

TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Monday 7th April 2014, 7:30pm

Tynning Room, Conygre Hall

Ref.	Item	Minute	Action
	Present:	In the Chair, Veronica Packham. Ray Merchant, Derek Wheeler, Dave Naismith, Eric Potter, Sue Langdon, Michael Horler, Doug Deacon and Marilyn Deacon	
3620	1. Welcome and Apologies	The Chairman welcomed all those attending. Apologies received and approved from David James and Rob Young	
3621	2. Declarations	No declarations of interest	
3622	3. Minutes	The minutes of the March 3 rd meeting were reviewed and approved	
3623	4. Matters Arising	(All covered elsewhere on the agenda)	
3624	5. Clerk's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk met with Roland Hames of B&NES Building Control to examine the southern boundary wall of St.Mary's Church, adjacent to the Church Lane gate. Mr Hames stated that the wall would only be renovated if found to be dangerous, which at present does not appear to be the case. He also agreed to check the retaining wall running beneath Hook bungalows 1-4 • The Clerk has now located the deeds and title for the recreation ground and will be contacting the Land Registry to clarify the position on the amendment requested by the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation • The overflowing bin at the entrance to the Ha Ha has finally been emptied after repeated requests • Allotment plots 47 and 48 have now been re-allocated following written notification from the Clerk 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
3625	6a. Planning Correspondence	None	
3626	6b. B&NES decisions	<p>14/00524/TPO Mr Andrew Baker Parish's House Hook Timsbury BA2 <i>Prune 4 x trees and fell 5 x trees - CONSENT</i></p>	

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		<p>14/00418/FUL Mrs Josephine Tew 52 St John's Road Timsbury BA2 0HR <i>Erection of potting shed and store - PERMITTED</i></p> <p>14/00592/FUL Mr Luke Humphries 6 Radford Hill Timsbury BA2 0LE <i>Erection of two storey extension to the rear of the property & a single storey porch to the front - PERMITTED</i></p>	
3627	6c. Applications to Council	<p>14/01165/TCA Arb Environmental Apley House The Square Timsbury BA2 0HY <i>Reduce 1 x silver birch to previous growth points</i> Council voted to recommend approval, with one abstention</p> <p>14/00932/FUL Mr Symon Boyd Guss & Crook South Road Timsbury BA2 0LD <i>Change of use from public house to residential and shop/workshop including alterations to windows</i></p> <p>SESSION SUSPENDED: The Chairman suspended the session to hear comments from members of the public including Miss Louise Maggs (daughter of Symon Boyd):</p> <p>Miss Boyd clarified that the existing stained glass windows would remain, but all others would be replaced with like-for-like timber frames. She explained that replacement was necessary since the current frames are decayed and damp, with numerous gaps causing draughts.</p> <p>EP noted that in his view there was insufficient detail on the replacement windows in the application, and requested clarification on which areas were to be redefined as residential; Miss Boyd confirmed that the change would cover the downstairs bar area, noting</p>	

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		<p>that the kitchen area is already defined as residential, as are the upper floors.</p> <p>Mr Austin Sage disputed the status of the kitchen area, noting that the kitchen is an integral part of a public house, and that historically there had been a separate residential kitchen located upstairs. Miss Boyd disagreed with this assertion.</p> <p>VP requested more information on the nature of the workshop; Miss Boyd re-iterated that it would be used for antique clock repairs, publicly accessible, and as such would remain within the permissible change of use.</p> <p>Mr Sage noted change of use criteria including the marketing schedule of the sale, from B&NES Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.</p> <p>Other members of the public raised issues of accessibility and parking, both of which are somewhat restricted by the age and location of the building. It was also noted that the application states no refurbishment work has yet started, but this was disputed by several member of the public.</p> <p>EP stated that more detail is needed in the application and that therefore he would recommend refusal, suggesting that our District Councillor should arrange a full consultation with B&NES Planning Committee. DD agreed with this view.</p> <p><i>SESSION RESUMED.</i></p> <p>The Chairman noted the absence of specific detail regarding windows or guarantees regarding the workshop, and potentially inadequate car parking. The recommendation for refusal was acknowledged on this basis. Alternatively the application could be "called in" for further discussion with B&NES Planning Committee.</p> <p>The council voted to refer the application to Committee with 7 in favour, and 2 abstentions.</p> <p>14/01064/OUT Mr Andrew Jeffrey Priors Cottage, Priors Hill, Timsbury BA2 0HE (Outline) Erection of 1 no. dwelling with access and associated works with some matters reserved</p>	DD
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	<p><i>SESSION SUSPENDED:</i> The Chairman suspended the session to allow Mr Jeffrey to address the council;</p> <p>Mr Jeffrey explained that as an outline application, details of design and access had still to be confirmed. With 1.5 acres of garden, he wished to explore the possibility of erecting a new dwelling. Noting the lack of appeal for large scale development, he felt this to be an imaginative approach to achieving the total 50 dwellings proposed by B&NES Draft Core Strategy. In response to criticisms from neighbours, it would not be an isolated property, nor unsustainable, and access would be via the Amesbury track (a Public Right of Way). He noted there is no requirement for planning consent to form access onto a track which is not a public highway, the width of which had not previously been an issue for construction works. The character of the property would be subject to future design, and would not feature solar panels or wooden cladding. DW asked for clarification of the proximity to existing buildings; Mr Jeffrey drew attention to photographs of the site showing various angles of approach, indicating low visual impact. If successful, he could contribute to the Amesbury track fund, or create alternative access. VP clarified that this dwelling would not count toward the future development of 50 dwellings; it would be classified as in-fill, and expressed concern that the access is not directly onto a Public Highway. MD suggested a site visit to examine the location in more detail.</p> <p><i>SESSION RESUMED.</i> In the absence of clarity around highway access policy, the Chairman recommended contacting B&NES Planning Department for more details;</p> <p>The Council voted to defer their decision pending further information from Planning Officer Victoria Griffin, with 6 in favour and 2 abstentions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p>
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3628	7. Neighbourhood Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regret, the Chairman announced David James's resignation from the Steering Group owing to poor health. Chris Gittins will take David's place as Chair with immediate effect. The various sub-committees are forming and beginning their regular meetings. The Housing & Development sub-committee will await a decision on the site of new housing before proposing design guidance. Following Timsbury's Placemaking Plan, B&NES will be sending Planning Officers to assess the individual SHLAA sites. Should they disagree with our recommendations, further discussions will be required • In the light of known financial difficulties for the Punch Taverns brewery chain, the Chairman proposed that The Seven Stars public house be nominated as an <i>Asset of Community Value</i>. All councillors voted in favour. The Clerk will liaise with John Whapshott of B&NES regarding the necessary paperwork • DW asked on behalf of Sanjeev Pun whether any underground cable trunking had been installed in Timsbury; EP confirmed this to be correct • The minutes of the Steering Group meeting held on March 18th were approved by the Council 	Clerk
3629	8. Timsbury In Bloom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting was held on March 7th to discuss summer planting arrangements with Carol Richards, Lyn Pearce, David James, Kirstie Green and Nicola Miller. Nicola advised that some of the wooden troughs have perished and will need to be removed. It was suggested that more emphasis be placed on strategic points around the village, eg. Hook, Bloomfield and the corner of Emlett. Nicola will look into the pricing of more substantial tubs and additional features for these areas. The basic costs for 8 x 14" Hanging baskets, 30 troughs, plants, compost, planting time and grass cutting will be £1370; any additional feature planting or gateway signs will be over and above this • RM noted that the various banks of roadside daffodils are particularly attractive; perhaps more could be made of these in future 	

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		establish what estimates were issued prior to the work being carried out	
3632	11. District Councillor Exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DD confirmed that Greenvale Drive has now been resurfaced • MH requested that DD chase B&NES regarding potholes in Weekesley Lane, Radford • RM requested clarification on how to add items to B&NES Highway Structural Maintenance Programme; DD will check and confirm • EP reported new potholes in Hayeswood Road; DD will notify Steve Simmons of B&NES Highways 	DD DD DD
3633	12. Matters of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DW reported from the Conygre Trust that the Tying Room is to be redecorated soon, and that there has been a recommendation to purchase 5-a-side equipment for the tennis court, which also requires re-surfacing etc. • A B&NES WW1 Centenary web page is being established to list commemorative events; EP suggested that DW and MH liaise with the British Legion to promote Timsbury's involvement • VP reminded the council that it is important to attend the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting. The council agreed to fund the cost of refreshments to be served at the close of the meeting. A microphone should be arranged in advance 	DW/MH Clerk

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:05pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY:
May 4th**

**THE NEXT EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE
Tuesday 29th April at 7:30pm**

**THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE
Monday 12th May at 7:30pm**