MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 26th August 2004 at 7.30 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury.

Present: Parish Councillors Dr. W. A. Lees (Chairman), Mr. D. Cowling, Mrs. C. Evans, Dr. J. Glasspool, Mr. P. Pritchett-Brown, Dr. M. Subramanyam, six members of the public and Parish Clerk Mr. P. Buist.

Action

1. Apologies
It was noted that Richard Vie was on holiday.

2. Open Period
Bob Davis wished to speak about the Redland site and requested that Councillors re-open the meeting at the relevant item on the agenda.

3. Declarations of Interest
Donald Cowling declared an interest in the planning application for Oak Tree House, as the applicants were neighbours of his. He would remain in the meeting but not take part in any vote.

Dr. Subramanyam declared an interest in the Redland site. He did not consider this as prejudicial and he would be representing the residents of Rudd Lane.

4. Minutes of Meetings

4.1 Minutes of meeting held on 28 July 2004.
The minutes were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 Minutes of meeting held on 4 August 2004.
The minutes were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4.3 Minutes of meeting held on 9 August 2004.
The minutes were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Planning
The Chairman proposed that the meeting was re-opened to allow the public to speak on the Redland site matter. All Councillors agreed.

Bob Davis asked that if there were no access to the Redland site, would the housing development not proceed. This would be so. His main concern was the additional traffic that would use Rudd Lane.

The Chairman reminded the meeting of the village questionnaires that had established that preference was for an industrial site and not housing. The PC had argued against housing and had requested an access route from the A3057. Head of Planning at TVBC had suggested that if an access route from the A3057 was approved then the likely outcome was for 75 houses to be approved and built. Currently access was being controlled by people who own the track.

The general feeling of residents present was that even if the access to the site from Rudd Lane was improved, Rudd Lane itself was not suitable as it was only 3 metres wide along one stretch. The potential for an accident to horse riders who used the Lane was great.

There were three other route options, over the tip from Bunny Lane, Heron Lane and through Hunts Farm Sports Ground. It was asked if it might be better to have more houses and a better road?

In order of preference, the options were:

- No development on the site.

- 30 houses with access from A3057.
- 75 houses with access from A3057.

The worst option of all was any development with access via Rudd Lane.

The meeting was closed at this point and agenda item 5.2 taken.

5.2 Request for views on Redland site from Sandra Gidley MP.
It was **proposed** by the Chairman and **seconded** by Peter Pritchett-Brown that the Parish Council responds to the request with the views already agreed and as recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 1999. This would be supplemented with the views expressed tonight that for any development access should be direct from the A3057. This was **agreed** unanimously.

5.1 Applications
TVS.10446, erection of conservatory to rear of property, Staddle Stone Cottage, St. Andrew's Close, Timsbury. No objection.

TVS.04887/10, retrospective application for siting of oil heating tank, Hillfield House, Rudd Lane. No objection.

TVS.05254/1, erection of pair of farmworkers dwellings, Manor Farm Lane, Michelmersh. *It was **agreed** to re-open the meeting to allow residents to speak.* Mr Stirling informed the Council that local residents did not appear to object, but there were concerns about traffic exiting on a blind corner. He also noted that a previous application for the same site had been turned down. There was some concern that a gap may result if building was allowed that could be subject to further applications for in fill housing. *The meeting was closed.* The Parish Council **agreed** that they had no objection in principle to the application, but considered that the cottages should be built on the farm complex. There would then be no need for traffic journeys for workers to get to the farm.

TVS.08825/5, erection of single storey rear extension, Oak Tree House, School Lane, Michelmersh. No objection.

TVS.04887/11, erection of two detached dwellings, 3 & 4 Upper Timsbury Cottages, Rudd Lane. An application for this site had been considered by the Parish Council at its May meeting and had agreed to object on the grounds of over development. The application had then been withdrawn. This current application had been compared to the previous by the Chairman and Clerk and no change found. It was therefore **agreed** to object as before.

Alveston. It was **noted** that the Inspector had dismissed the appeal. However, the Chairman expressed concern about a statement made by the Inspector in relation to the VDS. The Inspector had given reduced weight to the VDS because he saw no evidence of consultation with developers during its drafting. The Chairman had raised the status of VDSs in the planning process at TVAPTC and the Head of Planning at TVBC was to address the next meeting. The Chairman sought approval to write to the Head of Planning to ask her to explain what had happened at the Appeal and also to cover this additional issue of consultation with developers when addressing TVAPTC. This was **agreed**. WAL

6. Invoices for Payment
It was **agreed** to make the following payments:

The Studio	Newsletter Printing	£185.40
P Buist	Salary & Expenses	£471.29
Joy Hodges	Stand in Clerk	£42.00

7. Sports Club, further discussion as necessary about Club and Claim
The Chairman **proposed** that the Council consider setting up a Working Party (WP) to consider all issues that arose from the Council's relationship with the Sports Club. The WP would then recommend actions to the Parish Council. The proposal was **seconded** by Donald Cowling and **agreed** by the Council. It was further agreed that the WP would have four members and three would form a quorum. Donald Cowling did not wish to be considered for membership of the WP. An election was held and those elected were: The Chairman, Richard Vie, Carol Evans and Peter Pritchett-Brown. If Richard Vie declined to join, John Glasspool would take his place.

8. Repairs to Playground Equipment
In view of the RoSPA report, the Chairman had recently inspected the swings and was concerned about the condition of some parts. He had asked Les Ninnam for an opinion, who agreed that the swings were badly corroded and should be replaced. The Chairman had contacted the makers who had provided advice. It was agreed to replace the two swing seats at a cost of £110 + VAT and carriage. There would be additional cost for Les Ninnam to fit the seats. The Chairman agreed to write to the manufacturers, with appropriate photographs, and seek confirmation of the identification of replacement cradles prior to an order being placed. WAL

The Play Area Working Party would be called to meet as soon as TVBC had responded to the letter about inspection visits. WAL

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

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Traffic Speed in Hill View Road
Peter Pritchett-Brown expressed concern on this matter and it was **agreed** to place it on the agenda for the next meeting. PBu

11. Dates of Future Meetings
The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 22 September 2004.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Peter Buist
Parish Clerk
September 2004