

MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th April 2007 at 7.30 p.m. at The Barns, Michelmersh.

Present: Parish Councillors, Dr. M. Subramanyam (Chairman), Mr. N. Cooper, Mr. D. Cowling, Mr. R. Fitzgerald, Mr. A. Jones, Mr. P. Pritchett- Brown, TVBC Cllr. David Bidwell, Parish Clerk Mr. P. Buist, and 7 members of the public.

Action

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Mr. R. Vie.

2. Open Period

Les Ninnim spoke about his planning application.

Chris Thomas spoke about the Tile Works site and thanked the PC for arranging the public meeting.

Bob Davis thanked the Parish Council members especially Peter Pritchett-Brown for their work.

Tony Roberts gave an update on plans for his house and spoke about the public meeting about the Barns to be held on 22 May at 7.30 p.m.

3. Declarations of any New Interest.

Cllr. Cooper was Chairman of the Cricket Club, a member of the Sports Club and his home overlooked the recreation ground, he declared a personal interest in item 7.4 and a personal interest in the item of correspondence on the grant for the under 9 cricket team.

Cllr. Fitzgerald was a member of the Sports Club and his home overlooked the recreation ground, he declared a personal interest in item 7.4.

Cllr. Dr. Subramanyam declared a prejudicial interest in item 6.3. He was a neighbour of the Old Redland Site and his house was on the access route. He also informed the Council that he was no longer a member of the Sports Club.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 28 March 2007

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

5. Matters Arising from meeting of 28 March 2007.

5.1 Review of Freedom of Information Act

To be carried forward.

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5.2 Annual Review of Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act

The Council had a responsibility to ensure that their actions did not lead to crime and disorder. The villages were supported by a Youth Club and Neighbourhood watch groups and crime was low.

5.3 Recreation Ground Risk Assessment

The response from the Sports Club was noted. The matter would be deferred to the new council.

PBu

5.4 Check that lessees / licensees have adequate, current insurance

The response from the Sports Club confirming insurance was noted. The letter to the JHMC was still to be sent.

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5.5 Extension of Clay Workings at Michelmersh Brickworks

The Clerk had been contacted by Christine Loader who lived at Hill Crest, Hill View Road. Her property overlooked the site and she had not been consulted by

the Brick Works as the Council had been led to believe. Consultation was now taking place.

5.6 Swing Repairs

The plastic covers to the swing bolts fixing the chains to the seats were still to be replaced.

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5.7 Village 30

Expression of interest was still to be registered.

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5.8 Parish Stiles Inspection

This would be undertaken by the Footpath Warden.

5.9 Councillors Training and Advice on Declaring an Interest

Contact with TVBC was still to be made.

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All other actions were complete.

6. Planning

6.1 Applications

07/00860/FULLS - Continued use of barn for B2 use (general industrial) or B1 use (offices/research/light industrial) Lodge Farm, Timsbury – No objection.

07/01129/FULLS – Part retrospective application for erection of covered structure over existing open storage area, Workshops adjacent East Cottage, Hill View Road – No objection.

6.2 Determinations

Erection of detached bungalow, Burwood, New Road – going to appeal.

Double garage with storage over, Old Post Office, New Road – permission.

Alterations and extension, Barn Cottage, Mesh Road – refused.

6.3 Old Redland Tileworks Site, any actions to be taken following public meeting.

The Chairman had declared a prejudicial interest and left the room. The Vice Chairman took the Chair.

It was proposed that a planning expert was needed to advise the Council on the issues. In particular someone experienced in highway and access was thought to be required. The Clerk was asked to identify possible planning consultants and to get quotes for the work. Approval of funding would need to be an agenda item for the next meeting. Parishioners may also be willing to contribute to the costs. There was also thought to be a legal issue. *It was agreed at this point to open the meeting to allow Chris Thomas to speak.* Dr. Thomas had identified a possible solicitor and was prepared to follow that up and report back to the Council. This was **agreed**. *The meeting was closed to public speaking and the Chairman returned.*

PBu

7. Financial Matters

7.1 Current Financial position.

The financial situation as at 31 March was **noted** as:

Gold Savings	£17404
<u>Current A/c</u>	<u>£1569</u>
Total	£18972

Cheques not presented	£450
Balance	£18522

It was also **noted** that the first half of the precept had been received, but not included in above figures.

7.2 Invoices for payment.

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Jubilee Hall (hall hire)	£38.51
Peter Pritchett-Brown (printing flyer)	£10.55
Rod Foulkes (delivery of flyer)	£30.00

Peter Buist (sal & expenses)	£303.04
The Studio (Newsletter printing)	£188.30

The quote from TVBC to inspect the play area for the year January to December 2007 was approved at £309.00

7.3 Donation to Barns Trust for use of room for meetings.

It was **agreed** that a donation of £30 should be made to Old Michelmersh Farm Trust for allowing the Council the use of a room while the Jubilee Hall was out of action.

7.4 Request for Grant from Sports Club and possible increase to sports grant budget.

It was **proposed** by the Chairman and seconded by Peter Pritchett-Brown that a grant of £300 be made to the sports club and that £300 (under spent on the sports fund grant budget for 2006/7) be brought forward from reserves, to increase the sports fund grant budget for 2007/8 to £1,300. This was **agreed** unanimously.

7.5 Proposed changes to bank account.

The letter from Lloyds Bank proposing changes to the savings account was noted. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should discuss options with the bank and implement the option best suited to the Council. PBU

8. Recreation Ground

8.1 Playground Inspection

Cllr. Cooper had visited the play area and found had not found any problems.

8.2 Registration of Recreation Ground with Land Registry

Cllr. Jones had forwarded documents to the Land Registry to see if they were sufficient to register the land.

8.3 Parish Council references on NPFA deed of dedication scheme.

One of the references was outstanding. It was agreed to take no further action until the new Council was in place.

8.4 Pavilion Break-in.

A claim form would be requested from the insurance company. The Sports Club had replaced the lock on the club room door and would provide a key to the Council. PBU

9. Highways and Environment

It was reported that the pull in points in Hill View Road had sunk and were considered a danger. The Clerk was asked to report this to the Highway Authority. PBU

10. Correspondence

10.1 Delivering More for Less

The invitation to the workshop was **noted**. There was no one available to attend.

10.2 Community Champions

The invitation to nominate Community Champions was noted. No names were proposed.

10.3 Pavilion Repairs & Under - 9 Cricket team grant

The email from John Glasspool about re-painting the pavilion was **noted**. The Clerk and Chairman had recently made separate visits and assessments of the pavilion. Their notes would be amalgamated. It was suggested that repair work might be a joint effort between Council and Club. MS / PBU

Dr. Glasspool, as Chairman of the Recreation Hut Charity (RHC), had also written to suggest that the Council might consider a grant to the under-9 cricket team. The RCH had held their meeting for the current year and were not able to consider this request until next year. Cllr Cooper said that he had made the request from the RHC and did not want to burden the Council with a request for a grant.

10.4 Kimbridge Lane Surface.

The email from the Clerk at Mottisfont about the surface of Kimbridge Lane was **noted**. The Clerk was asked to find out which part of the lane was being referred to.

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10.5 M v. T Cricket Match

The email from Norton Welch was **noted**. It was **agreed** to defer this to the new Council.

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10.6 Parish Liaison Meeting with BKP

It was **noted** that the meeting had been postponed. The re-scheduled date was 29 May. It was agreed that this should be place on the agenda for the next meeting.

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11. Risk Assessment Actions for March

11.1 Review Minimum Value for Competitive Tendering.

It was **agreed** to keep the figure at £500.

11.2 Set S137 Limit

It was **agreed** to set the level at £3553.20 (£5.64 x 630)

11.3 Actions to meet requirements of Racial Discrimination Act

The Chairman confirmed that the Council was meeting the requirements of the act. The Council noted that the Chairman's name and contact number were missing from the front page of the Newsletter. The Editor apologised for the omission.

12. Consideration of any items raised at Annual Parish Meeting.

There were no actions required.

13. Meetings Attended

There had been no meetings attended.

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 Peter Pritchett-Brown

Cllr. Cowling paid tribute to Peter Pritchett- Brown who was retiring from the Council. He had been a member for 21 years including spells as Chairman and Vice Chairman. He had made an enormous contribution to the village, not least as editor of the village newsletter. He may often be taken for granted, but he was really appreciated. In reply Peter expressed his thanks and thanked the various Clerks who had worked with him.

16. Dates of meetings:

16.1 Annual Parish Council Meeting

16 May 2007.

16.2 Parish Council Meetings

27 June and 25 July.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Peter Buist,
Parish Clerk,
10 May 2007