

MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27 May 2009 at 7.30 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury.

Present: Parish Councillors, Mr. R. Fitzgerald (Chairman for items 1 and 2) Mr. R. Davis (Chairman for the rest of the meeting) Mr. P Clarke, Mr. R. Goodland, Mr. A. Jones, Mr. J. Rhodes, Parish Clerk Mr. P. Buist and 2 members of the public.

Action

1. Apologies

Cllr. R. Vie and TVB Cllr. Tony Ward gave apologies for absence.

2. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman and to receive declarations of acceptance of office from both.

Cllr. Rhodes was **proposed** as Chairman by Cllr. Goodland and seconded by Cllr. Jones. Cllr. Davis was **proposed** as Chairman by Cllr. Clarke and seconded by Cllr. Fitzgerald. On a vote there were three votes cast for each candidate. The chairman used his casting vote in favour of Cllr. Davis who was duly elected as Chairman.

Cllr. Rhodes was **proposed** as Vice Chairman by Cllr. Goodland and seconded by Cllr. Jones. There were no further nominations and Cllr Rhodes was duly elected.

Cllr. Davis took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

3. Open Period

Dr. Subramanyam asked if there had been any further response about the bridleway, and asked the Council to speak in opposition to the Tileworks planning applications when they went to the Southern Area Planning Committee.

Sue Leadbetter spoke about the proposals for the community garden.

16.2 Pocket Park Condition

As Bryan Raines (Tree Warden) was in attendance, it was agreed to take this item early and to open the meeting to allow Mr. Raines to speak.

Mr. Raines had made a recent visit to the Pocket Park and some rubbish had been cleared. Work was needed to coppice some trees and he would carry that work out. The perimeter fence required replacing, but first the hedging needed to be cut back. That would be done in the Autumn when the sap was falling. There was no immediate risk from the condition of the park. Some gaps may need to be left in the fencing to allow access to Paul Pratt's land beyond. A new gate was required at the entrance to the park at an estimated cost of £200. The cost of a new fence was £500. Work would be carried out by Bryan Raines and the Parish Council would meet the cost of materials.

4. Declarations of any new interest.

Cllr. Rhodes reminded the Council that he was a member of the Sports Club.

Cllr. Fitzgerald reminded the Council that his house overlooked the Recreation Ground and he had a personal interest in Recreation Ground matters.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 22 April 2009.

It was agreed that the heading to item 18.1 should read "Irrigation Tank – Pre-school Store Area". The minutes were then **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2009.

In para 4, "flu" was corrected to "flue". The minutes were then **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

7. Clerk's Report.

The report, copy attached, was **noted**. The following items were discussed.

7.1 Tilebourne

It was **noted** that there was still no response from Hampshire CC. This would be escalated to the HCC CEO.

PBu

7.2 Cycle Way

A letter had been received to say that the new part of the cycle way would be opened on Saturday 13 June. An exhibition at Hunts Farm Sports Centre at 10.00 am would precede the formal opening at 10.30 am. Followed by an optional cycle ride. All Cllrs. were invited to attend.

All

8. Matters Arising from the meetings of 22 April and 18 May not covered by item 8.1 Jubilee Hall Lease

It was **agreed** that the Jubilee Hall Management Committee should be asked to present a draft lease to the Parish Council for consideration.

PBu

9. Appointment of Planning Committee.

It was **agreed** that all Councillors would be members of the Planning Committee.

10. Appointment of Parish Representatives

Jubilee Hall Management Committee – Peter Clarke
St. Mary's Church & Friends of St. Mary's – Bob Davis
St. Andrew's Church – Robin Goodland
TVAPC – Rory Fitzgerald & John Rhodes
Old Timsbury Hut Charity – Richard Vie
Public Transport – Robin Goodland
Old Michelmersh Barns Trust – Bob Davis
Footpaths – Mike Kelly
Playground Inspections – Rory Fitzgerald
Tree Warden – Bryan Raines.
Ace Liftaway and BKP Liaison Meetings – John Rhodes.

PBu

11. Planning

11.1 Applications

There were none.

11.2 Determinations.

Two dwellings at Blundells, Rudd Lane - permission.
2.1m high timber fence, The Manor Farm House, Herron Lane – permission.
Re-building work at Braishfield AGI, Bunny Lane – permission.
Conversion of loft to bedroom, The Fernery, New Road – permission.

12. Financial Matters.

12.1 Current Financial Situation.

The financial summary was **noted** as follows:

Savings Account £19622.95
Current Account £8553.34
Cheques not cashed £2158.37
Invoices for payment £633.48
Fund remaining £25354.44.

12.2 Invoices for Payment.

The following invoices were approved for payment:

ADT Fire and Security (pavilion fire alarm mte.)	£109.11
The Studio (Parish newsletter)	£169.50
M&T Care Group (APM refreshments)	£5.00
P Buist (salary & expns)	£333.29
N W Adams (Play area annual inspection)	£46.58

12.3 Purchase of new version of Local Council Administration by Charles Arnold Baker.

It was **agreed** to purchase the new version of the above at a cost of £67.

PBu

12.4 Purchase of new main door key for Sports Pavilion.

A key to the main door of the pavilion had been reported as lost. It was **agreed** to

order a replacement. The Sports Club would meet the cost.	PBu
12.5 Grant Request from St. Mary's Church. A request for a grant to help with churchyard maintenance had been received. It was agreed to make a grant of £550.	PBu
13. Recreation Ground.	
13.1 Playground Inspection. The annual Inspection Report on the play area had been received from N W Adams. No urgent issues were identified although the timber strips round the surfaced areas were mentioned as a trip hazard. Cllr. Goodland offered to take remedial action. There was no further action required.	RG
13.2 Use of Recreation Ground for Timsbury v. Michelmersh Cricket Match. It was agreed that Cllr Goodland (as Sports Club Secretary) would liaise with Norton Welch on this matter. The Sports Club could act as organiser and take out additional insurance if required.	RG
13.3 Proposal to amend the current licence arrangements with the Sports Club for the use of the recreation ground, review of issues. <i>Cllr Goodland left the room for this item.</i> The papers presented were noted . It was agreed that it was reasonable to go to the Sports Club with the proposal documents and for the club to circulate the documents to their members for a view. Cllrs. Fitzgerald and Davis were commended for their work on this matter.	RD
13.4 Report back on Pavilion & Store Condition. The Store required attention to the up and over door locking mechanism, repairs to the guttering and fascia board and the replacement of two broken tiles. Cllr Goodland would pursue this. The Pavilion was in good order and the ground condition was good. The location of the temporary cricket net was raised, balls were landing in neighbours gardens and a child had been struck. Noise was also an issue. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Sports Club and ask that the nets be re-located away from the houses and the damaged turf be repaired.	PBu
14. Correspondence	
14.1 Letter from Sports Club re. Community Garden The letter was noted . The concerns about the underground services had already been pointed out to the Pre-school Group. 14.2 Public Transport Forum Cllr Goodland would attend the forum on 22 June.	RG
15. Actions to consider following the Annual Parish Meeting	
Affordable homes; defer to a future meeting. Improvements to Broadband Speed; Cllr Fitzgerald would investigate the procedure for pressing for improved internet services in the parish. Further extension of 30mph limits; defer to a future meeting Report back from The Barns AGM. See meetings attended.	RF
16. Risk Assessment Actions for May.	
16.1 Insurance Requirements. All requirements covered under renewed policy. 16.2 Pocket Park Condition. Dealt with as an early item. 16.3 Appointment of Internal Auditor. It was agreed to ask John Murray to act as the Councils Internal Auditor.	

16.4 Financial Regulations & Standing Orders up-to-date.

There were no changes required to either document.

17. Meetings Attended

Cllr. Rhodes had attended a meeting at Ace Liftaway. They had plans for two, 2 megawatt generators. Stock piles were a concern. Cllr Rhodes had also attended a meeting at BKP. They were restructuring. An extension of time to restore the land in Bunny Lane had been refused and had to be completed by end of June. This involved using a trammel screen on the site. Plans for a waste burner were also being made.

Cllr. Davis reported that he had not been able to attend the Barns AGM but had subsequently spoken to Tony Roberts. The AGM was not well-attended and little progress had been made on identifying additional Trustees. Cllrs expressed concern about the future of the Barns, which was an asset to the village, but were far from clear about the status of the trust arrangement. Cllr. Davis would welcome an informal meeting with Tony Roberts to discuss.

RD

18. Chairman's Mandate.

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

19. Any Other Business

19.1 Vote of Thanks

Cllr. Fitzgerald was thanked for the work he had undertaken and the time that he had given as Chairman of the Parish Council.

19.2 Village Functions

The Romsey Singers would give a concert in the Barns on Sunday 5 July The village bbq would take place on 26 June.

20. Dates of meetings:

Parish Council Meeting – 24 June and 22 July.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

Peter Buist,
Parish Clerk,
2 June 2009

**Michelmersh & Timsbury Parish Council
Clerk's Report to PC Meeting of 27 May 2009.**

1. Tilebourne

Despite reminders, there is still no reply to the letter sent to Hampshire CC asking for a definitive statement on whether or not encroachment on the bridle way had occurred. The matter has been brought to the attention of Cllr. Woodhall.

2. Grant for Stiles

We were unable to obtain a grant for the proposed new dog stiles. There should be an opportunity to make an application this year.

3. Parish Council Notice Board

This is still awaiting action.

4. Donation to Romsey Rugby Club

The Rugby Club have written to thank the Parish Council for their donation.

5. Cycle Way

I believe that the new stretch of cycle way is to be formally opened in June, during Bike Week (13th to 21st).

6. Management of Pocket Park

I invited Bryan Raines to attend a Parish Council meeting. I'm awaiting a reply.

7. Community Garden

I wrote to the Pre-school confirm the Parish Council supported in principle the idea of a community garden. I also alerted them to the various service pipes and cables that lay under the surface of that part of the Recreation Ground.

8. Telephone Kiosk, New Road

I have reported the damage to the telephone.

9. Parish Representatives

This meeting of the Parish Council will be required to consider their representatives on various committees and bodies. For reference the appointments made last year were:

Jubilee Hall Management Committee – Peter Clarke
St. Mary's Church & Friends of St. Mary's – Bob Davis
St. Andrew's Church – vacant
TVAPC – Rory Fitzgerald & John Rhodes
Old Timsbury Hut Charity – Richard Vie
Public Transport – Robin Goodland
Old Michelmersh Barns Trust – Bob Davis
Footpaths – Mike Kelly
Health Committee – None
Playground Inspections – Rory Fitzgerald
Tree Warden – Bryan Raines.

Peter Buist
Parish Clerk
26 May 2009