

TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD IN THE CONYGRE HALL ON MONDAY 2nd MARCH 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, E. Potter. W.
Sparey and R. Young.

2734. **WELCOME**
Chairman welcomed all attending.

2735 **APOLOGIES**
There were no apologies for absence.

2736. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest.

2737. **MINUTES**
The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, Council agreed that Chairman should sign these as being correct.

2738. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Bristol International Airport report that the consultation currently taking place of their expansion plans is pre-application, before the submission of a full planning application to North Somerset Council.
- b) Tisbury Youth Club will be issuing minutes of the recent Extra-Ordinary Meeting, and will be appealing for friends for the Y.M.C.A.
- c) Ms. Gail Coleshill of the N.E. Somerset Liberal Democrats had requested details of the Parish Council Allotments, waiting lists, and any plans for new allotments, from Mr. B. Pearce. He suggested a 'visit' to the B&NES website where information is available for their area, and urged Ms. Coleshill to contact local residents who had an interest in joining the waiting list, which currently was seven.
- d) Councillors were invited to the Reception for the Newsletter Distributors to be held on Monday 23rd March in the Conygre Hall at 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.
Council were advised of a request for the Tisbury Letter to be available in electronic format, and a version of Talking Books for the Blind. Council considered that as advertising and personal details should not be put on a website, the Newsletter would need re-editing, therefore, due to the extra work and costs involved, the request was not approved. Similarly, as there was minimal demand for a taped version for the Blind, this request was not approved.

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- e) Council agreed to place the Joint Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Document for comments on the April agenda.
 - f) Wessex Water had attended the Pumping Station in Bloomfield Close on four occasions to deal with flooding issues.
 - g) Graffiti remains on the bus shelter in North Road, and a suggestion for the replaced panels in the Bloomfield Road shelter to be etched, passed to B&NES Transport Services.

2739. **CLERK'S REPORT**

- a) Many potholes have been reported to B&NES Highway Services for repair.
- b) B&NES Environmental Services have been requested to remove graffiti from the bus shelter in North Road and from two road signs in Lippiatt Lane.
- c) The fly tipping of a sofa and television set was reported to B&NES Council Connect for their attention.
- d) A road drain in Bloomfield Park Road was successfully jetted by B&NES Highway Maintenance Services.
- e) The telephone equipment has now been removed from the telephone kiosk at the top of Radford Hill.
- f) The culvert in Lippiatt Lane is to be jetted to prevent further flooding.
- g) B&NES Transport Services contractor has replaced the three missing panels in the Bloomfield Road bus shelter, near the Coalpit crossroads.

2740. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Council were advised that Mr. G. Eastwood and his neighbour from Radford, had requested some traffic speed checks in their area. Council agreed that Chairman should adjourn the meeting to allow Mr. Eastwood to address the Council.

Mr. Eastwood expressed his concerns of traffic speed in Radford, stating that there had been three road accidents since December last year, and requested that this be brought to the attention of B&NES Traffic & Safety Services, following a traffic speed check with cameras.

There being no further comments, Chairman thanked Mr. Eastwood and his neighbours for their attendance and resumed the meeting.

Council agreed that this matter be referred to B&NES Traffic & Safety Services.

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- b) Mr. R. Tranter requested the Council to consider trimming back ivy on the rear boundary wall of the cemetery on behalf of St. Mary's Church, for a sum of £350. Council agreed that this matter should be placed on the next agenda, and the P.C.C. to be requested for a copy of their accounts.
Copies of the correspondence were requested by District Councillor D. Deacon.
 - c) Council agreed to a request from Mr. Peter Duppa-Miller to be involved in the B&NES Safer & Stronger Communities Overview & Scrutiny Panel Task & Finish Group work, concerning the switching on, switching off, and dimming of street lighting.
 - d) Mr. Colin Hudson, B&NES Public Rights of Way Officer, reports that public footpaths and stiles on CL/21, CL21/9. CL21/46 and CL21/35 are being dealt with.

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THE CONYGRE TRUST

Council agreed that Chairman should adjourn the meeting to allow Mr. Peter Buchanan, the Trust Chairman, to address the Council.

As details of the Conygre Trust request to the Council to release £10,000 of the remaining 106 funding, to top up their Pathfinder Award of £15,000 for improvements to the Play Area on the Recreation Field, and purchase of kitchen equipment for the Conygre Hall had been circulated to all Councillors, Mr. Buchanan only stated that the combined total of £25,000 would make a real difference to the planned equipment for the 8-13 age group. The existing play equipment would remain, with designs for more tables and benches. The Conygre Hall kitchen will take one year to complete, with new refrigeration, work surfaces, new cookers, and a serving bar costing between £6,000 to £7,000.

There being no further comments, Chairman thanked Mr. Buchanan for his further information and resumed the meeting.

Cllrs. Mrs. M. Hayward and W. Sparey declared an interest in both the following two matters.

a) **Play Area**

There being £12,608 in the Capital Deposit Account, Council agreed that £10,000 should be released to B&NES when they are ready to proceed. This was proposed by Cllr. K. Galpin, seconded by Cllr. E. Potter and voted 11 for with 2 abstentions.

Council also requested that regular reports should be made, as they were Custodian Trustees.

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b) **Conygre Hall Kitchen**

Cllr. Mrs. C. Watts declared an interest.

Council agreed to purchase a Gram K400 RU refrigerator for £568, and a Gram F200 RU freezer for £520, for use in the kitchen.

This was also proposed by Cllr. K. Galpin, seconded by Cllr. E. Potter and voted 10 for with 3 abstentions.

c) **Estimates for 2008/2009 and 2009/2010**

Council were advised that the Conygre Trust is requesting reimbursement of £2,692 for work on the Recreation Field during 2008/2009 with more invoices to come. The amount in the estimates for 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 was £4,000 for each financial year.

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REPORTS

a) The A.L.C.A. Meeting held in the Conygre Hall on Wednesday 4th February 2009 was well attended, with an interesting address by Chief Superintendent of Police, Gary Davies, the B&NES District Commander.

b) The Draft Rules for the B&NES Group of A.L.C.A. was circulated to all Councillors, which was accepted, and voted for unanimously.

c) The Parishes Liaison Meeting held in Keynsham on Wednesday 25th February 2009 was also well attended. It was stated that double taxation was not a priority, but more grants may be available.

The Council Tax increase will be 3½%, and the Empowering Communities Review revealed that the PACT Meeting will be Police led. The Sustainable Community Strategy provided an update on progress to date and looked ahead to 2026.

The Joint Waste Core Strategy presentation stated that both Keynsham and Midsomer Norton are being considered for collections sites to take all waste. No incinerators are being considered. Planning Enforcement is to improve, with an increase in permitted development, and a policy of considering local plans. Household waste, and recycling collections will take place on the same day as from Monday 8th June 2009.

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TOWN PLANNING

a) **CORRESPONDENCE**

B&NES Planning Services have been advised that a 9' high boundary wall is under construction at Temperance Cottage in North Road.

b) **APPLICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

No. 09/00193/TPO

Mr. A. Barker
Parish's House
The Hook.

- Works to various Beech trees.

(Council had no objections - 12 for, 1 abstention).

2744. **PARISH LIGHTS**

Work to Parish lights recommended by Southern Electric were circulated to all Councillors. Council agreed to the bonding of three columns and brackets at £17.45p each, totalling £52.35p. The remaining work should be electrically safe, but not requiring any updating work to comply with regulations. A suggestion was made that future work on Parish lighting could be funded by COMMA.

2745. **TELEPHONE KIOSK**

Council were advised that the K6 telephone kiosk at the top of Radford Hill now belonged to them. BT had provided information concerning the products approved for maintenance of the kiosk together with a list of suppliers. Council requested that an appeal should be placed in the Newsletter for anyone interested in repainting the kiosk. Closing date for applications 15th April, and this matter to be placed on the May agenda. B&NES to be requested to remove all direction signs.

2746. **PARISH ACCOUNTS**

a) The following bills were presented as paid:

| | | £ |
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| 3117 | 1st Office Equipment Photocopying | 34.85 |
| 3120 | British Telecom Telephone account | 156.03 |
| 3121 | Printsetters Ltd. Printing March Newsletter | 597.66 |
| 3122 | The Consortium Office supplies | 17.89 |
| 3123 | TMYP Bath in Bloom plants | 115.86 |
| 3124 | J. Parker Dutch Bulbs Bath in Bloom plants | 75.65 |
| 3118 | Administration | 144.00 |
| 3119 | " | 394.11 |

Council approved Clerk's actions.

b) **VAT CLAIMS**

| | | £ |
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| 3117 | 1st Office Equipment Photocopying | 4.55 |
| 3120 | British Telecom Telephone account | 18.40 |
| 3122 | The Consortium Office supplies | 2.34 |

Council approved VAT claims.

2747. **ITEM RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

Dist. Cllr. D. Deacon reported that Somer had informed him that the bungalows in St. Mary's Close were repairable, and if successful would cost £40,000 per unit, £160,000 in total. The street light in Lippiatt Lane will be solar powered, and the dropped kerbs in South Road have been completed.

MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- a) An internal envelope will shortly be circulated and will contain an interesting letter from Chief Superintendent of Police, Gary Davies, together with a Standards Board Directive for Parish Council procedure. It was requested that it would be useful if either NALC or ALCA would advise courses of action when dealing with complaints of those with personal grudges or of maladministration.
- b) A letter of appreciation to be sent to Bath Main Sorting Office, of the deliveries of mail received in Timsbury during the recent bad weather.
- c) A waste bin requested to be sited on the corner of Lansdown View near the bus stop.
- d) A request for reports from the Bath in Bloom Group. This matter to be placed on the April agenda.
- e) Request for a Litter Pick Day by volunteers in the village. This matter also to be placed on the April agenda.
- f) Request for regular report, or minutes of meetings from The Conygre Trust.
- g) The Timsbury Village Plan will address the problems of traffic in the village, when the Action Plan is published.
- h) The Timsbury Village Plan Committee to be requested for a 'Village Plan Folder' needed for internal circulation to all Councillors.
- i) Complaint of bollards in Bloomfield Close.

There being no further business, Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00 pm.

Chairman

Date

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, 6th April, 2009.**

These Minutes were approved by Timsbury Parish Council
at their meeting on Monday 6th April 2009.

