

# TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## MEETING HELD IN THE CONYGRE HALL ON MONDAY 1st NOVEMBER 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, D. Deacon, K. Galpin, J. Hall, E. Potter, P. Richards and  
R. Young.

2995. **WELCOME**  
Chairman welcomed all attending.

2996. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Cllr. R. Fox.

2997. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
There were no declarations of interest.

2998. **MINUTES**  
The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, Council agreed that Chairman should sign these as being correct.

2999. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a) The meeting of the Working Group proposing a new bus service to Bristol, scheduled to be held on Tuesday 12th October, was cancelled as only the Chairman and Clerk attended. Enquiries were requested to be sent to Peasedown St. John Parish Council if they were still interested in the scheme.
- b) Concerns remain of road safety in Timsbury, and several comments have been placed on the village website, particularly affecting North Road. A PACT meeting held at Clutton on 28th October was attended by many Timsbury residents, who raised issues of parking in North Road. A response from Mr. Peter Dawson, B&NES Group Manager for transport, was handed to each Councillor, and it was proposed that Council representation should be made at the next PACT meeting to be held in the Congyre Hall on 3rd February 2011.
- c) Clerk reported that due to increased paper costs of 20%, Printsetters, who print the Newsletter, have negotiated with alternative suppliers to restrict the increased costs to 5%. The raising of advertising rates, agreed by the Council on 4th October, will cover this rise.
- d) A reply from Radstock Police, indicated that the expenses to launch Farm Watch was estimated that each pack and sign would cost £5.00. It was considered that there was little or no interest from farmers in Timsbury.

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### **REPORTS**

- a) Cllr. E. Potter reported that at the ALCA AGM held on 14th October, it was agreed to hold a special AGM, and will consider joining a West of England Group. A Working Party is to be formed, and there are many changes that will be made, including sending the ALCA magazine by email.
- b) Chairman reported that only Clutton and Timsbury representatives attended the Cluster Meeting held in Midsomer Norton on 14th October. Kathy Tate outlined a programme by B&NES on Environmental Sustainability, and Kelvin Packer reported on the successful Food Waste Collection Scheme launched on 4th October.
- c) Chairman also report that at the Parishes Liaison Meeting held in Keynsham on 20th October, further consideration will be made by B&NES on the Core Strategy on 2nd December. The term 'Focus Village' is to be removed, two sites are to be disposed of by the M.O.D. in Bath for housing, and a document concerning Travellers' sites is in hand.

The Parish Charter will be refined with a definition of Consultation, and a draft produced by the end of October by a Working Group. Civil Emergencies included climate change, reduction of oil, and communities are to be prepared for involvement. There were cuts in the Youth Service, with many towns and parishes losing their Youth Clubs.

Speed limit changes included a proposed reduction from 60 mph to 50 mph in Hayeswood Road from the A39 junction to Timsbury, but an increase from 30 mph to 40 mph on the B3115 up to Tunley. Highway Services confirmed that maintenance is to be improved for grit bin filling, and Cllr. Francine Haberling of B&NES promised to investigate the reported mortality rate, which indicated that B&NES was the highest in the UK with Timsbury top of the list in this area.

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### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- a) Details were given of the B&NES Highway Services roadworks on the A367 from 3rd November.
- b) Council approved the transfer of the charges for public lighting from EDF Energy to Eon Energy, subject to the greatest saving.
- c) Council approved funding Timsbury Churches Together to cover the cost of the rental charge of the Conygre Hall for the Village Christmas Celebration to be held on Thursday 16th December. Cllr. J. Hall agreed to a reading.
- d) Council requested more information from Midsomer Norton and Radstock Ring & Ride, and Keynsham Ring & Ride, concerning the service, before considering making a donation.

**TOWN PLANNING****a) CORRESPONDENCE**

1. B&NES Planning Services confirm that investigations will be made concerning access to the public highway from the proposed gypsy and traveller site in Radford.

2. B&NES Planning Services also apologise for not allowing 21 working days for the Council to comment on an application.

**b) B&NES DECISIONS****1. No.10/03661/FUL**

A1 Planning Services  
The Bungalow,  
Radford Hill.

- Erection of a side summer/garden room with dressing room over to replace existing flat roofed living room.

*- Approved.*

**c) APPLICATIONS TO COUNCIL****1. No./10/04178/REM**

Mrs. P. Young  
Parcel 6100  
Hayeswood Road.

- Removal of Condition I of application 05/02031/FUL ('L' shaped stable block, storage barn, outdoor pens and gravel track).

Council wished to object to the removal of Condition I and supported the renewal of planning permission for 5 years.

*(11 against, 1 abstention).*

**2. No.10/04251/TCA**

Mr. G. Durnford  
The Old Post Office  
28 High Street.

- Removal of branches to Silver Birch.

Council had no objections in principle, but noted that the application is not from the owner of the tree, and question the validity of the application.

*(11 for, 1 abstention).*

**3. No.10/04168/FUL**

Mrs. A. Colbourne  
15 Somerset Folly.

- Erection of a single storey rear extension.

Council had no objections, but noted that the pitch of the lower roof of the extension was only 10%, and would not, therefore, be waterproof.

*(11 for, 1 abstention).*

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4. **No.10/04456/TCA**

Dr. R. Rafferty  
The Old Rectory  
The Square.

- Fell two Ash trees, and one Hawthorn tree.

Council had no objections to the removal of the Ash trees, but requested suitable replacements.

Council objected to the felling of the Hawthorn tree, and suggested that thinning would be preferable.

*(11 against, 1 abstention).*

3003.

**TELEPHONE KIOSK**

Council agreed that the quote of £739.00 received from Harry Stebbing for a notice board in the telephone kiosk was too high. Alternative notice boards from Glasdon were too large to fit inside the kiosk, and were also unsuitable. More information was requested, and suggestions were received that a notice board could be placed inside the Council bus shelter in North Road, and paper back books placed inside the kiosk. An appeal for suggestions concerning the use of the kiosk, was requested to be placed in the Newsletter.

3004.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Radstock Police request advice for the best times and dates to arrange Beat Surgeries in Timsbury. Council agreed that the evening sessions in the Conygre Hall were suitable.
- b) Peasedown 1st Community Group invite the Council to attend a meeting at the Beacon Hall, Peasedown St. John on 9th November 2010 at 8.00 pm.
- c) Bristol Airport invite the Council to attend a Reception on Wednesday 1st December 2010 at 6.30 pm.

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**PARISH ACCOUNTS**

- a) The following bills were presented as paid:

			£
3342	Bath YMCA	Youth Worker (October)	250.00
3343	EDF Energy	Public lighting	195.42
3349	Printsetters Ltd.	Printing November N/Letter	446.25
3346	Administration		143.00
3347	"		402.14
3348	"		14.00
	Petty Cash		2.89
	" "		32.67
	" "		13.92

Council approved Clerk's actions.

b) **V.A.T CLAIM**

3343 EDF Energy Public lighting £ 9.31  
Council approved V.A.T. claim.

3005. (cont'd)
- c) Council approved the withdrawal of a Petty Cash requirement of £100.00
  - d) Clerk reported that the Consortium have introduced a £5.00 delivery charge on all orders below £50.00. Alternative suppliers have been found to be more competitive than Consortium, therefore, petty cash amounts will be slightly higher than usual.

3006. **ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

- a) Dist. Cllr. D. Deacon reported that Mr. Neil Bolton of Somer Housing will shortly provide a decision concerning the bungalows in St. Mary's Close.
- b) The Children's Play Area in Greenvale Drive has been transferred to B&NES from Land Registry.

3007. **MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION**

- a) A Remembrance Service will be held at the Royal British Legion Headquarters in Newmans Lane on Sunday 14th November at 11.00 am. Cllr. P. Richards agreed to lay a wreath on behalf of Timsbury residents and the Parish Council.
- b) Chairman requested the Council to consider the appointment of a new webmaster, when Mr. R. Watts leaves Timsbury.
- c) The Chairman approved the Council meeting dates for 2011 in the Conygre Hall which were handed to each Councillor, and to Mr. Malcolm Tucker the new Booking Officer for the Conygre Hall.

There being no further business, Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

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(Chairman)

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(Date)

*The above Minutes were approved by Timsbury Parish Council  
at their meeting on 29th November 2010.*

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 29th November 2010.**