TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD IN THE CONYGRE HALL
ON MONDAY 6th July 2009 at 7.00 pm

Present : In the Chair : Cllr. Mrs. V. Packham.
Cllrs. Mrs. M. Hayward, Mrs. J. Collett, Mrs. A. Gibbons, Mrs. D. Sewell, W. Sparey and R. Young.

2796. **WELCOME**
Chairman welcomed all attending.

2797 **APOLOGIES**
Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Cllrs. Mrs. M. Deacon, Mrs. C. Watts, D. Deacon, K. Galpin, J. Hall and E. Potter.

2798. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest.

2799. **TIMSBURY VILLAGE PLAN**

Chairman adjourned the meeting, and welcomed Inspector Paul Kendall and PC Stuart Peard of Avon & Somerset Constabulary who attended to discuss issues raised in the Timsbury Village Plan. The Beat Manager, PC Peard, stated that Timsbury was a safe area to live in and the PCSO's had been welcomed. Inspector Kendall commented that the Community Contact Vehicle (CCV) visits were under review, and late schedules were under consideration, providing suitable parking spaces were available.
Questions raised included communication with PCSO's - only 4% in the CCV's, but 90% at various meetings, PCSO's remained in the CCV's during visits, lack of information in the Newsletter, parking on footpaths, keep clear lines and PACT meetings, which were less effective when held amongst several villages.
Chairman thanked Inspector Kendall and PC Stuart Peard for their attendance, together with members of the Timsbury Village Plan Steering Committee, and resumed the meeting.

2800.. **MINUTES**
The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, Council agreed that Chairman should sign these as being correct.

2801. **MATTERS ARISING**

a) The June Newsletter was successfully produced in an elctronic format to be read on a computer through Jaws.

b) B&NES Waste Services have relocated a waste bin in Chapel Walk, replaced a bin in St. John's Road, and will re-site the bin outside St. John's Hall to the top of Lansdown View. Sites at the cinder path, the Hook, and allotment car park, are still being considered.

2801. (cont'd) c) The Litter Pick Day held on Saturday 13th June was a success, supported by nearly 30 volunteers, who collected 30 sacks of litter in the village and Recreation Field.
Council requested that thanks be recorded in the Newsletter.

d) B&NES Environmental Services report an Abatement Notice was served on Mr. Ashley, the tenant farmer at Crocombe, and that the fire on his field was finally extinguished.

e) Council agreed to accept a quote of £735.00 to decorate the telephone box on South Road and replace 2 broken panels, from Will Fear of Tunley. Carried unanimously. 7 votes for.

f) Appreciation was recorded to the group who organised the planters throughout the village, and to all those connected with the care of the plants and displays.

g) Council agreed to grant the Timsbury Allotment Management Committee £400 to cover their administration, fuel, and hedge cutting costs for 2009/2010.

h) Timsbury Over Sixties Club thanked the Council for their grant of £60.00 towards the running costs of the Community Service Vehicle.

2802. **CLERK'S REPORT**

a) On Friday 5th June, B&NES Highway Services contractors commenced work on the culvert in Lippiatt Lane.

b) B&NES Arboricultural Officer reports that a Turkey Oak tree near the Coalpit crossroads is dying down due to honey fungus, and he is willing to replace it. Council requested this information be published in the Newsletter.

c) Radford Hill is to be resurfaced, outlined in a Schedule for the Local Transport Plan Maintenance Block Capital Programme.

d) Further comments for a Public Consultation on the Joint Waste Core Strategy Preferred Options Document should be sent to B&NES by 17th July.

e) B&NES Highway Services report that Mr. Roger Hobbs, their Highway Inspector retired on 3rd July. A card was sent on behalf of the Council.

2803. **TOWN PLANNING**

a) B&NES DECISIONS

1. Flagstaff
   Richmond Place
   North Road.
   - No planning permission is required as the flagstaff is deemed to be part of an advert, and not classed as development (Class H).

2. **09/01603/FUL**
   Mr. R. Claxton
   16 Southlands Drive.
   - Erection of single storey rear extension. ***(Re-submission).***
   - Approved.

2803. (cont'd)

b) APPLICATION TO COUNCIL

1. **09/01896/FUL**
   Mr. A. Harvey - Erection of two storey side extension
   6 Greenvale. and first floor rear extension.
   - No objections, 7 for.

2804. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Council agreed to adopt the following procedures when the Clerk is advised of an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct by a Councillor:

1. The Clerk to advise the Chairman and Councillor concerned.
2. Other Parish Councillors would only be informed with the consent of the person who is alleged to have breached the Code of Conduct.
3. The Clerk and Chairman with the Councillor concerned will agree on the procedure for discussion.
4. Either all Parish Councillors are informed at a private session, or the matter remains confidential for the time being.
5. Further clarification of a 'need to know' situation to be considered by the Chairman and Clerk.

2805. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) B&NES Highway Services have been requested to repair the pot holes in South Road, and cut back the verge and overgrown vegetation around the public seat.

b) B&NES Traffic Order have approved 'Keep Clear' lines in the High Street and South Road. The siting, and lack of communication with residents has been questioned.

c) Bristol International Airport invites members of local Parish Councils to a meeting at 6.00 pm in the Bristol Room of the Administration Building on Wednesday 15th July, to discuss the planning application to develop the airport. Chairman agreed to attend the meeting, and Council approved that responses, concerning the capping of 8 million passengers, and night flights, should be written and submitted by our P.C.A.A. representative, Dr. D. Packham.

d) Mrs. M. Coulton of 32 Conygre Green reports that Wheelers Ltd. have ignored her complaints concerning the danger of falling branches from trees on the Batch. Council agreed that a letter of support should be sent to B&NES Arboricultural Services.

e) The Conygre Trust have appealed for funding towards the Village Fun Day to be held in 2010. This matter to be placed on the next agenda.

2806. **PARISH ACCOUNTS**

a) The following bills were presented as paid.

			£
3159	Consortium	Office supplies	50.14
3160	Printsetters	Printing June N/L	574.20
3161	Agricultural Services	Rec. Field maintenance	211.60

2806. (cont'd).

3162	D. Reeves	Aug upgrade	40.00
3163	T. J. Webber	Internal audit	70.00
3164	Bath Y.M.C.A.	Youth Worker (June)	250.00
3166	Conygre Trust	Reimbursement invoice	135.00
3167	Over 60's Club	Grant	60.00
3170	Printsetters	Printing July N/L	574.20
3172	Parochial C.C.	Cemetery Grant No.1.	187.50
3173	Southern Electric	Column bonding	60.20
3174	Bath Y.M.C.A.	Youth Worker (July)	250.00
3175	Southern Electric	Public lighting maintenance	223.69
3165	Administration		1,125.00
3168	"		126.00
3169	"		394.11
3171	"		145.56
	Petty Cash		2.10
	" "		5.94

Council approved Clerk's actions.

b) **VAT CLAIMS**

			£
3159	Consortium	Office supplies	6.54
3161	Agricultural Services	Rec. Field maintenance	27.60
3173	Southern Electric	Column bonding	7.85
3175	Southern Electric	Public lighting maintenance	29.18

Council approved VAT claims.

c) Council approved renewal of subscription to the Local Council Review. £13.50

d) Council approved the reimbursement of part invoice No. 413 (£53.00) and invoice No. 443 (£282.50) to The Conygre Trust.

e) The Council were advised that The Conygre Trust requested payment of the Children's Play Equipment from their Capital Deposit Account to save payment of VAT. Council agreed that more information was required, as it was originally determined at their meeting on 2nd March 2009, that £10,000 should be released to B&NES when they are ready to proceed with their grant.

There being no further business, Chairman closed the meeting at 9.22 pm.

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(Chairman)

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(Date)

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 7th September 2009.

These Minutes were approved by Timsbury Parish Council at their meeting on 7th September 2009.