

TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD IN THE CONYGRE HALL ON MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2010 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 and
R. Young.

2875. **WELCOME**

Chairman welcomed all attending, and informed the Council that Cllr. W. Sparey had resigned.

Council agreed that the vacancy should be filled by co-option, and advertised in the Newsletter. Chairman thanked Cllr. Sparey for his work for the Council since May 2007.

A representative of the Council was now required as a Trustee for the Conygre Trust.

2876. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2877. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, Council agreed that Chairman should sign these as being correct, providing *Minute 2866 a)* should read: 'Where an existing tenant, or his or her partner, make an application for an additional plot, the Management Committee shall only grant that application if there are no first time applicants on the waiting list. The name of the existing tenant applicant will be held on the waiting list in abeyance'. *Minute 2867*: '£6.50 per page for typing work', and *Minute 2868 b). 1.* 'This property is outside the housing development boundary of Timsbury, not Farrington Gurney'.

2878. **MATTERS ARISING**

a) Council were advised that a similar planning application in Bath, to Elder Cottage in Rectory Lane, has been delegated, and refused to be placed before the B&NES Planning Committee despite requests to do so by a District Councillor.

This matter is to be discussed at the ALCA Meeting on 3rd February concerning a change of procedure.

b) Council were also advised that B&NES Strategic Housing Services were not supporting the Flower & Hayes development at Wheelers' Yard, as they had not addressed many SDP requirements.

- b) Council were concerned that they were being excluded from negotiations in the Section 106 Agreement, and proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. David Trigwell with copies to Cllr. Charles Gerrish and our District Cllr, stating our requirements and objections to this development if B&NES Planning Services were minded to approve:
1. A children's play area on site.
 2. A footpath provided either side of North Road.
 3. An anticipated need for allotments in view of the small gardens.
 4. Highway improvements at the Coalpit crossroads.
 5. Expand Lifelong Learning opportunities at Timsbury Youth Club and St. Mary's Primary School.
 6. Improve Children's Services within the village.
 7. Expand the footpath in The Avenue.
 8. The Timsbury Village Plan identified that more affordable housing was required. 35% required rented accommodation.
- c) B&NES Community Liaison Officer, Ms. Joanna Brain reports that due to no bins or budget left, requests for more bins cannot be fulfilled in this financial year.
- d) The next Village Day Quiz Evening will be held in the Conygre Hall on Monday 29th March.

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REPORTS

Dist. Cllr. D. Deacon reported that the PACT meeting held on 14th January in the Conygre Hall was poorly supported. A complaint was received of speeding traffic in Lippiatt Lane, with a request for a 20 mph speed limit and "sleeping policemen" road humps. P.C. Peard is currently organising Beat Surgeries in all villages.

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CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk reported that Mr. Mark Cassidy, B&NEs Arboricultural Office, is trying to get an English Oak tree to replace the felled Turkey Oak tree at the Coalpit crossroads.

2881.

TOWN PLANNING

a) B&NES DECISIONS

1. **No.09/04552/FUL**

Mr. J. Bradley
'Teran', South Road.

- Erection of conservatory to south elevation.

- Approved.

2. **No.09/04585/FUL**

Mr. C. Minall
46 St. John's Road.

- Erection of two storey side extension.

- Approved.

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b) APPLICATIONS TO COUNCIL

1. No.10/00150/FUL

Messrs. P. & J. Cracknell - Erection of two semi-detached houses with
2 Chapel Walk. with vehicular access and parking.

(Revised application).

Council wished to object to this proposal, as the site is not served by a public highway, and it does not enhance or protect the Conservation Area of Timsbury. It is also over-development and detrimental to neighbourhood amenities.

(10 against and 2 abstentions).

2. No.10/00289/TCA

Mrs. Payne - Reduce silver birch by 50%.
Apley House
The Square.

Council had no objections.

(11 for, 1 abstention).

2882.

TIMSBURY VILLAGE PLAN

- a) Council discussed all the aims of the Action Plan, and agreed that due to the number involved, it was not possible to identify any areas with appropriate action in one meeting. It was proposed to hold separate meetings, or to commence Council meetings half an hour earlier to take the Action Plan forward. This item to be placed on the next agenda for a decision.
- b) Copies of a letter concerning a bus service to Bristol received from Mr. J. Cupis, was circulated to the Council, and they agreed to take this matter forward following consultation.
- c) Council agreed to support the 768 bus service, which they considered should be retained, when B&NES Public Transport Services finalise the contracts in June 2010.

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COMMUNICATION

Although it is understood that B&NEs Planning Services eventually intend to send all planning applications and decisions to local councils using IT, currently they do not, as neither do many other B&NES Services, ALCA, CPRE and Community Action. Council received a request that agendas, minutes, letters and associated paper work, should be sent to all Councillors by email for their monthly meetings. By request, the Clerk had issued a statement of communication acknowledging the use of emails, but not when communicating information relating to Parish Council Meetings, which was supported by the Council.

2884.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) ALCA are holding a Special General Meeting on 18th March at 7.30 pm in the Cullimore Room, Emerson's Green Village Hall, to review Council Subscription fees. Chairman and Cllr. E. Potter agreed to attend.
- b) The Allotments Management Committee requests a grant of £400 to cover administrative costs, grass and hedge cutting for 2010/2011, and to continue a grant for each of the next five years.
Council agreed that sums of money set aside in the budget for works on the allotments are not grants.
Council were advised that the current Parish Council insurance has Public Liability cover for any Allotments Committee member, as the group is a sub-committee of the Parish Council.
- c) Council agreed to nominate Timsbury Post Office and Pharmacy for the Chairman of B&NES Business Awards for 2009/2010.
- d) Wansdyke Play Association appeal for support to continue Play Schemes in Timsbury.
Council agreed to acknowledge their request, but required more details concerning the type of support needed.

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PARISH ACCOUNTS

- a) The following bills were presented as paid:

		£	
3245	Conygre Trust	Room Hire (Allotments)	30.00
3246	Conygre Trust	Room Hire (TVP)	113.00
3248	Southern Electric Ltd.	Public lighting maintenance	228.55
3249	Printsetters Ltd.	Printing February Newsletter	574.20
3250	BWBSL	Allotment Water rate	58.11
3251	Parsons Landscapes Ltd.	Play Area equipment	11,744.36
3252	Kim Cox Design	TVP Report	707.00
3253	1st Office Equipment Ltd.	Photocopying	32.37
3254	TPM UK Ltd.	Printing TVP Report	1,601.74
3243	Administration		402.14
3244	"		14.00
3247	"		168.00

Council approved Clerk's actions.

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b) V.A.T. CLAIMS

			£
3248	Southern Electric Ltd.	Public lighting maintenance	34.04
3251	Parsons Landscapes Ltd.	Play Area equipment	1,749.16
3253	1st Office Equipment Ltd.	Photocopying	4.82
3254	TPM UK Ltd.	Printing TVP Report	238.56

Council approved V.A.T. claims.

2886.

ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

- a) Dist. Cllr. D. Deacon reported that all grit bins listed had been ordered.
- b) Information will be received shortly concerning St. Mary's Close bungalows.

2887.

MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- a) B&NES ALCA Group meeting to be held on Wednesday 3rd February at the Conygre Hall.
- b) Parishes Liaison meeting to be held on Wednesday 24th February at Keynsham.
- c) Creativity in Health & Wellbeing meeting to be held on Thursday 11th February at the Ballroom, The Forum, Bath.
- d) NALC Leadership Academies:
29th March to 1st April
13th to 16th July
16th to 19th November
Full details and booking - www.nalc.gov.uk

There being no further business, Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05 pm.

(Chairman)

(Date)

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on
Monday 1st March 2010.**

The above Minutes were approved by Timsbury Parish Council
at their meeting on Monday 1st March 2010.