development is proposed, we as a Parish Council wish to participate in the negotiations, and to be involved in the calculations for 106 payments, with no minimum amount.
This was carried unanimously.

b) PLANNING DECISIONS

1. No. 08/03439/FUL

Mr. R. Claxton - Erection of a single storey
16 Southlands Drive. rear extension. - *Approved.*

2704.

PARISH ACCOUNTS

a) The following bills were presented as paid:

		£
3087	1st Office Equipment Photocopying	35.60
3088	Royal British Legion Wreath	16.50
3092	C. Robinson Travelling expenses	17.61
3093	British Telecom Telephone account	167.67
3089	Administration	394.11
3090	"	144.00
3091	"	142.04
	Petty Cash	4.19
	" "	11.99
	" "	6.00

Council approved Clerk's actions.

c) VAT CLAIMS

		£
3087	1st Office Equipment Photocopying	5.30
3093	British Telecom Telephone account	24.30

Council approved VAT claims.

2705.

ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

- a) The Glebe is to be resurfaced in 2009/2010.
- b) A PACT Meeting is to be held in the Conygre Hall, on Thursday 15th January 2009.

2706.

MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- a) The Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday 15th December at 7.30 pm in the Tynning Room of the Conygre Hall.
- b) Request for a Newsletter Committee meeting to be held some time in the new year.

2707.

TIMSBURY VILLAGE WEBSITE

Council agreed that Chairman should adjourn the meeting to allow Mr. Rodney Watts to address the Council.

Mr. Watts stated that the Village website has been professionally updated by a Graphic Designer with new features. These include History, Census, Kelly's Directories, News items, Council Minutes and Agendas. Photographs of Councillors could also be included.

The site was receiving 100 hits per week. There being no further information, Chairman resumed the meeting.

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, 5th January, 2009.**

These Minutes were approved by Timsbury Parish Council
at their meeting on Monday 5th January 2009.