

TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Monday 7th March 2016, 7:30pm

Tynning Room, Conygre Hall

Ref.	Item	Minute	Action
	Present:	In the Chair, Veronica Packham. Derek Wheeler, Ray Merchant, Sue Langdon, Mike Horler, Rob Young, Sheila Clarke, David Collett, Dave Lorriman, Josie Pownall and Janet Durk.	
3979	1. Welcome and Apologies	The Chairman welcomed all those attending.	
3980	2. Declarations	No declarations of interest	
3981	3. Minutes	The minutes of the meeting on 1 st February 2016 at Conygre Hall were reviewed and approved	
3982	4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WI commemorative rosebush was successfully planted in the Miners Garden • The faulty B&NES street lamp outside the entrance to Conygre Hall has been repaired • Information about the rationale behind the recent introduction of double-yellow and white line traffic markings was included in the March newsletter • A new home is still being sought for the redundant Lexmark printer 	
3983	5. Clerk's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Payback team are booked for the following dates; March 8th and 22nd, April 5th and 19th, May 3rd and 17th. • Vacancies for 2 Parish Councillors are advertised in the current edition of the newsletter with a deadline of 31st March for applications. • There is a basic cost of £50 to register for the Local Council Award Scheme plus an £80 fee for the initial Foundation Award. Much of work involves publishing statutory items on the council website and to this end the scheme will be 'parked' until a more suitable point in the near future, alongside the general website upgrade. • Avril England of B&NES has responded regarding requests to amend the route of the 179 bus, which currently travels along Mill Lane and St.John's Road to access Greenvale. She has contacted the Assistant General Manager at First Buses (Richard Lewis) asking for his thoughts on the proposal to have the bus enter, turn and exit Greenvale only, and for dates for when he might be available for a site visit. We await further updates. 	

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3984	6. Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VP reported on the <i>Let's Talk</i> communications focus group of 22nd February, which focused on increasing internet communications, potentially utilising Facebook. There was general agreement that a central point of contact is required to manage information and publicity etc, with potential for an additional voluntary or paid role to orchestrate this. • VP reported on a disappointing Parishes Liaison meeting of 24th February; historically this has been a meeting with Chairmen, Clerks and B&NES officers to address questions and issues, yet on this occasion just a few lines of response were given. B&NES Chairman Ian Gilchrist will hold a reception for Parish Councillors on 20th April. Attendees also watched a short video tribute to Peter Duppa-Miller. • The Joint Spatial Plan working group of 25th February was attended by DC and VP, however no new information was forthcoming above that already presented at the previous Bristol University conference. The next meeting will be on 17th March. • VP and DC reported on the Somer Valley Forum of 25th February; it was noted that Council Tax will increase by 3.25% (2% of which will be designated for social care), Policing from Radstock is set to continue although may involve re-location to a new or shared building, and that the Somer Valley has been declared an Enterprise Zone with the potential for up to 2000 more jobs being created over the next 25 years. • Five councillors attended the <i>Being A Good Councillor</i> training of 5th March, lead by Deborah White and held in Timsbury, which they found to be helpful and constructive. 	
3985	7a. Planning Correspondence	None.	
3986	7b. B&NES decisions	None.	

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3987	7c. Applications to Council	<p>16/00451/TCA Mrs Bev Wood Elvedene, North Road, <i>1x Silver Birch - reduction height by 20%. 1x Lawson Cypress - reduction height by 33%</i> Council voted unanimously to recommend approval of this application.</p> <p>16/00450/TCA Mrs Judith Plucknett The Distance, North Road, Tisbury BA2 0JH <i>1x Mature Apple - fell</i> Council voted unanimously to recommend approval of this application.</p> <p>15/04980/OUT – Consultation re-opened Mrs E and M Russell and Osborne Parcel 4325, South Road, Tisbury BA2 <i>Erection of up to 45 dwellings, construction of new vehicular access and provision of associated highway and drainage infrastructure, open space and landscaping.(Outline application with access to be determined all other matters reserved)</i> Although there is little change to the original application, the Council expressed disappointment that they were not directly informed that this consultation has been re-opened and wish to re-iterate their original comments. They would also query the origin of the referenced traffic survey and who funded it.</p>	
3988	8. Village Planting	<p>SC has supplied a scheduling proposal for replacing troughs and planters around the village with durable, self-watering Amberol products.</p> <p>For the current financial year; 2 x 2-tiered planters at £346.50 = £693.00 (for the entrances to the village) 3 x troughs at £111.50 = £334.50 2 x oak coloured barrels at £83 = £166 TOTAL = £1193.50</p> <p>For 2016-2017; 1 x 2-tier planter = £346.50</p>	

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		<p>4 x oak coloured barrels at £83 = £332 6 x troughs at £111.50 = £669 TOTAL = £1347.50</p> <p>The Council voted unanimously to approve this expenditure; the Council also agreed that in the event of reasonable discount being offered for a bulk order covering both the current and forthcoming financial years, all listed items should be ordered together. If not, the two orders will be placed separately.</p> <p>Following the death of Myra Hayward, the family, with the agreement of the Conygre Trust, have requested that monies from the collection be put toward a commemorative picnic bench to be installed on the recreation field. The suggested bench is also supplied by Amberol and will be ordered by the Council alongside the new troughs.</p> <p>JD added that she will be joining a village walk-around with CURO managers on 9th March and will confirm arrangements for the floral butterfly to be sited on Conygre Green.</p>	
3989	9. Her Majesty's 90 th Birthday Celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for a commemorative beacon (21st April) on the Sleight are on-going; DW has the necessary firewood stored and awaits contact with Mary Holbrook. He will also liaise with Barry Sewell. The precise time of lighting is still to be confirmed. It was noted that this is the same evening as the Annual Parish Meeting. • A Big Lunch (12th June) at Conygre Hall is being organised by Jan Merchant. A band and cream teas will hopefully be arranged, with a possible cricket match. It will be a bring-your-own picnic event, starting with childrens fancy dress. 	
3990	10. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Office Ltd have written to confirm that the proposed relocation of the Post Office counter (to McColls) will go ahead, although no date has been given. • Tower Mint is issuing commemorative medals for HM Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday which are available for purchase • Mr Ward of Rectory Lane has emailed regarding the neglected road surface; Clerk to pursue with B&NES. • Improvements works to the High Street car park are scheduled for 14th March 	
3991	11. Finance	The Clerk read out expenditure for the previous month (see attachment), which was approved by the Council	

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3992	12. Report from District Councillor	<p>The Clerk noted the following on behalf of Cllr Deacon;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Following the lack of progress on overgrown saplings in Church Lane, DD has suggested to Mrs Caroline Watts that it is a good idea for her to acquire this land since nobody appears to accept responsibility for the upkeep• New street lighting is scheduled for installation on St Johns Road• Resurfacing is scheduled for Southlands Drive• DD is expecting an update from George Bottin of B&NES concerning the iron finger post at Conygre crossroads	
3993	13. Matters of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayoral referendum for B&NES, 10th March• Communications Committee meeting, 15th March• Joint Spatial Plan working group, 17th March• ALCA meeting, 13th April• B&NES Chairman's Reception, 20th April (Keynsham)• Annual Parish Meeting, 21st April• Somer Valley Forum, 27th April	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:30pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY:
March 28th**

**THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE
Monday April 4th at 7:30pm**