MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th January 2011 at 7.30 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury.

Present: Parish Councillors, Mr. R. Davis (Chairman), Mr. J. Rhodes, Mr. R. Goodland, Mr. R. Fitzgerald, Mr. R. Vie, Mr. P. Clark, Parish Clerk Mrs. K. Hardy, and 6 members of the public.

Action

Open Period

A member of the public raised the issue that the square bollards erected by Banner Homes on Bridleway 5 near Casbrook Fields were still in place. He requested that the Council pursue the issue further with HCC. **It was agreed** that a letter would be sent by the Parish Clerk to HCC, with a copy to Cllr. Andrew Gibson, to attempt to resolve the matter. KH

A member of the public also raised concern with regards to the increasing number of pot holes on village roads. Chairman, Cllr. Davis stated that the Highways Department had been notified about potholes and about the flooding in Rudd Lane, which remained unresolved. This was agreed to be an urgent problem and i**t was agreed** that the Parish Clerk write directly to Cllr. Andrew Gibson for further escalation. KH

Open Period Closed

1. Apologies
Cllr. Alan Jones

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 and a prejudicial interest in planning application 6.1.c.
Cllr. J. Rhodes declared a personal interest in any issues regarding the Sports Club and a personal interest in planning application 6.1.d.
Cllr. R. Davis declared a personal interest in planning application 6.1.d

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 24th November 2010
The minutes were approved.

4. Clerk's Report

Lengthsman – Further tasks for the Lengthsman are required. **It was agreed** that further tasks would be brought to February's Parish Council meeting by Parish Councillors. I**t was agreed** that the Parish Clerk find out how many hours of work the Lengthsman has still available and when the hours may expire. KH/ ALL

5. Standing Orders – Councillors Comments BD/JR
It was agreed that the Chairman would review the proposed Standing Orders produced by Vice Chairman, Cllr. John Rhodes this month and would present a document to the February Meeting.

6. Planning
6.1 Applications
a.10/02763/FULLS
Proposal: Single Storey Side Extension
Site: Hill Farm Barn, Rudd Lane, Upper Timsbury, Romsey
It was agreed that the Parish Council would raise no objections KH

b. 10/03018/FULLS
Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 4 new dwellings on site.
Site:Chetwynd, Stockbridge Road, Timsbury, Romsey
It was agreed that the Parish Council would object on the same grounds as per the previous planning application ref: 10/02278/FULLS KH

c.11/00035/FULLS
Proposal: Two Storey extension to existing cottage, new side boundary
Site:Yew Tree Cottage, New Road, Timsbury, Romsey

Open Period Reopened

Chairman, Cllr. Davis asked Cllr. Rory Fitzgerald to explain the proposed new boundary changes to the Council. Cllr. Fitzgerald explained the proposed changes to the Council.

The Open Period was Closed

Cllr. Fitzgerald left the meeting

After some discussion, **it was agreed** that the Parish Council undertake a site survey to understand the implications to the neighbouring properties before making judgement on this application. The site survey will then be followed by a Public Planning Meeting. ALL

Cllr. Fitzgerald returned to the meeting

d. 10/02712/CMAS

Chairman, Cllr. Davis stated that during the public meeting held to discuss this planning application, he felt that public opinion was split quite evenly, with valid opinions raised on both sides.

Chairman, Cllr. Davis then reopened the Open Period to allow Ms. Nicky Salvidge to comment on how she felt the meeting went.

Open Period Opened

Ms. Nicky Salvidge said that she felt the meeting had gone well and felt that Cllr. Davis' comment was a fair assessment that there was a 50/50 split amongst the public who attended the meeting.

Open Period Closed

Chairman, Cllr. Davis then asked each of the Parish Councillors to comment on the RFSF Planning application.

Cllr. John Rhodes objected on following grounds:
- The agricultural policy states that the land is to be returned to it's previous state in 2015
- The majority of the traffic created by the site travels south through Romsey and therefore the site should be situated south of Romsey, nearer to the motorway network
- The noise created by the site when the wood shredder is operational is unacceptable to neighbouring properties
- The proposal to rely on temporary bunds to control noise from some operations was not practicable
- The proposed new footpath is not safe for walkers coming out on Bunny Lane, as this road does not have a footpath or pavement for pedestrians

Cllr. Rory Fitzgerald raised concerns regarding the potential lack of control over new products and processes, and the potential increase in hours of operation creating disturbances to local residents. Cllr. Fitzgerald did however acknowledge that there is a need for this type of facility, but considered that Bunny Lane was not the most suitable location.

Cllr. Richard Vie stated that this area was deemed to be countryside and that is what it should be returned to. He also raised concerns about the ability of HCC to enforce constraints on the business in the future if it is granted permanent permission. Another concern was that a permanent permission for this site may set a precedent for other firms to set up similar businesses in the area. Cllr. Vie agreed that this land should be returned to countryside in 2015 and that a more suitable brown field site should be found for this business.

Cllr. Peter Clarke said that he was sympathetic to the RFSF employees and recognized that the company may employ more people as the business grows if a permanent licence was granted. He did however state his concerns regarding the increase in traffic movements if the business grows. Cllr. Clarke also raised concern over the ability of HCC to impose constraints on the business if permanency was granted. Cllr. Clarke also stated that HCC has four years to work with RFSF to find an alternative site for this business.

Cllr. Robin Goodland said that all the points made were valid. However, Cllr. Goodland stated that he couldn't remember this area being countryside in the last forty years and that the existing RFSF operation

was not offensive.

Chairman, Cllr. Davis declared a personal interest in the noise assessment report attached to the Planning Application. He stated that there were deficiencies in the noise assessment, but even as it stood it indicated that there would be significant noise problems which could not be further mitigated because the machinery was located outdoors. His opinion was that HCC and TVBC have repeatedly stated that this site was unsuitable for a permanent use of this type and he believed that it should be returned to agricultural use as required by the current temporary planning permission.

Chairman, Cllr. Davis then requested the Parish Council vote on the application. The result was five Councillors objected and one Councillor abstained. **It was agreed** that the grounds for objection would be those expressed by Councillors and that Cllr. Davis's report on noise should be appended to the Council's comments.

Following the decision the Chairman informed the Council that TVBC and Romsey Town Council have both objected to the application.

It was agreed that the Clerk send a written response on behalf of the Parish Council to HCC by Friday 28th January 2011. KH

6.2 Determinations

(See Clerk's Report.)

In addition to Planning Determinations, Chairman, Cllr. Davis noted that the 'Herons' planning application had been refused by TVBC Planning Control Committee.

7. Financial Matters.

7.1 Current Financial Situation.

See Clerk's report

7.2 Invoices for Payment.

See Clerk's report

Cllr. Goodland left the meeting

8. Sports Club and Recreation Ground.

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

Chairman, Cllr. Davis informed the Council that the Sports Club Committee had reviewed the proposed lease and that the Sports Club thought that the key points in the lease were acceptable. The Sport's Club raised some concern with regards to the level of legalese in the documentation.

It was agreed that Cllr. Davis would raise any issues which required clarification with Bells Solicitors.

The term of the proposed lease was then discussed.

Open Period Reopened

Mr. Chris Smith stated that the Sport's Club would like a 25 year lease which would enable them to substantially invest in the Club and would keep the Sport's Club lease in line with the Jubilee Hall lease term of 25 years.

Open Period Closed

It was agreed that the term of lease offered by the Parish Council to the Sport's Club will be 25 years.

The following **items were also agreed** by the Parish Council:

- The question of how access for the pavilion soakaway (under the Pre-School store) be included in the Sport's Club and/or Jubilee Hall lease be raised with Bells Solicitors

- The defined playground boundary to be extended by three metres beyond the cherry tree. –

- The clause outlining the need for the pavilion to be treated with Cuprinol be deleted from the proposed lease (p5, no.7)

- That any inflammable liquid be stored outside (p7, no.14) and that the Sport's Club will comply with current gas/petrol storage regulations.

Open Period Reopened

Chairman, Cllr. Davis asked Sport's Club Committee member, Maureen Cardy where the gas it currently stored. Maureen stated that the gas is currently housed outside , however she thought there maybe a spare cylinder in the shed.

Open Period Closed

Chairman, Cllr. Davis informed the Council that he would research the current regulations and inform the Sport's Club accordingly. RD

- To change the specification that bins be removed from weekly to fortnightly.

- That the Sport's Club adhere to the paragraph suggested by the Parish Council regarding the storage of goods/machinery in open spaces.

- That the phrase 'sports related social activities' should be be amended to 'sports and social activities', although **it was also agreed** that Cllr. Davis check he implications of this amendment from Bell's Solicitors.

- Cllr. Davis seek clarification on the clause relating to 'auctions' from Bell's Solicitors.

- That the valuation of the pavilion be reviewed every five years at the expense of the Parish Council.

- That Cllr. Davis circulate the proposed lease with further amendments (provided that Bells had completed the revisions) to Councillors prior to February's Parish Council meeting. Subject to agreement, the Parish Council could then offer the Lease to the Sports Club.

Open Period Reopened

Chairman, Cllr. Davis asked for any comments from the Sport's Club representatives in attendance. Mr. Chris Smith stated that the Sport's Club is happy and he could see no reason for disagreement over the terms of the Lease subject to the amendments discussed.

Cllr. Goodland returned to the meeting

Chairman, Cllr. Davis asked if Councillor Andrew Gibson would like to address the Parish Council.

Cllr. Gibson stated that he would ensure the Parish Council would be given a time to address the Regulatory Committee with regards to planning application 10/02712/CMAS if it so wished. Cllr. Davis stated that the Parish Council would like to speak at this meeting. AG

Cllr. Gibson then stated that he would inform the Parish Council of HCC's comments/suggestions regarding this planning application prior to the meeting. AG

Cllr. Gibson informed the Parish Council that there is to be a mail drop by HCC to all parishioners assuming no liability for any accidents caused as the result of parishioners putting obstructions on grass verges in a bid to prevent parking or vehicles using verges as passing places.

Cllr. Gibson urged the Parish Council to write to him directly with regards to the road conditions and the posts on bridleway 5. KH

Open Period Closed

9. Correspondence

"Great Poppy Party Weekend" KH
It was agreed that the Parish Clerk obtain an application form for further discussion next month.
" Small Grant Scheme" - to be considered in relation to improving village footpaths. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk research this further and report next month.
"Queens Jubilee" - It was suggested that the opening of the new playground could coincide with a Jubilee event. It was pointed out that there could be great demand for marquees and 'groups' (if required). Cllr. Goodland offered to check on marquee availability and costs. RG

10. Village and Village Hall Noticeboard RD
Chairman, Cllr. Davis deferred this item until February's Parish Council meeting.

11. BT Kiosk – restoration plans
It was agreed that Cllr. Jones be asked to order the parts for the telephone box repairs up to £250 including VAT and that the Parish Council would reimburse him directly. AJ

12. Jubilee Event – formation of a sub committee
It was agreed that an article be submitted in the next village newsletter requesting volunteers for such a sub committee. KH
It was also agreed that the event be an agenda item at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. KH

13. Meetings Attended

Chairman, Cllr. Davis informed the Council that the Police Local Action Group Meeting in December had been cancelled due to inclement weather. Cllr. John Rhodes informed the Council that he had attended a BKP Meeting.

14. Jubilee Hall Lease

Chairman, Cllr. Davis informed the Council that the draft lease was with Bell's Solicitors and that he would contact them to obtain an update. RD

15. Playground – review of amended design and quotation

It was agreed that the amended design and quotation supplied by Kompan was a good basis for submitting grant applications and that such applications should be made as soon as possible. KH/RD

16. Chairman's Mandate

Agreed

17. Dates of future meetings

Parish Council Meeting – 23rd February 2011

The meeting closed at 10.00p.m.

Katie Hardy

Parish Clerk,
1st February 2011