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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Monday 5th December 2022

Ref.	Item and Minute	Action
	Present: In the Chair Cllr Josie Pownall; Cllr Mary-Anne Ansell, Cllr Paul Carroll, Cllr Sheila Clarke, Cllr David Collett, Cllr Mark Foster, Cllr Ray Merchant, Cllr Debbie Murphy, Cllr Nick Lewis, Cllr Peter Randall, Cllr Sean Stephenson-McGall, Clerk: Angela Wilson	
5335	1. Welcome and Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs K C Bradley and Shaun Stephenson-McGall.	
5336	2. Declarations of interest The Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6a. planning application 22/04493/FUL as the applicants are near neighbours.	
5337	3. Minutes of the last meeting The following amendments to the minutes were agreed: Agenda item 3 delete 'a member of the Reserve Army' and replace with 'a retired Major in the Reserve Army'. Agenda item 5 (Matters Arising 5305) remove 'The type and cost of this fencing would be investigated further and reported back' and replace with 'Further options are being considered'. Agenda Item 8 (Conygre Trust Liaison Report) amend 'owners of the field' to read 'guardian trustees of the field' After insertion of these amendments the minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	
5338	4. Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5319 (re 5299, 5281, 5263, 5244, 5228, 5201, 5157) The Clerk is liaising with National Grid and Volker to finalise the work required to upgrade the two streetlights on Chapel Walk and to reduce the luminosity of all the lights in that vicinity. • 5319 (re 5299, 5281, 5264) The owners of Emlett Field have trimmed the hedgerow bordering the Haha path, however, the Clerk will continue to pursue contact details should future communication with them be required. • 5319(re 5319, 5302) The list of cost of repairs to the play equipment is still awaited from B&NES Council. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DC</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5319 (re 5304) The Clerk has contacted B&NES to ascertain whether there are any service equipment eg pipes, electrical cables below where the safety barriers need to be placed. If necessary, it may be possible to bolt the barriers to the ground with minimal digging needed. A local contractor will be sought to asked look at the site and quote for the work. • 5319 (re 5305) this is now covered under Agenda item 9. • 5319 (re 5312) The Church has confirmed that the overhanging trees are the responsibility of B&NES Council and will be contacting them with the issue. • 5320 The Streetsweeper is still off work and the Chairman will be making a courtesy visit to him later in the week. The key to the bin on the Miner’s Garden bin no longer fits and so the padlock has had to be forcibly removed. Cllr Collett will put an update on social media regarding the current circumstances and the Chairman would contact the Ward Councillor to find out if he is able to fund a further bin from his community allowance. <i>It was unanimously agreed that the streetsweeper would be paid until the end of December and this will be reviewed at the January meeting.</i> • 5323 Cllr Foster reported that Bath and West Community Energy would like to make a presentation to the Parish Council and the community early in 2023 and would be in touch with proposed dates which he will bring to a future meeting . • 5324 The applicants for CIL funding for work at the Cemetery and Timsbury Cricket Club have been informed of their funding allocations. Cllr Sean Stephenson-McGall has contacted B&NES Council to ascertain what information they require for approval of the vehicle activated signs and has also messaged the company for costs. Regarding the AutoSpeedWatch system, Cllr Shaun Stephenson-McGall has contacted both the Police and WECA for more information. The bicycle hoops are now available for placement in the Timsbury Co-op car park. Some representations had been received regarding the security implications of the original siting for the hoops but the Co-op is unable to accommodate them at the front of the building or to give up a car parking space for them. A compromise has been reached that they will be re-sited to an area which is visible both visible to the public and covered by the CCTV system. • 5325 This is being covered under Agenda Item 12. • 5326 The meeting with the YMCA will be arranged for early 2023. • 5329 <i>It was unanimously agreed that the sum of £40 should be donated to Timsbury branch of the Royal British Legion to cover the costs of the Parish Council’s wreath laid at this year’s Act of Remembrance.</i> • 5331 The banner has been printed and is now in place on the railings outside of the library. • 5332 The viability of obtaining a bank card is still being investigated and will be brought to a future meeting. 	<p>DC</p> <p>JP/DC/Clerk</p> <p>MF</p> <p>SSMc_G</p> <p>ShS-McG</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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5339	<p>5. Clerk's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under delegated powers as detailed in the Parish Council Financial orders the sum of £108.16 has been authorised for the urgent replacement of sand and soil under the basket swing in the play area. The contractor has accordingly been informed. • The PC has been allocated new external auditors, BDO LLP based in Southampton, for five years from April 2023. • The final cut of the cemetery grass for this current year was done in November so only 9 cuts were needed, fewer than were anticipated. • The signwriter has quoted for inserting the name of the Clerk on the list of personnel on the Parish Council board in the Conygre Hall. It would be prudent, however, to wait until after the May annual meeting as, under the four-year rule, a new Chairman will have to be elected and both names could then be inserted at the same time. <i>This was unanimously agreed and the Clerk would contact the signwriter to explain that a further quote for two names would be requested in mid-May.</i> • B&NES council have notified that the precept has to be decided upon and sent to them by 8th February 2023. (The Finance committee will be meeting on 23rd January 2023 and will make recommendations on the budget and precept to the Full Council on 6th February 2023). • Notification has been received that South Road will be closed for a maximum of two days on 7th March 2023 for work to be carried out by National Grid. 	Clerk
5340	<p>6a. Planning applications to B&NES for the Parish Council to consider: <u>22/04429/TCA</u> 1 Bartholomew Row, South Road, Timsbury BA2 0EJ Ash Trees – Pollard to prevent limbs falling and causing damage to the sheds, with aim of saving the trees. Goat willow – cut back to a similar height of the ash. <i>It was unanimously agreed that there was no objection to this application.</i></p> <p><u>22/04493/FUL</u> 19 Bloomfield Close, Timsbury BA2 0LP Proposed two-storey side extension. <i>It was unanimously agreed that there was no objection to this application.</i></p> <p>6b. B&NES Decisions on Planning Applications <u>22/01463/FUL</u> Brick House, Church Hill Timsbury Reinstatement of second floor REFUSED</p> <p><u><i>The following B&NES Decision on a planning application was received after the agenda was published:</i></u> <u>22/03611/FUL</u> Rosewood Manor, Loves Hill, Timsbury Erection of a bin and mower shed built into an existing stone alcove in the drive. PERMIT</p> <p>6c. Result of Appeals to the Planning Inspectorate <u>Appeal ref App/F0114/W/22/3296454 (Planning ref: 21/03754/FUL refused 7th Oct 2021)</u> Parcel 1120, Bungay's Hill, High Littleton, BA2 0HF General purpose farm building APPEAL HAS BEEN ALLOWED AND PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED</p>	

5341	<p>7. Conygre Trust liaison report</p> <p>The Conygre Trust will liaise with the Parish Council regarding what contribution will be requested for the 50th Anniversary celebration day in 2023.</p> <p>The quarterly play report has now been received and there are five items that will need further investigation. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Cllr Collett will ask if a list of expenses for the play equipment for this current year be provided by the Trust so that an assessment can be made for the amount to be put in the Parish Council's 22/23 budget. A reply is still awaited from B&NES Council on how the decisions for spending the S106 contribution for the Conygre Open Space are determined. Cllr Collett will chase this with them again,</p>	Clerk DC
5342	<p>8. Reports from delegates to other organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Liaison meeting 16th Nov 22 The Chairman and Cllr Ansell both attended and action planning was discussed. B&NES council advised that all new residential builds are now to be net carbon neutral. There would also be funding available to grow the number of Electric Vehicle charging points especially in rural areas. • ALCA Regional Meeting 8th October 22 – This was the Annual General Meeting and so covered election of representatives and scrutiny of the annual accounts. 	
5343	<p>9. Meeting of the Young People's Working Group</p> <p>The meeting held on 22 November 22 was provided with very positive feedback from the youth organisations in Timsbury who also reported that the numbers of young people attending sessions were increasing. Feedback was given on the visit to the Welton MUGA and the fencing management. A need was identified for more unstructured play opportunities for the older young people and the area around the basketball net at Conygre Hall was highlighted as potentially suitable for this. Ideas might include targets for football scoring or rigid cricket stumps. A strategy would be needed to progress this and <i>so it was unanimously agreed that the working group liaise with the Conygre Trust with a view to collaborating on the way ahead.</i> Once this was in place professional expertise, such as that from Sport England, could be sought to assess the best use for that particular area.</p>	DM
5344	<p>10. Proposed Increase in printing costs for the Timsbury Letter</p> <p>The printers of the Timsbury Letter have advised that their prices will need to be increased by up to 10% with effect from January 2023 due to the continuing rise in paper costs. Subsequently, they have advised that the original paper used is no longer available so they will be using a more expensive higher density paper but will not pass those costs on to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the increased costs of paper is an issue currently being faced by most printers and so <i>it was unanimously agreed to accept the revised prices taking effect from January 2023.</i></p>	Clerk
5345	<p>11. Proposed implementation of a 'nature chain' project in the Parish</p> <p>Cllr Ansell outlined the objectives of the 'nature chain movement whose intention is to encourage neighbourhoods to create more wildlife habitat in gardens and so form a network of nature reserves. Initially the aim is for residents to consider giving over 20% of their gardens to sustaining wildlife by providing water, food and shelter and so allowing nature to recover and leading to greater bio-diversity. This has been successfully implemented in a</p>	

	<p>number of neighbouring villages and it was felt that such a movement would be welcomed for Timsbury. It would require a number of co-ordinators of small groups each covering a specified area of the village and some funding from the Parish Council would be needed for setting up costs. It was proposed that this could begin in Spring 2023.</p> <p><i>It was unanimously agreed that, in principle, the Parish Council would agree to the initiation of the nature chain movement with further details to be supplied at future meetings. Cllr Ansell would report back on progress at the next meeting.</i></p>	MA
5346	<p>12. Selection of members for the Finance Committee and Young People's working group</p> <p>To meet the requirements of the Parish Council's remit for committee and working group structure another member was required for the Finance Committee and at least one more for the Young People's Working Group. Cllr Randall volunteered to sit on the Finance Committee and Cllr Carroll on the Young People's Working Group and <i>this was unanimously agreed.</i></p>	Clerk
5347	<p>13. Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expenditure since the last meeting was circulated to members and will be shown on the Parish Council finance pages on www.timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil 	
5348	<p>14. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B&NES Council have advised that as part of community resilience in the face of adverse situations an emergency plan should be drawn up to deal with adverse events and known risks. They have supplied resources and templates to assist with this and it will be circulated to members and included on the agenda of the next meeting. A local arboriculturist has asked if we could use his services to assess the trees that the Parish Council manage but it was agreed to remain with the current contractor. 	Clerk
5349	<p>15. Matters of interest and information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Festive Fun at the Library 10am to 12 noon, 10th December 2022 Open air carols, Miners' Garden, 21st December 2022, 6.30pm Young People Working group meeting, 7.30pm, 24th January 2023 (Cllr Murphy's residence). 	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.18pm

Approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting:

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

**The next meeting will be on
Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Myra Hayward Room,
Conygre Hall, North Road**

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