

MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 31 August 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury.

Present: Parish Councillors, Mr. P. Pritchett-Brown (Vice-Chairman), Mr. D. Cowling, Mrs. C. Evans, Dr. J. Glasspool, Dr. M. Subramanyam, and Mr. R. Vie, Parish Clerk, Mr. P. Buist, and two members of the public.

Before the business of the meeting started, Peter Pritchett-Brown spoke in memory of our late Chairman, Bill Lees and the gift of time that he had given to the Parish. All present stood for one minutes silence.

Action

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. David Bidwell.

2. Election of Chairman

Donald Cowling **proposed** and Carol Evans seconded that Peter Pritchett-Brown be elected Chairman of the Parish Council. This was **carried unanimously**.

An election for the position of Vice-Chairman would be held at the next regular meeting.

It was **noted** that an election had been requested to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council.

3. Open Period

No matters were raised.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

5. Planning Applications

There were no applications to consider.

The Parish Council **noted** that Pro-Vision were planning a presentation of their design for the Old Redland Tileworks site for 14 September between 5 and 7 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

6. Invoices for Payment

It was agreed to pay the following invoices:

The Studio (Newsletter printing)	£166.90
John Murray (Audit Fee)	£140.00
P. Buist (Salary & Expenses)	£285.87
Bells Solicitors (Legal expenses)	£975.88

7. Future use of the Parish Council's sports facilities

Prior to considering the resolution to close the meeting, Dr. Subramanyam asked if the Council had received advice from the Solicitor on the position of the Council should the Sports Club not vacate the facilities on 28 September. The position was that the Club and Council were required to sign a surrender document. If the Club failed to leave after 28 September, they would be in default of the surrender agreement.

The resolution to close the meeting was considered. The Chairman **proposed** and Donald Cowling seconded that:

Pursuant to Section 1 (22) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press leave the meeting during consideration of the subject of the future use of the Parish Council's sports facilities, as it could prejudice any future arrangements and agreements.

This was **agreed** by five votes to one. Dr. Subramanyam voted against.

The two members of the public left the meeting.

The Parish Council **noted** the exchange of correspondence with Sandra Gidley M.P.

The letter from the Cricket Section offering to maintain the cricket square over the winter and spring was **noted** with thanks. The Chairman would contact the section and thank them for their offer. PP-B

A discussion on the future use of the sports facilities was held.

The Chairman **proposed** that he and the Clerk meet and speak with the Solicitor with the aim of obtaining a draft licence for the use of the facilities for consideration by the Parish Council. This was seconded by John Glasspool and **agreed unanimously**. PBU

It was further **agreed** that:

1. Consideration of a fund to finance a possible replacement pavilion would be considered at the meeting to consider the 2006/7 budget.
2. The Parish Council would be able to lend support to any licensee if they were applying for a grant.

8. Chairman's Mandate

The Chairman was mandated to speak on behalf of the Parish Council on the items contained in these minutes.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Peter Buist
Parish Clerk
6 September 2005.