

MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27 January 2010 at 7.30 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury.

Present: Parish Councillors, Mr. R. Davis (Chairman), Mr. P Clarke, Mr. R. Fitzgerald, Mr. A. Jones, Mr. J. Rhodes, Mr. R. Vie, Mr. R. Goodland, Parish Clerk Mrs. K. Hardy, and 2 members of the public.

Action

1. Apologies

No apologies

2. Open Period

Sergeant Christine Plascott gave a comprehensive presentation regarding Romsey North Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Main actions for the team will be:

- To set up a Local Action Group – to include representatives from local villages to raise any concerns regarding policing matters within their village. A volunteer from the Parish Council was requested to attend the LAG meetings
- To continue the Mobile Police Office (run by 2 new beat officers, PC Vernon Gook and PCSO Jo Cole).
- To relaunch Farm Watch
- To provide bi-monthly beat reports (to be emailed to councillors via Parish Clerk)
- To re-contact old Neighbourhood Watch contacts

Dr. Subramanyam asked why the meeting with HCC regarding Bridleway 5 had still not taken place. He also stated that he had been unable to view the PC Agendas and Minutes page on the Village website. The Chairman responded by saying that he was still awaiting a response from the new contact, Mr. Ian Austin within the HCC legal department and that he would investigate the website problem.

(Note: The Chairman subsequently confirmed that the website was fully operational)

RD

Mr. Bryan Raines spoke about his interest in improving the Pocket Park to enhance its value for nature conservation and raised issues about fencing the area from the adjacent section of copse and maintaining the boundary with the recreation ground.

3. Declarations of any new interest.

Cllr. J. Rhodes declared a personal interest in any issues regarding the Sports Club

Cllr. R. Vie and Mr. R. Fitzgerald declared a personal interest in the parking issues on New Road

Cllr. R. Goodland declared a prejudicial interest in any issues regarding the Sports Club

Cllr. A. Jones declared a personal interest in any issues regarding Bridleway 5

It was agreed in future that this Agenda item should read 'Declarations of any interest' (the word 'new' being omitted).

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 20 November 2009 and of Planning Meeting Minutes held on 20 January 2010

It was agreed that both sets of minutes were a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Clerk's Report.

Due to no financial activity since last report and no Parish Council meeting in December 2010, there was no Clerk's Report

6. Matters Arising from the meeting of 20 November not covered by item 5.

No matter were raised

7. Planning

7.1 Applications

10/00072/FULLS

PROPOSAL: To replace and slightly move existing cricket practice nets and add a protective cage.

SITE: Michelmersh and Timsbury Sports Club, Mannyngham Way, Timsbury, Romsey

Cllr. R. Goodland left the meeting prior to discussions on this application.

It was agreed that there were no objections to this application.

KH

The Council gave its permission for the Club to install new nets, subject to their obtaining planning permission.

It was noted that the Cricket section of the club had withdrawn their grant application and the request from the club that any funding from the Parish Council should be used to pay for cutting back the hedge and trees.

Cllr. R. Goodland returned to the meeting

7.2 Determinations.

Cllr. A. Jones declared a personal interest to planning application 09/01733/FULLS

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SITE: The Stable Yard, Manor Lane, Timsbury, Romsey

PROPOSAL: Change of use of and alterations to redundant stable building to a dwelling

This application will be considered at an appeal hearing on 13 April 2010

7.3 Bridleway 5 and access to the Old Redland Tile Site.

It was agreed that the Chairman will contact Ian Austin again to arrange a meeting between the Parish Council and HCC.

RD

7.4 Manned Model Shipping Lake.

No planning application had yet been submitted to TVBC

8. Financial Matters.

8.1 Current Financial Situation.

An update of account balances was given

8.2 Invoices for Payment.

The following invoices were approved for payment:

HCC (advertising recruitment)	£109.25
Mr. R. Davis (reimbursement for advertising costs)	£381.57
The Studio (newsletter printing)	£161.50
P Buist (sal & expns)	£792.31
TVBC (playground inspection)	£469.20
CPRE (annual membership)	£29.00

KH

8.3 Request for Grant from Sports Club

Cllr. Goodland stated that the letter from the Sports Club concerning the showers was not a formal request for a grant. The Club's view was that the problems originated from defects in the original installation and he hoped that the Parish Council would pay the cost of rectification work. The Sports Club had already employed a plumber to carry out some modifications and maintenance but the problem of inadequate water flow had not been resolved.

It was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr. Rhodes and Cllr. Clarke would visit the club with Cllr. Goodland to inspect the shower installation and would report back to the Council at the next meeting when the necessary permissions and funding would be discussed. RD / JR/PC

8.4 Grant application for St. Andrew's Church

It was agreed that a grant of £500 be made to St. Andrew's Church for churchyard maintenance. KH

8.5 Request for CPRE membership renewal

It was **agreed** the membership be renewed. KH

8.6 Donation request from Hampshire Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group

It was agreed that no donation will be given

8.7 Future Expenditure & 2010/11 Budget

Following discussions at the last meeting, Cllrs. identified maintenance work to village assets likely to require funding in the next financial year or in the near future and also desirable projects that the Council might wish to support. The included maintenance to the recreation ground boundary, repairs to seats and new notice boards. There was a need for new equipment in the children's playground and a new bus shelter on New Road. The Jubilee Hall was anticipating significant expenditure on new curtains and tracks, and it was likely that the boiler would need replacement in the near future. The Jubilee Hall committee may seek grants for these improvements.

Looking ahead, the possibility of an event in 2012 to mark the use of Timsbury Manor as the training camp for the 1948 British Olympic Team was raised.

It was suggested by Cllr. Rhodes that since the priorities for spending on maintenance and improvements had not been agreed, specific items should not be itemised in the 2010/11 Budget but that an amount should be allocated to reserves pending decisions. **This was agreed.**

The Chairman and Clerk would update the draft budget for presentation at the next meeting. KH/RD

It was agreed that Cllr. Goodland seek quotations for repairs to the recreation ground fencing. RG

9. Recreation Ground.

9.1 Playground Inspection.

It was agreed that existing inspection arrangements be renewed. KH

9.2 Erection of Floodlights on Recreation Ground.

Cllr. Goodland stated that planning permission would be required based on a verbal acknowledgement to a 'pre-application' from TVBC

9.3 Proposal to amend the current licence arrangements with the Sports Club for the use of the recreation ground. Progress update.

Chairman has sent all details to Bells Solicitors and a meeting is set for Friday 29th January 2010.

RD

10. Correspondence

10.1 Audit Commission

It was noted that the Audit Commission has appointed a new external auditor, Mr. Wayne Richard.

10.2 Pitmans Solicitors

It was noted that a response had been received from Pitmans solicitors with regards to the CCTV camera installation at Casbrook Fields, Rudd Lane by their client, Banner Homes.

10.3 Test Valley Passenger Transport Forum dates

The necessary information was passed to Cllr. Goodland as Transport Councillor.

10.4 Sports Club response to Pre-school garden

It was noted that the Sports Club has no objection to the land presently included in the Club's Ground-licence being used for the construction of the proposed garden. It was also noted that there is a need to retain the right of access to the redundant cesspit.

Further correspondence:

The Chairman had been contacted by a landowner concerning an apparent boundary dispute and attendant damage to property. **It was agreed** that this appeared to be a private matter and that the Parish Council had no reason to become involved and should not do so.

11. Welcome Pack for New Home Owners.

Cllr. Davis will continue to distribute the Village Directory to all new home owners.

RD

12. Risk Assessment Actions for November.

12.1 Ensure detailed budget has an historic & future perspective.

Confirmed

13. Local Road Conditions.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to HCC reporting the poor condition of village roads, particularly Rudd Lane where there were problems with flooding and deep potholes.

KH

14. Dispute between HALC and NALC

The Council did not fully understand the reason for the proposed 'split' of the HALC from the NALC. The Council's annual contribution to the NALC (via the HALC levy) was £32.

It was agreed that the Council had no reason at this time to support the HALC in breaking links with the NALC, although further information was awaited.

15. Community Garden

The Council has been offered a grant of £10,000 (inclusive of VAT) towards the Community Garden. The Parish Council contribution of £2000 would be included in the 2010/11 Parish Council budget.

It was agreed that Cllrs. Clarke and Goodland would liaise with the Pre-School team who were organising the works. Requests to place orders with contractors would be made via Cllr. Clarke and a letter would be sent to the Pre-School Team to indicate this.

KH

16. Clerk Training

It was agreed that a budget of £250 is to be available for Clerk Training and that Mrs.Hardy could enrol on the SALC course without requiring further agreement from the PC, if she considered it suited her requirements and provided that the cost did not exceed this budget.

KH

17. Provision of grit bins and grit supply in winter

It is understood that HCC is likely to provide bins and grit at no cost to the Council, although arrangements have not been finalised. **It was agreed** that four grit bins should be requested from HCC. Suggested locations (to be discussed further) were Haccups Lane, Staff Road, Church Road, and New Road.

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18. BT Kiosk, New Road

The Council can 'adopt' the kiosk for £1 but would be responsible for having the electricity supply disconnected (or paying for an un-metered supply). The box would be the Council's property and could be moved or sold. No decision was reached. Immediate neighbours on New Road would be asked whether they wished the box to be left in position as a 'feature'.

RD

19. Re-instatement of St. Mary's Church Bells

The Parish Council unanimously welcomed the proposal to re-instate the bells at St. Mary's Church. A letter of support would be sent to the PCC.

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20. Chairman's Mandate

Agreed

21. Any other business

None

22. Dates of future meetings

Parish Council meeting - 24th February

Annual Parish meeting to be arranged

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Katie Hardy

Parish Clerk,

1 February 2010.