MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th May 2010 at 7.30 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury.

Present: Parish Councillors, Mr. R. Davis (Chairman), Mr. J. Rhodes, Mr. R. Fitzgerald, Mr. A. Jones, Parish Clerk Mrs. K. Hardy, and one member of the public.

Action

Open Period

1. Apologies
Councillor A. Gibson, Councillor T. Ward, Mr. R. Vie, Mr. P. Clarke, and Mr. R. Goodland

2. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman and to receive declarations of acceptance of office from both.
Cllr. R. Fitzgerald proposed Cllr. R. Davis as Chairman and Cllr. J. Rhodes as Vice Chairman. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. A. Jones. Cllr. Davis and Cllr. Rhodes accepted and duly signed copies of their declarations of acceptance.
Cllr. Rhodes expressed his thanks to the Chairman for his efforts at the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th May. The Clerk also passed on the thanks and congratulations on a successful meeting to the Chairman from Mr. Peter Pritchard-Brown.

Open Period re-opened
Dr. Subramanyam requested an update on the situation regarding the posts on Bridleway 5 installed by Banner Homes. The Chairman stated that Hampshire County Council had not made any further comment, but that he would request a response from them. It was noted that the location and the square shape of the posts may pose a potential hazard to horse riders on the bridleway. RD
Open Period closed

3. Declarations of interest.
Cllr. J. Rhodes declared a personal 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 28 April 2010.
It was agreed that the minutes were a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Clerk's Report
In addition to the Clerk's report, there was a further determination:
10/00324/FULLS, John Robinson House Plants – permission granted.

6. Matters Arising from the meeting of 28 April not covered by item 5.
It was agreed that the Clerk research the outcome of planning application 09/01733/FULLS KH

7. Planning
7.1 Applications
7.1a 10/00963/FULLS
Proposal: First floor extension over existing flat roof area to garage to accommodate a new bedroom and bathroom. KH
Site: Allington, Stockbridge Road, Timsbury
No formal objections were raised, however reservations were highlighted regarding a potential loss of privacy to the adjacent property, Barge House.

7.2 Determinations
(See Clerk's Report.)

8. Financial Matters.

8.1 Current Financial Situation.
See Clerk's report

KH

8.2 Invoices for Payment.
See Clerk's report

It was agreed that after the internal audit has been completed, Cllr. R. Fitzgerald and the Clerk would review the book -keeping system currently in place. KH

9. Recreation Ground.

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

The draft lease presented to the Sports Club for comment specified that the pavilion and store would be insured by the Parish Council, the cost to be reimbursed by the Club. This was apparently not acceptable to the Club. The alternative was that the Club would be responsible for insuring the buildings. The view was that this would be acceptable, subject to confirmation from the Council's solicitors, but that the Parish Council must approve the valuation on which the premium was based because of the risks involved in under-insurance, although over-valuation was also to be avoided because this would result in an excessive premium. ***It was agreed*** that to progress matters the Parish Council would seek advice from AON (the current insurer) on the procedure for valuing the pavilion and store for insurance purposes and, if possible, obtain valuations from other insurers and corresponding competitive quotes for insuring the buildings. KH

It was also agreed that the grass cutting quote supplied by Test Valley Borough Council for the recreation ground was reasonable and would set a benchmark for future tenders.

9.2 Pavilion Showers – progress update.

It was agreed the Chairman obtain a second opinion for resolving the showers' plumbing issue. RD

9.3 Repairs to Recreation Ground Fencing

It was agreed that an additional quote from 'Whitedog' be obtained before proceeding with the fence repairs. The fence repairs were authorised by the Parish Council. The Chairman informed the Council that a grant may be available for the additional fencing to the Pocket Park as the area is a SINC. RD/KH

9.4 Recreation Ground – installation of mesh for parking area RG/KH
Upon receiving the quote obtained by Cllr. R. Goodland, the clerk will obtain two further quotes for consideration.

10. Correspondence

It was agreed that the Parish Council donate £550 to St. Mary's Church for churchyard maintenance.
It was agreed that a thank you letter be written to the Timsbury Painters for their donation to the Community Garden project. KH
It was agreed that a letter be written to the Michelmersh & Timsbury Sports Club Football Section confirming that the Parish Council was strongly in favour of the Recreation Ground being used for organised sport and that it was hoped that discussions with the Club would result in a long-term agreement being reached.

11. Actions following the Annual Parish Meeting

a. Lengthman's Tasks
It was agreed that the clerk requests the Lengthman to conduct a survey of the main routes in the village to identify specific areas which would benefit from his efforts. A list of tasks would then be compiled based on his recommendations. KH
b. BT Kiosks, New Road and Stockbridge Road
It was agreed that the Parish Council would adopt the kiosk and correspondence be sent to BT to that effect. KH
c. Broadband Services
It was agreed that the issue be discussed at greater length at the next meeting with Karen Logan, who has volunteered to explore options for obtaining a faster service in the village. KH

d. Playground

It was agreed that a survey be distributed to parishioners with children under 12 years old in order to collate feedback on the playground needs and wants of the community. KH

e. Crossing the A3057

It was agreed that HCC be contacted regarding the feasibility of installing an island crossing on A3057 KH

f. Dog Fouling

It was agreed that this issue be raised in the next village newsletter and the article be uploaded on the website. RD/KD

g. 'Keep the Village Tidy' Campaign

It was agreed that a date in September be arranged for a village clean up day. Details of the day would be outlined in the next edition of the village newsletter. ACE Liftaway, HCC Highways and Romsey Constabulary and the Jubilee Hall committee will be consulted when arranging the event. KH

12. Additional access opening to land off the A3057

The Chairman has spoken to one of the owners of the land (although not the owner of the land where the opening has been made). The new opening has been formed to provide access for grass-cutting equipment. It appears that the owner is aware of the planning regulations in relation to the additional openings.

13. Chairman's Mandate

Agreed.

14. Next month's additional agenda items

Cllr. A. Jones requested that Mr. Doug O' Connell from the Community Safety Team be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss any/all anti-social behaviour in the village. KH

It was agreed that the Community Safety Team's details be displayed in the next issue of the village newsletter.

15. Dates of future meetings

Parish Council Meeting - 30th June

The meeting closed at 10.00p.m.

Katie Hardy

Parish Clerk,
2nd June 2010.