

# MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7.30 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury.

Present: Parish Councillors, Mr. R. Davis (Chairman), Mr. R. Goodland, Mr. P. Clark, Mr. R. Fitzgerald, Parish Clerk Mrs. K. Hardy.

### Action

#### Open Period

Ladies from the Southampton Hospital Red & White Appeal spoke about the proposed Fun Run to take place on 18<sup>th</sup> September. The 5km run will start and end at the Jubilee Hall and the event will include the use of the recreation ground for those wishing to run a shorter 2km route. The Parish Council offered to put the event in the next newsletter edition to encourage villagers to take part or support the event.

#### 1. Apologies

Councillor A. Gibson, Councillor T. Ward, Mr. R. Vie, Mr. A. Jones & Mr. J. Rhodes

#### 2. Declarations of interest.

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

Cllr. R. Fitzgerald declared a personal interest in any issues regarding the recreation ground.

#### 4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

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

#### 5. Clerk's Report

#### 6. Posts on Bridleway 5

Cllr. Davis confirmed that he has contacted Andrew Smith (Countryside) at Hampshire County Council by email and has yet to receive a reply.

#### 7. Planning

##### 7.1 Applications

##### 7.1a10/00247/FULLS

Proposal: Replace existing fishing and storage huts with new timber frame fishinghut

Site: Ginger Beer Beat, Kimbridge Lane, Kimbridge, Romsey

No objections were raised.

##### 7.1b10/01266/FULLS

Proposal: Proposed two-storey side extension and single storey feature glazed extension to entrance with associated internal alterations to existing property, with altered parking arrangements and landscaping

Site: The Retreat, Hill View Road, Michelmersh, Romsey

No objections were raised, however the Parish Council request that the boundary hedge between The Retreat and Myrtle Cottage remain to preserve screening.

##### 7.2 Determinations

(See Clerk's Report.)

**It was agreed** that the Clerk provide Cllr. Clarke with further information regarding the planning requirements for the bank re-instatement alongside Woodlands, Haccups Lane.

KH

## 8. Financial Matters.

### 8.1 Current Financial Situation.

See Clerk's report

### 8.2 Invoices for Payment.

See Clerk's report

KH

*Open Period re-opened*

## 9. Recreation Ground.

### 9.1 Proposal to amend the current licence arrangements with the Sports Club for the use of the recreation ground. Update.

Cllr. Davis clarified with Cllr. Goodland that there are two main issues regarding the proposed lease with the Sports Club.

1. The Sports Club would like the pavilion to be valued by a surveyor and would like to take out the insurance on the building independently of the Parish Council. Cllr. Davis stated that Bells Solicitors have suggested that the Sports Club could in theory be the insurer.
2. Cllr. Davis informed the Council that Bells Solicitors are currently reviewing the issue of 'exclusive use' for the Sports Club, however exclusive use could not be offered at this time.

*Open Period Closed.*

*Cllr. Goodland left the room.*

**It was agreed** that Cllr. Davis should locate and instruct an independent valuer to provide an insurance valuation for the pavilion and store, ensuring that the valuer was fully aware that the valuation for the pavilion should relate to rebuilding costs for a timber structure of the same form as the existing.

RD

### 9.2 Pavilion Showers – progress update.

**It was agreed** that the modifications to the showers be put on hold at this time: assuming that a Lease is negotiated it would be the Council's intention that the pavilion would be effectively handed-over to the Sports Club in good order. It was noted that expenditure of £750 for the shower works was included in 2010-11 budget.

*Cllr. Goodland returned to the room.*

### 9.3 Repairs to Recreation Ground Fencing

**It was agreed** that Cllr. Goodland contact Barletts Fencing to firm up the quotation for the fencing repairs. The revised quotation will include an additional gate for vehicle access. It was agreed that the works could be instructed based on a budget of £2500 – including the new gate. The Chairman would meet Cllr. Goodland on the ground to agree final details.

RG/RD

### 9.4 Recreation Ground – installation of mesh for parking area

**It was agreed** that Cllr. Goodland firm up the quotation with Boddingtons Ltd.

**It was also agreed** that this project would be put on hold for the time being.

RG

## 10. Correspondence

A thank you letter from St. Mary's Church had been received for the donation the Parish Council gave them for graveyard maintenance.

Email correspondence has been received from Cllr. Tony Ward regarding the possibility of installing an island crossing on the A3057. Cllr. Ward will provide further information following a meeting with HCC regarding this issue at the end of July.

#### 11. Broadband Services – an update

Cllr. Fitzgerald explained that Hampshire County Council were assessing the feasibility of providing new broad-band 'infrastructure' to serve the villages, in conjunction with the programme for updating the service to schools. It was noted that Karen Logan was investigating means of improving broad-band services and Cllr. Fitzgerald undertook to inform her of this development. If funding were to be required it was suggested that local companies, including the waste-management companies, might provide support. **It was agreed** that the Clerk speak to Cllr. Gibson regarding this suggestion. It was suggested that at some stage the Council would need to carry out a formal survey to confirm the overall need for faster broad band service and (perhaps) whether residents would be willing to pay a premium for such a service.

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RF

#### 12. Playground Project

Two outline proposals had been received for new playground equipment. A third potential supplier had visited the site but had not yet provided a proposal. A display at the Community Garden opening event had generated useful information on the preferred types of equipment but wider consultation, including contact with the Youth Club, was proposed. It was suggested that Mr. Phil Fielder also be approached for an initial proposal for new playground equipment.

KH

#### 13. Community Garden Project

Cllr. Davis reported on the success of the Community Garden opening.

#### 14. Project Funding Training

**It was agreed** that Cllr. Davis and the Clerk should attend the 'Project Funding' evening to be held on 15 July . The cost would be £50.

KH/RD

#### 15. Audit

The Council's accounts had been verified by the Internal Auditor, Mr. JK Murray.

**It was agreed** that the audit forms with special reference to Sections 1 and 2 on the Audit Commission Pro-forma had been correctly produced by the Clerk and the Parish Council duly signed the documentation to that effect. It was also acknowledged that the Parish Council had received a letter of recommendations from Mr. JK Murray, which would be duly adhered to.

KH

#### 16. Chairman's Mandate

Agreed.

#### 17. Next month's additional agenda items

Cllr. Goodland informed the Council that the flag pole is leaning due to being hit by a vehicle. He will attempt to return it to the vertical position .

RG

#### 18. Dates of future meetings

Parish Council Meeting - 28<sup>th</sup> July

The meeting closed at 10.00p.m.

Katie Hardy

Parish Clerk,

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010.