

Timsbury Parish Council Meeting
11th June 2012

Present: In the Chair: Councillor Veronica Packham
Cllrs David James, Ray Merchant, Eric Potter, Peter Richards and Robert Young.

3251 **Welcome**
The Chairman welcomed all those attending.

3252 **Apologies**
Terry Baldwin, Doug Deacon, Marilyn Deacon, Keith Galpin, James Hall, Sue Langdon and Delia Sewell sent their apologies.

3253 **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.

3254 **Matters Arising**
a) The issue of the Governance statement will be addressed following the first meeting with our internal auditor.

b) It was unanimously decided that the Parish Council would provide up to £100 for improvements to the Miners' Garden.

3255 **Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.**
Councillor Packham expressed the gratitude of the Parish Council to the Committee for organising this successful event. The Parish Council received a report from Jan Merchant, Chair of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration Committee. She presented accounts to the Parish Clerk and provided information on the day itself. She thanked the various village organisations for their assistance. She suggested that she could meet the clerk at some future date in order to pass on some of the experience of the Committee in case it proved useful in the future.

3256 **Report on the ALCA Meeting on 25 May 2012.**
The Clerk and Eric Potter reported on this meeting. Emphasis was particularly laid on the issue of Gypsy Traveller sites and it was agreed that this issue be added to the agenda for the Parish Council's July meeting.

3257 **Parish Accounts.**
This month's bills were presented as paid and accepted by the Parish Council. (See Attachment)

3258 **Clerk's Report**

From some research online, it appears that for the time being E-on is probably the cheapest provider for our electricity. I would suggest that this be reviewed sometime in 2013.

I suggest we change our savings account as we can get better interest rates and service from another account. National Savings and Investment do a good account. The level of interest is not quite as high as some other options, but the fact of having a Post Office in the village probably outweighs this.

I have submitted Timsbury's application of the CPRE Village of the Year Competition. The judging will take place sometime before the end of July.

3259 **Conygre Trust**

- a) Veronica Packham presented the figures provided by the Conygre Trust for the new Ground Maintenance Contract. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Trust requesting a meeting with their representatives regarding the way forward with this issue. The Parish Council has precepted for £4000 for this expense and it is an obvious concern for all parties that the price is now far in excess of this. It was stressed that the reasons for this rise were beyond the control of both the Conygre Trust and the Parish Council and that it was in everyone's interest to find a sustainable solution.
- b) The price of a new floor for the kitchen in the Conygre Hall is £895 (excl. VAT), the Parish Council felt that it would appropriate to consider this at a future date. It was also agreed that the Clerk should ask for the latest estimate of costs, drawing and an indication of what other Hall users have pledged.

3260 **Timsbury Letter**

It was agreed that the Newsletter Committee should meet on Monday 19th June at 7.30pm.

3261 **20 mph Zones.**

The Clerk reported that it was his understanding that all residential roads in B&NES were to be made 20mph zones, however Timsbury is not one of the areas currently timetabled to have this done in the next 2 years.

3262 **Town Planning**

B&NES decisions on applications

12/00936/FUL

Radstock Co-operative Society Ltd

North Road

Display of 1no externally
illuminated fascia sign, 1no
non-illuminated sign, 1no

	Timsbury	internally illuminated projecting
	Bath	sign and 3no window graphics.
	BA2 0JH	PERMIT
c	Applications to Council	
ci		
1	12/02030/FUL	Erection of outbuilding following
	Mr and Mrs McKissock	demolition of existing outbuilding
	Amesbury House, Access Road	and conversion of outbuildings
	from Prior's Hill to Amesbury.	from storage to habitable.
	Timsbury	
	Bath	It was unanimously agreed that the
	BA2 0HF	Clerk should pose the question to the
		Planning Officer 'Does this application
		represent a an application for a new and
		separate dwelling?'

3263 **Allotments**

-To consider request for shed on plot 62. - **It was agreed that this can proceed, provided that the shed is placed wholly on the allotment and does not encroach upon the path.**

- To consider request to devolve responsibility for permission for sheds to the Allotment Committee. - **It was agreed that according to the rules surrounding allotment provision, this would not be possible.**

- To consider the insurance position of the Allotment Committee when lending out communal equipment. - It was agreed that this would be investigated

further when Councillor Keith Galpin returned from holiday.

3264 **Correspondence**

The Parish Clerk reported on the following correspondence.

Article 4 Direction applying to land in the City of Bath – Planning Policy

CAB will continue visits – Citizen's Advice Bureau

Invitation to enter Parish Council Magazine competition – Parish Mag Printers.

Gypsy Traveller sites Consultation – Planning Policy

3265 **Matters of Interest and Information.**

It was agreed that the Clerk would communicate with B&NES regarding the issue of fly tipping at the top of Southlands Drive.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should formally minute that it is no longer making any regular payments to the YMCA for the Youth Club since it has now discontinued. The Clerk confirmed that no payments had been made this financial year.

It was reported that a kissing gate at the end of Crocombe Lane was overgrown.
The Clerk will pass this information to B&NES.

The Council agreed that it would be appropriate to make a presentation to the
outgoing editor of the Timsbury Letter.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm.

Chairman

Date

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 2nd July 2012.