

MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24th October 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury.

Present: Parish Councillors, Mr. R. Vie (Chairman), Mr. D. Cowling, Mr. P. Pritchett- Brown, Parish Clerk, Mr. P. Buist, and three members of the public.

Action

1. Apologies

Received from Mr. N. Cooper, Mr. R. Fitzgerald, Mr. A. Jones, Dr. M. Subramanyam, and TVBC Cllr. David Bidwell.

2. Open Period

Dr. John Glasspool said that he was concerned that the Sports Club appeared to be running the Parish Council and declared his intention to stand for election in May 2007.

Dr. Jill Graham asked that any monetary decisions regarding the Sports Club await the resolution of the current complaint to the Standards Board.

Dr. Chris Thomas thanked the Chairman for his letter and said that it was not the residents of Rudd Lane who had proposed houses for the Old Redland Site, but that it came from Alan Jones the then Chief Executive of TVBC. The residents wished to solve the Rudd Lane traffic problems and housing on the site was only one of a number of suggestions put forward including limiting the number of lorry movements to those stipulated in the original planning consent. There was financial support for an independent safety audit on the road to show it does not provide adequate access to the site. He also believed that the site was changing hands and development might commence shortly. A further issue was that the owner of the track to the site from Rudd Lane could not be identified as the track had not been conveyed properly when the farm and land was sold to the Pratt family. There was a legal agreement in place that did not allow the track to be widened and as a result he felt that the planners were not fulfilling the legal requirements for the access arrangements to the site.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 27 September 2006.

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising from meeting of 27 September 2006.

5.1 Bank Mandate

The bank required further evidence from Cllrs. Jones and Fitzgerald.

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5.2 Jubilee Hall Risk Assessment

The JHMC were arranging for a risk assessment to be prepared.

5.3 South East Plan Review – Provision for Gypsy & Traveller Caravan Sites

Feedback from Cllr. Fitzgerald was awaited.

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5.4 Cycle Way

TVBC were still to be contacted re. future plans.

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5.5 Notification of Planning Applications to Braishfield PC.

Braishfield PC was still to be contacted re PC's decision.

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5.6 Seat and Bus Shelter.

A response had still to be sent to Mr. Chambers, however a note had been included in the PC report for the village newsletter.

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All other actions were complete or on the agenda.

6. Planning

6.1 Applications

Demolition and construction of new hall, first floor extension and rear extension, Willow Cottage, Rudd Lane – no objection.

Erection of two-storey side extension, 4 Hilltop Cottages, Haccups Lane – no objection.

6.2 Determinations

Fell 9 silver birch trees, Four Seasons, Haccups Lane – no objection from TVBC.

It was **noted** that the application for the creation of a new bungalow at Burwood, New Road was being referred to the Southern Planning Committee and that the Planning Officer was recommending refusal. This was on the grounds of no justifiable need and it was not within the “infill” area. The officer had described it as “end-fill”.

The letter from TVBC informing the PC that the application to extend the Jubilee Hall had now no effect since the three years allowed for the work to start had expired. Consultation with the JHMC Secretary confirmed their belief that the work had to start within five years. The Clerk would write to TVBC.

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6.3 Old Redland Tile Site, letter from Dr. Thomas

The letter from Dr. Thomas was **noted**. The Chairman had responded to Dr. Thomas explaining that the Council did not support an alternative road to the site as this could result in more development on the site and in the village..

7. Financial Matters

7.1 Current Financial Situation

There had been insufficient time to prepare a full statement for this meeting. The second instalment of the precept had been received and the bank balances would be c. £27,000.

7.2 Invoices for Payment

The following invoices were approved for payment:

The Studio (Newsletter)	£166.85
P Buist (Salary & Expns)	£310.48
TVBC (Election Costs)	£78.70

7.3 Request for Council Financial Contribution towards maintenance of Recreation Ground

The letter from the Sports Club dated 21 September was **considered**. The Council **agreed** that with the adoption of the new licence the Sports Club was responsible for the maintenance of the premises including the ground. That was why the fee was so low. The Council was responsible for the cost of hedge cutting. It was **proposed** by the Chairman seconded by Peter Pritchett-Brown that a quote for cutting the hedges be obtained. This was **agreed**. It was also **agreed** that the Sports Club could quote provided they had the necessary equipment and insurance cover.

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7.4 Items for inclusion 2007/8 Budget

It was **noted** that a sum to cover the next May election costs must be included. A draft budget would be prepared for the November meeting.

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The meeting was opened at this point to allow Mike Kelly the opportunity to present his findings on the state of Parish footpaths and stiles. Item 9.2 was taken at this point in the meeting. Following the presentation the meeting was closed. The matter is reported later in the minutes.

8. Recreation Ground

8.1 Playground Inspection.

The equipment had been inspected and no deterioration found.

8.2 Report from Recreation Ground Advisory Sub Committee and progress update on future status of ground and deed of dedication.

The Clerk had contacted NPFA for the further information required and had received no reply. Legal advice had also been requested from HAPTC and there had been no reply. It was suggested that there should also be consultation with parishioners prior to taking any final action. The letter from the Recreation Ground Advisory Sub Committee withdrawing the three proposals included on the agenda was **noted** and the proposals were not discussed. The following **proposal** was made by Peter Pritchett-Brown and seconded by Donald Cowling. "Until the completion of the current enquiry by the Standards Board for England or its agents, the Council will not progress any proposal in relation to the recreation ground or its licensees". This was agreed unanimously.

9. Highways & Environment

9.1 Minerals and Waste Development Framework, potential sites local meeting, new date.

The meeting had been rearranged for 17 November 2006, 5.30 pm for a 6.00 pm start in the Court Room of Romsey Town Hall. The Chairman would attend.

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9.2 Report to state of footpaths and stiles

The report from Mike Kelly was **noted** and is attached to these minutes. Although some work would be needed soon. There were no items that needed urgent attention. The Council thanked Mr. Kelly for his work.

10. Sports Pavilion Insurance Value

Allianz Cornhill had confirmed that premium reductions could be achieved if the pavilion and store were not valued so highly. It was **agreed** to obtain a quotation for providing an insurance valuation for the two buildings.

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11. Correspondence

11.1 STV Voluntary Transport Scheme AGM and donation request.

The letter from STVTS was **noted**. There was no one available to attend the AGM and the Council was not able to make a grant towards the scheme.

11.2 Cango Services in Romsey Area.

The letter from Hants CC was **noted**. The M&T Cango service was to be replaced by the No 36 bus. Peter Pritchett-Brown had received an assurance that this would pick up customers from Yokesford Hill, but this was not defined in the schedule.

11.3 Invitation to Hampshire Community Magazine Awards.

Peter Pritchett-Brown and the Clerk had been invited to the awards evening on 7 November. PPB was unable to go but the Clerk would accept the invitation.

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11.4 Eastleigh and Test Valley South NHS PCT

The letter with details of board meetings was **noted**. It was not planned to be represented.

11.5 Hampshire Villages letter from Frieda Gumm

The letter was **noted**.

12. Risk Assessment Actions for October

12.1. Chairman's Review of Freedom of Information Act Requirements

The Chairman would carry out a review.

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12.2 Review of Risk Assessment

The Clerk and Chairman would carry out a review.

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13. Meetings Attended

There were no meetings attended to report on.

14. Chairman's Mandate.

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

15. Any Other Business.

15.1 Land in Haccups Lane between Hilltop Cottages and Hillside Cottage.

It was noted that a new entrance from Haccups Lane had been made. TVBC Planning Services had been consulted, but no breach of planning regulations had been made. The matter would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

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16. Dates of future meetings.

Wednesday 22 November 2006 and 24 January 2007.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Peter Buist
Parish Clerk
3 November 2006

PARISH of MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY FOOTPATHS

Path No.	Condition
1 23/10/06	Metal Gate stile on A3057 not in good condition, will need attention pretty soon, (see pic 11). Also a mixture of cattle in field, could be off putting!
2 17/10/06	Part of fence is down and laying alongside but not obstructing path, (see pic 9)
3 17/10/06	Near to footpath 2, metal stile gate is broken but farm gate is open allowing access to path (see pic 10)
4 17/10/06	Footpath to Bunny Lane not well marked at all apart from either end, fences are down and unless you have map could be misleading (this land is used at times by 4 wheeled vehicles) 4b bridleway OK.
5 16/10/06	Signs, Gateway, Stiles all OK no problem (5 bridleway OK)
6 19/10/06	Signs and path OK
7 15/10/06	Signs OK, tree down across path (see pic 3), the stile apart from steps do not exist between wooded area & field (see pic 4). Hedge overgrown needs cutting back! (pic 5)
8 f4/fO^6	Signs, Gateways /Stiles in good condition. Path bordering Brickworks very close to clay excavations need to be aware of any possible future land slip!
9 15/10/06	Style on entering from Rudd Lane has loose post under step. Part of style is loose at junction with footpath 10 (not a real problem at present). (See pic 2)
10 f #70/06	Edge of step is broken away although firmly fixed to post, direction of footpath symbol on style is loose. (See pic 1)
11 14/10/06	Signs, Gateways / Stiles in good condition, no problem.
12 16/10/06	Aprox. 50yds of footpath near crossing of Rudd Lane needs clearing (see pic 6). Signs, Gateways & Stiles in good condition.
13 21/10/06	Signs, Gateways / Stiles in good condition, no problem. (The erection some time ago of metal walk rail helps considerably in wet & muddy conditions).
14 74/fQ/06	Signs, Gateways / Stiles in good condition, no problem.
15 f4/fO/06	Signs, Gateways / Stiles in good condition, no problem.
16 16/10/06	Signs, Gateways / Stiles in good condition, no problem.
17 19/10/06	Stiles at junction with footpath 18 are loose no signage apart from direction marker on stile
18 f9/fO/06	All OK.
19 16/10/06	Middle stile on this section needs attention, legs are loose on one of the steps (see pic 8).
20 14/10/06	Signs & Stiles in good condition, no problem.
21 16/10/06	Signs, Stiles etc. all OK.
22 16/10/06	Signs & Stiles all OK up to boundary. Young cattle in field which ran up to us on mass, could be frightening to children.
23 f#fO/06	On entering farmland after exiting copse crops are grown across footpath (see pic 7) Signs & Stiles all OK.
24 ?9/fO/06	All OK.
25 23/10/06	All OK up to Parish Boundary with footpath 11, stile needs attention and there is a waterlogged ditch obstructing access (see pic 12).