

TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD IN THE CONYGRE HALL ON MONDAY 4th JULY 2011 at 7.00 pm

Present : In the Chair : Cllr. Mrs. V. Packham.
Cllrs. P. Richards, Mrs. M. Deacon, Mrs. D. Sewell, T. Baldwin, D. Deacon,
K. Galpin, J. Hall, D. James, E. Potter and R. Young.

PRESENTATION BY TIMSBURY TRAFFIC & ROAD SAFETY GROUP

Chairman welcomed Ms. Amanda Cranston of Timsbury Traffic and Road Safety Group, who presented a strategy document concerning 46 proposals to improve road safety in Timsbury, and P.C. Stuart Peard of Avon & Somerset Police. Copies of the document were previously distributed to all Councillors and contained suggestions for monitoring the speed of traffic, control of parking, and the general safety of pedestrians. Improvements to road signage with 'slow' signs and '20 is plenty' were requested.

There were concerns of illegal pavement parking, signs covered with vegetation, lack of a continuous footpath in South Road, and deliveries at peak times to village stores. Ms. Cranston concluded by summarising the document into 3 categories to be considered by the Local Authority, the Police, and the Parish Council for further analysis. Questions raised included traffic speed in Tunley, parking areas, a crossing at Chapel Walk, Camerton width restrictions, safety mirrors, and distribution of 106 funding from the developers of the Wheelers site in North Road. Ms. Cranston accepted an invitation to attend a meeting with Stefan Chiffers of B&NES, P.C. Stuart Peard, D. Dixon, Dist. Cllr. D. Deacon, Cllr. Mrs. V. Packham and the Clerk, at the Conyge Hall on Tuesday 12th July at 5.30 pm, when these proposals will be discussed further.

Chairman thanked Ms. Cranston and P.C. Peard for their attendance and commenced the Parish Council meeting.

3108. WELCOME

Chairman welcomed all attending.

3109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Cllr. R. Merchant.

3110. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3111. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, Council agreed that Chairman should sign these as being correct, providing Minute 3101 b) should read 'Relating to farm building conversion' not 'urge', 3104 f) should read 'support meeting' not 'organise' and 3106 a) should read 'B&NES are considering' not 'agreed'.

3112.

MATTERS ARISING

- a) Timsbury Allotments Management Committee have agreed to open a bank account, and provide a copy of their accounts. They request to attend a meeting in September to discuss the rent level for 2012.
- b) Mr. Peter Buchanan, Chairman of the Conygre Trust, reports that the Trust is uniquely placed for the development of recreation facilities in the centre of the village.
Council agreed to request B&NES for a definition of the 106 funding from the developers of the Wheelers site, and to thank Mr. Buchanan for his reply.
- c) Chairman reported that the Village Fun Day was a success, and that Mr. Buchanan had agreed to donate £100 towards planting in the Miners' Memorial Gardens.

3113.

CO-OPTION

Chairman read letters of introduction received from Mrs. S. Langdon and Mr. D. Wheeler, who had applied to be co-opted for the Council's remaining vacant seat.

Following a vote, Council elected Mrs. S. Langdon as from 4th July 2011. Cllr. Mrs. S. Langdon was then invited to join the meeting on that date.

3114.

REPORTS

- a) Chairman reported on the PACT Meeting held at West Harptree on Thursday 9th June 2011. Three parishes were represented, and issues raised included B&NES policy of verge cutting to 1 metre, Neighbourhood Watch arrangements, waste bin next to the Co-op, South Road traffic speed, and a licence review for the Guss & Crook public house.
Council were advised that no communication had been received concerning this review, and that B&NES were unable to extend the time limit for the receipt of comments, which ended on Thursday 30th June 2011.
- b) Chairman also reported on the Parishes Liaison meeting held at Keynsham on Thursday 9th June 2011. Cllr. Nathan Hartley was questioned concerning reduction of funding for Youth Services, and the possible closure of a pre-school group in Camerton. Cllr. Hartley said that he was happy to visit any Youth Group to discuss the future. B&NES also encouraged parishes to apply for funding under a Small Grants Scheme. Mr. David Trigwell outlined the Core Strategy and also encouraged engagement with parishes, The Parish Charter was on hold waiting for developments of The Localism Bill, and The Local Strategic Partnership were offering grants of £5,000 for sustainable projects in the Community. An update was given on the Parishes on-line Mapping Project, a review of Park and Ride in Bath, and a survey of speed limits on A and B roads.
Council were advised that Hayeswood Road speed limit is to be reduced from 60 mph to 50 mph, and Tunley Hill from 30 mph to 40 mph, and a request was made for mirrors on junctions and flashing signs to be presented to Stefan Chiffers on 12th July.
Dist. Cllr. D. Deacon requested the information issued concerning funding for Youth Services.

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- c) Cllr. D. James issued a written report for each Councillor concerning the Police Parish Forum Meeting held at Radstock Police Station on Wednesday 29th June 2011. Issues raised included some closure of police stations, revised opening hours at Radstock Police Station, crime figures, traffic speed, and calming measures at Tunley. Council requested a Safety Report for the Tunley scheme.

3115

CLERK'S REPORT

- a) B&NES Chairman's Community Awards nominations are open until Friday 21st October 2011. This item to be placed on the next agenda in September.
- b) The Chief Executive of NHS B&NES invites the Council to their AGM to be held at Fry's Conference Centre, Keynsham at 1.00 pm on Thursday 21st July 2011.
- c) B&NES have replaced the rusty pole at the junction of Bloomfield Park Road with Bloomfield Road, with a new 30 mph restriction sign.
- d) The next PACT Meeting is to be held at Clutton Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Thursday 24th November 2011.

3116.

TOWN PLANNING

a) **CORRESPONDENCE**

B&NES Planning Enforcement report that a Planning Contravention Notice was served on Mr. McDonald concerning land at Radford.

b) **B&NES DECISIONS**

1. No.11/01514/VAR

Mr. A. Fan - Variation of Condition 2 of
The Connies Application **No.10/00721/FUL** (Change of use
The Square. of ground floor from office to tea room and
Deli, and alterations to openings) in order to
vary opening hours. ***- Approved.***

2. No.11/01643/FUL

Mr. D. Ellison - Retention of workshop/storage sheds.
Site of Colliery Tramway
Radford Hill. ***- Refused.***

3117.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2012

Council agreed to organise a Big Lunch to celebrate HM Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee at the Conygre Hall and Recreation Field on Sunday 3rd June 2012, book the Conygre Hall, and set up a sub-committee to organise the event.

3118.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Timsbury Over Sixties Social Club appealed for funding towards the costs of running the Community Service Vehicle. Council agreed to donate £75.
- b) Council agreed to the erection of a 6' x 4' shed on allotment plot No. 22 for Mr. D. Fox.
- c) Council agreed that Cllr. R. Merchant should join Cllrs. J. Hall and D. James as representative for Police Liaison at Radstock Police Station.
- d) Chief Superintendent Gary Davies reports that he is leaving his position as B&NES Police Commander to take up a new role at Police Headquarters.

3119.

PARISH ACCOUNTS

- a) The following bills were presented as paid:

			£
3446	Bath YMCA	Youth worker (June)	250.00
3448	E.ON	Public lighting (May)	41.43
3455	Printsetters Ltd.	Printing July Newsletter	535.50
3456	R. J. Bick	Travelling expenses	26.00
3457	P.C.C.	Cemetery grant (1st Qtr)	187.50
3458	R. J. Bick	Plants for Miners' Memorial	40.00
3447	Administration		1,375.00
3453	"		136.50
3454	"		402.14
	Petty Cash		.99
	" "		7.77
	" "		9.10
	" "		2.50

Council approved Clerk's actions.

- b) **V.A.T CLAIMS**

			£
3448	E.ON	Public lighting (May)	1.97
3451	P. Richards	Waste bin	11.88

Council approved V.A.T. claims.

3120.

ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

- a) Dist. Cllr. D. Deacon reported that Mr. Kevin Packer of B&NES is considering the installation of a grit bin at the Southlands Drive steps, and the gritting route to include Loves Hill.
Dist. Cllr. Deacon requested a copy of the Judges route for the Timsbury in Bloom competition.

MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- a) Council were advised that 398 Royal Wedding China Mugs remain in stock from 700 supplied by Norfolk China Ltd. Council agreed to request St. Mary's Primary School to distribute some to the pupils, and the Clerk to distribute the remainder to Youth Club, Conygre Hall, Surgery, Churches, Cheshire Home and the Laurels Nursing Home.
- b) Council agreed to request Stefan Chiffers for 30 mph road markings, mirrors at South Road and Lansdown View junctions with North Road, and a crossroad sign in Hayeswood Road, at the meeting with him on 12th July 2011.
- c) Timsbury-in-Bloom judging on Tuesday 19th July.
- d) Consultation with Allotments Committee concerning rent levels for 2012, to be placed on the next agenda for 5th September.
- e) The next A.L.C.A. meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th September at the Conygre Hall.
Cllr. Gerry Curran B&NES Chair of the Development Control Committee has been invited.
- f) A large timber framed building has been erected in a garden at Southlands Drive fronting the highway.
- g) Cllr. D. James requested the email address of those Councillors with a computer.

There being no further business, Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.

(Chairman)

(Date)

*The above minutes were approved By Timsbury Parish Council
at their meeting on 5th September 2011.*

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 5th September 2011.