MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24 February 2010 at 7.30 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury.

Present: Parish Councillors, Mr. R. Davis (Chairman), Mr. P Clarke, 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
Cllr. R. Fitzgerald

2. Open Period
Dr. Subramanyam asked why the meeting with HCC regarding Bridleway 5 had still not taken place. Dr. Subramanyam also stated that Banner Homes have put in two wooden fence posts on the edge of the bridleway which he feels has narrowed the bridleway path and are a safety hazard for horses and riders using the bridleway.
Dr. Thomas requested the Parish Council find out when, how and by whom the residents of Casbrook Fields have been awarded 'access rights' across the bridleway as stated on the sign erected by Hampshire County Council at the corner of Casbrook Fields and Rudd Lane.
Cllr. Davis stated that he has requested a meeting with Ian Austen and is still awaiting a date from Mr. Austen. Cllr. Davis stated that he would email Mr. Austen detailing the additional issues raised by Dr. Subramanyam and Dr. Thomas with a view to discuss them at the subsequent meeting with Hampshire County Council.

RD

3. Declarations of any new interest.
Cllr. J. Rhodes declared a personal interest in any issues regarding the Sports Club
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 and The Stable Yard, Manor Lane planning application.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 27 January 2010.
It was agreed that the minutes were a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Clerk's Report.
See attached.

6. Matters Arising from the meeting of 20 November not covered by item 5.
No matter were raised

7. Planning
7.1 Applications
7.1a 10/00188/FULLS
Proposal: Erection of first floor extension to rear elevation to provide extended bedroom / bathroom
Site: 1 Hilltop Cottages, Manor Farm Lane, Michelmersh, Romsey

No objections were raised.

KH

7.1b 10/00148/FULLS
Proposal: Erection of post and wire fencing to eastern boundary of site.
Site: Land north of A3057 and west of New Road, Stockbridge Road, Timsbury, Romsey

It was agreed that the Parish Council would object on the same grounds as the previous planning application – 09/02039/FULLS as outlined on the 'Notice of Refusal' dated 16th December 2009.

KH

7.1c 10/00219/FULLS
Proposal: Change of use of an alterations to redundant stable building to a dwelling (re-submission following refusal of 09/01733/FULLS)
Site: The Stable Yard, Manor Lane, Timsbury, Romsey

No objections were raised.

KH

7.1d. 09/02660/FULLS
Proposal: Construction of two buildings (one teaching block and a workshop), alterations to the lake, change of use from private recreational use (fishing/shooting) to become a manned model centre (education).
Site: Land at Timsbury Lake, Jinny Lane, Romsey, Hampshire

It was agreed that the Parish Council would not raise any objections, but would wish to be assured that TVBC were satisfied that the wildlife habitat would be adequately protected.

KH

8. Financial Matters.

8.1 Current Financial Situation.
See Clerk's report

8.2 Invoices for Payment.
See Clerk's report

8.3 Budget for 2010/2011
The budget was agreed; however Cllr. Vie suggested that the training budget should be raised to £500.

8.4 Funding for Open Space Projects
It was agreed that Cllr. Rhodes and Cllr. Davis would devise a project plan for the improvements to the village play area and investigate if Section 106 funding could be used to help fund the planned improvements.

JR/BD

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. Goodland was absent for this discussion

It was agreed that the preferred procedure, as recommended by Bells, was that the premises insurance should be paid by the Parish Council who in turn will invoice the Sports Club for the amount.

Cllr. Rhodes emphasised the importance of the Sports Club being able to make a declaration that they held a 'lease' to the ground, since grant application forms usually required such a declaration. However, although Bells recommended that the ground itself should be licensed, not leased, to the Club (because the Council were not giving the Club exclusive use) it was noted that the draft did not in fact use the term 'Licence'. The Chairman would make this point to Bells in further discussions.

It was agreed that all Councillors were to review the draft lease with their questions and comments and to submit via email to the Chairman.

ALL

9.2 Pavilion Showers – progress update.

Cllr. Goodland was absent for this discussion

The shower installation had been inspected by the Chairman, Cllrs Clarke and Rhodes, with Cllr. Goodland (as Secretary of the Sports Club). I**t was agreed** that following further assesment of the plumbing problems, the Parish Council should pay for the problem to be rectified, up to the amount of the quotation submitted by the Club.

BD/RG

It was agreed that a second opinion and quotation should be sought to confirm that the problem had been correctly diagnosed and to compare costs. The Chairman would discuss with Cllr. Goodland the procedure for obtaining a second opinion / quotation. Since the installation was complex by 'domestic' standards a specialist plumber was preferred. The Clerk would try to identify plumbers with experience of larger systems such as the plumber used by Braishfield School.

KH

9.3 Repairs to Recreation Ground Fencing

Cllr. Goodland had obtained quotations for several fencing options for the Recreation Ground. In summary, the wooden post and wire option would cost about £2,000 and the cement post and wire option about £3,500. In view of the long term rigidity of the cement option, **it was agreed** that three quotations be sourced for this option.

RG

It was agreed that further inspection on the area be carried out by Cllrs Goodland, Clarke, Rhodes and Davis to finalise the requirements.(ie. height etc.)

RG, PC, JR, BD

9.4 Fire Extinguisher Inspection

It was agreed that the fire blanket in the Sports Club kitchen be relocated nearer to the kitchen door. Cllr Goodland would arrange this.

RG

10. Correspondence

Full Register of Electors:
It was agreed that the Parish Council would obtain the latest Full Register of Electors which will be held with the Parish Clerk.

KH

11. Pocket Park Fencing

Cllr. Rhodes reported that Mr. P. Pratt believes it is reasonable to have a boundary fence (consisting of two wire strands and with access gaps) along the boundary of his land and the Pocket Park.
It was agreed that this fencing requirement be added to the fencing quotations being obtained for the Recreation Ground.

RG

12. Dispute between HALC and NALC

No Comments. It was agreed that this item be removed for next meeting.

KH

13. Community Garden Project Update

Cllr. Goodland has assisted the CGP team by marking the placement of the underground pipes prior to the laying of the patio foundations.

14. Training for Parish Clerk

See Clerk's Report.

15. BT Kiosk, New Road

Immediate neighbours on New Road would be asked whether they wished the box to be left in position as a 'feature'.

RD

16. Chairman's Mandate
Agreed.

17. Any other business

It was noted that there is a broken fence on the A3057 boundary of the Hunt's Farm playing field. The Clerk is to inform Test Valley Borough Council.

KH

18. Dates of future meetings

Parish Council meeting - 24th March
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council - 26th May
Action: To invite Christine Plascott to the Annual Parish Meeting as a guest speaker.
Action: To confirm with Sarah Medley that the Village Hall is available.

KH

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Katie Hardy

Parish Clerk,
1 March 2010.