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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Monday 4th July 2022
 at 7:30pm in the Conygre Hall

Ref.	Item and Minute	Action
	Present: In the Chair Cllr Josie Pownall; Cllr KC Bradley(Vice-Chairman), Cllr David Collett, Cllr Mary-Anne Ansell, Cllr Mark Foster, Cllr Ray Merchant, Cllr Debbie Murphy, Cllr Sean Stephenson-McGall, Clerk: Angela Wilson Seven members of the public attended for agenda item 7 only.	
5259	1. Welcome and Apologies The Chairman welcomed everyone. Cllrs Derek Wheeler and Nick Lewis sent their apologies.	
5260	2. Declarations of interest None	
5261	3. Co-option of new councillors None	
5262	4. Minutes of the last meeting The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	
5263	5. Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5244 (re 5201,5155, 5228) The disabled space is now in place outside of the Methodist Church in South Road. • 5244 (re 5228, 5201, 5157) Due to staff changes a new officer is now dealing with the lighting contract. The Clerk has emailed him requesting an immediate response on progress to date. • 5244 (re 5288, 5201, 5167) Formal papers are being issued in the next few weeks regarding the ongoing planning violation in the village. • 5244 (re 5288, 5202) The broken sign for the Hub is currently being repaired and will be reinstated in the next couple of weeks. • 5256 The Chairman has contacted Mike Horler who will send her a quote for the repair of the benches in The Avenue and Lansdown View. • 5256 The bus timetable has now been put on the website and will also be published in the August newsletter. 	Clerk Clerk Clerk
5264	6. Clerk's report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several comments were received regarding the overhanging vegetation on the Haha path. This has now been cut back but it is proving difficult to ascertain who the new owners are of the adjacent Emlett field. The selling agents have been contacted to request if the owner could liaise with the Parish Council. 	Clerk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The long grass on the corner of The Avenue and North Road was affecting visibility for traffic at the junction. The Clerk contacted the foreman at the Wheeler's Yard development who arranged for it to be cut back. The sign for The Connies is still in place and will need removing. B&NES Clean and Green team were in Timsbury for a week working on North Road. The Clerk attended a meeting of users of the YMCA building to discuss how it could be better used and ways to attract more interest. 	Clerk
5265	<p>7. Planning applications to B&NES for the Parish Council to consider: <u>22/02230/FUL</u> 62 Southland Drive, Timsbury BA2 0HB Erection of single storey rear extension <i>It was unanimously agreed that there was <u>no objection</u> to this application.</i></p> <p>Appeals against the decision of the local planning authority: <u>21/03754/FUL</u> (Appeal ref 22/00042/RF) Parcel 1120, Bungays Hill, High Littleton, Bristol Erection of a general-purpose farm building. <i>It was agreed by a majority of nine and one abstention that the Parish Council <u>objects</u> to this application and supports the comments of the B&NES conservation officer. They strongly agree that the construction will have a detrimental impact both on the character of the area and Timsbury as a whole.</i></p> <p>Appeal decisions by the Planning Inspectorate: 21/01037/FUL and 21/01038/LBA Crockbarton East, Rectory Lane, Timsbury BA2 0JY Erection of a timber framed garden room. <i>Both appeals have been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.</i></p>	
5266	<p>8. Conygre Trust liaison report. A meeting was held between representatives of the Parish Council and the Chairman of the Conygre Trust to discuss the way forward for funding the play area. The Trust is looking to move away from in-house repairs and Cllr Collett is looking into suitable contractors but this is proving difficult. He is also chasing B&NES on an update on the S106 money.</p>	DC
5267	<p>9. Reports from delegates to other organisations Speedwatch Team – The Vice Chairman attended a meeting of all Speedwatch organisations in the area where he was able to liaise with both the Police and the B&NES officer responsible for highway signs. Articles placed in the newsletter advertising the benefits of Speedwatch have proved useful in attracting three new volunteers who are interested in joining the team.</p>	
5268	<p>10. Update on Community Infrastructure Levy by Streets and Safety Working Group A site meeting will be arranged between B&NES Highways and the Parish Council for the proposed improvements to the corner in The Avenue. Speeding on Radford Hill is still an issue and B&NES Highways are currently assessing ways in which the traffic could be slowed. Speeding traffic in Lippiatt Lane is also causing concern as there is no footpath near the allotments but the pedestrian walkway exits directly onto the road. The Working Group is currently looking into ways of reducing the speed in this area.</p>	Clerk

5269	<p>11. Silhouette memorial to the coal mining industry</p> <p>The Miners' Welfare Trust are currently placing silhouettes of miners in areas that were previously connected with mining and so wish to donate one to Timsbury to commemorate the importance of mining in the village. They will send further details regarding the silhouette so that an appropriate place can be found for siting it.</p>	Clerk
5270	<p>12. Review of fees for publication and delivery of the Timsbury Letter</p> <p>The editor and distributor of the timsbury letter have not received an increase in their fees for over three years. After discussion <i>it was agreed by a majority with one against and one abstention that the fees should be increased by 10% to take effect in August 2022.</i></p>	Clerk
5271	<p>13. Quarterly inspection report on the Conygre play equipment</p> <p>A meeting was held between the Conygre Trust and the Parish Council to discuss the procedure for identifying issues with the play equipment and the process for funding repairs. It was agreed at this meeting that maintenance and repairs, which is currently carried out on an informal basis, would cease and an external specialist company, would be sought to take on responsibility for repairs. Once necessary repairs were identified, quotes would be sent to the Conygre Trust and the Parish Council for approval. Instructions would then be issued for the work to be carried out.</p>	
5272	<p>14. Introductory meeting with the Chairman of Bath and North East Somerset Council</p> <p>The newly elected Chairman of B&NES Council will be visiting Parishes in the area during his term of office in order to deepen civic and community relationship and so has requested to attend the Full Council meeting on 3rd October 2022. This was agreed and welcomed by the meeting.</p>	Clerk
5273	<p>15. Finance</p> <p>Expenditure since the last meeting was listed and circulated to members and will be shown on the Parish Council finance pages on www.timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil</p>	
5274	<p>16. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B&NES Climate and Sustainability Team will be hosting a climate and biodiversity festival 24th Sept to 2nd Oct with a theme of "Take Action for your Community". Events will be run online, in person or a mixture of both which engage community members with climate and ecological issues. • B&NES Neighbourhood Environmental Services is launching "Let's Get Buzzing" as part of their Pollinator Action Plan to increase biodiversity and protect green spaces for pollinators. Signs will be going up explaining to the public why the mowing regime has been relaxed to protect green spaces for pollinators such as bees, butterflies and wildlife. • A resident contacted the Parish Council regarding the issue of overgrowing vegetation and dangerous dead trees in Mill Lane. The Clerk contacted the B&NES Public Rights of Way Officer has advised the resident that the hedgerow and trees are the responsibility of the owner of the adjacent land. • A request was received from a resident for an update on a post office for the village. Although the meeting was sympathetic to her views it was 	Clerk

	<p>agreed that the provision of a post office was a commercial issue and so not within the remit of the Parish Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident raised concerns regarding a fence that has been erected in the village. The Clerk will contact B&NES Planning to ask them to investigate. 	Clerk
5275	<p>17. Private session regarding staffing issues</p> <p>It was agreed on a majority decision with two abstentions that the Clerk's hours be increased by 3 hours per week with effect from 25th August 2022.</p>	
5276	<p>18. Matters of interest and information</p> <p>Somer Valley Walking Festival – 10th and 11th September, Conygre Hall</p>	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.16pm

Approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting:

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

**The next meeting will be on
Monday 5th September 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Myra Hayward Room,
Conygre Hall, North Road**

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