



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Monday 4th September at 7:30pm

Tying Room, Conygre Hall

Ref.	Item	Minute	Action
	Present:	In the Chair Veronica Packham; Janet Durk, Derek Wheeler, David Collett, Sue Langdon, Josie Pownall, Mike Horler, Mary-Anne Ansell, Ray Merchant and Sheila Clarke.	
4264	1. Welcome and Apologies	The Chairman welcomed all those attending. Apologies were received from Dave Lorriman. Rob Young was absent.	
4265	2. Declarations	None	
4266	3. Minutes of 14 th August Meeting	The minutes were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.	Clerk
4267	4. Matters arising from the Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The YMCA has stated an interest in principle as a venue for a potential village Hub. A business plan is being developed for this. Small overhanging branches in the churchyard have been cut by DW. A further 100 copies of The Timsbury Walks Books have been ordered to be printed having sold all of the 680 copies so far. The Community Payback Team did come in August and worked clearing hedges in the cemetery and gutters in Lansdown Crescent. Publicity has been done for the Mobile Library new stops and times starting from 7th Sept. It was noted that relying on google maps to look at planning applications was unreliable. B&NES Cllr Bull phoned acknowledging the PC letter about 20mph review. He welcomed comments as generally it is thought that the 20mph schemes work less well in North East Somerset compared to Bath. They are waiting for the national review. Clarification on workings of PC Committees will be considered at a later meeting to incorporate NALC guidance on the issues, as appropriate. 	<p>MA</p> <p>Clerk</p>
4268	5. Clerk's report	None	
4269	6. Repairs of bus stops and painting of signs in the village.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk has asked B&NES Cllr. Doug Deacon to ask B&NES to arrange a quote for the finger sign post. Western Power is investigating the damage by its driver to the roof of the bus stop which the PC owns at The Hook. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 quotes have been received for roof repairs and painting of the North Road bus stop owned by the PC. It was voted unanimously to proceed with the third quote with the condition of reconsidering when the state of hidden timbers is revealed. 	Clerk
4270	7. To review implications of B&NES policy on Community Infrastructure Levy.	The email from B&NES was discussed and it was noted that according to their current stated policy it will be difficult to access their portion of CIL to pay for things in the village, although there it will be worth trying to lobby in future. Instead there will be a reliance on 106 agreements with developers. The policy was noted.	
4271	8. To consider a response to the consultation on extending night flights at Bristol airport.	David Packham had already drafted and sent a response on behalf of the PC to the Parish Councils Airport Association about its concern that any new technical changes about night flights would be against the airport's current planning permissions. Support for his position was supported by 8 votes to 2.	
4272	9. To consider driver awareness of the safety of cyclists.	The popular Timsbury Cycle Group which has over 150 members has raised concerns about drivers putting cyclists at risk and about the designs of new A39 junctions in the area. B&NES has responded that it is launching an awareness campaign 'Operation Close Pass' about this and that there are not adequate funds to add cycle facilities to the junctions. On a vote, it was approved for the PC to support the awareness campaign. Forward the email.	Clerk
4273	10. To consider a Parish Council Staff Appraisal policy and procedure.	The draft policy was discussed. The addition of staff matters to be added to the remit of the Finance Committee was discussed and suggested that the Cttee bring forward detailed wording for the PC to consider at a later meeting as part of a review of all committee remits. On a vote, the Appraisal policy and procedure and future changes of the Finance Committee remit were approved unanimously.	Clerk
4274	11. Finance	A claim for VAT payments totalling £3,316 over 2 years has been made to HMRC. Expenditure since last meeting was listed and items above £100 will be shown on the Parish Council pages on timsbury.org.uk site.	Clerk
4275	12. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The British Legion has asked for a PC representative to attend the Royal British Legion Club on 13th Oct. for the making of awards to two people who have been volunteering for 50 years. JD agreed to attend. ALCA has reported its concerns about the West of England Combined Authority's lack of recognition of Parish Councils its new strategies. A resident has asked for the PC to ask the Conygre 	

		<p>Trust to consider installation of some sort of trampoline for young people on the recreation area or play area. This was agreed in principle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request for support for supply of parking cones for the Taste of Timsbury and also other events has been made, now that B&NES will no longer supply them. This has been passed to the Conygre Trust to consider. On a vote, it was agreed unanimously to buy the cones and to ask the Conygre Trust to store them. • Cllr. Bull has invited the PC to attend the launch of the Somer Valley Walking Festival at the Radstock Museum 7pm on 15th Sept. We will ask the walking team. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
4276	13. Matters of interest and information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM expressed concern about the steps from top of Southlands Dr. Foliage of No. 63 needs cutting to stop blocking lights and other trees by B&NES. • JD met with Stefan Chivers with neighbour who made the complaint re: The Avenue speeding and the narrow pavement and overgrown foliage, also the dangerous state of the wall which is significantly bowing, which further narrows the footpath. It was proposed to consider the PC offering to B&NES part-funding of works in future. • The bench on South Road to be repaired by MH. <p>11th Sept. B&NES Planning Mtg 6pm Keynsham 19th Sept. Somer Valley Forum, Radstock 23rd Sept. Taste of Timsbury, Conygre Hall 25th Sept. PC Finance Committee 27th Sept. PC Meeting with Conygre Trust 28th Sept. ALCA Meeting at Batheaston 7th Oct. ALCA AGM at Bradley Stoke 9th Oct PC Communications Committee</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>VP</p> <p>MH</p>

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

Approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting:

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY: 22nd September

**THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE:
Monday 2nd October at 7:30pm**