MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th July 2012 at 7.30 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury.

Present: Parish Councillors, Mr. Bob Davis, Chairman, Mr. J. Rhodes, Mr. D. Cowling, Mrs. H. Palmer (part-time), Mr. P. Clarke , HCC Councillor, Mr. Andrew Gibson and Parish Clerk, Mrs. K. Hardy

Action

Open Period

PCSO Jo ole gave an overview of the latest crimes in the rural villages. There has only been one burglary in the last month.
PCSO Cole informed the meeting of a fire and other damage on the Hunts Farm recreation ground caused by teenagers, apparently an impromptu Romsey Schools' 'end of term' party. . Cars at Hunts Farm Recreation Ground and Stoneymarsh car parks had been broken in to..

Robin Goodland informed the meeting that there were several bottles broken during the party on the Hunts Farm recreation ground. He added that this was the second year in a row that a end-of-term has taken place on the recreation ground. He raised concern that the police were slow to respond and that the party should have been stopped earlier. He urged the Parish Council to make a representation to the police concerning this matter.

Bob Davis instructed the clerk to add this issue to June 2013 Parish Council agenda. KH

Mr Goodland also raised the issue of the footpath from Stockbridge Road to St Andrews Church. He informed the meeting that this footpath was very overgrown with nettles and brambles and that a fence was also falling into the footpath.

The clerk informed Mr Goodland that the Lengthsman is scheduled to cut back several of the village footpaths nettles and brambles in the following months. However, **the meeting agreed** that it should seek quotes from Ben Kington to trim back some of the village footpaths due to the accelerated growth caused by the recent wet weather conditions. KH

Mr Goodland also mentioned that the hedge which borders the Council recreation ground and the Stockbridge Road obstructs the cycleway in some places and is in need of cutting. **The meeting agreed** for the clerk to obtain quotes for completing this work. KH

Councillor Andrew Gibson
Hampshire County Councillor, Mr. Andrew Gibson gave an overview of the main issues concerning our villages.
Highways
Councillor Gibson informed the meeting that he is now discussing all the local road issues including the flooding on Rudd Lane with the new Highways Manager, Mr Clark. Mr Gibson hopes that the Rudd Lane repairs can be completed as part of the Resilience Project.
Other Village Issues
Mr Gibson informed the meeting that he has spoken to the car dealership on Stockbridge Road with regards to parking in the 'layby' and obstructing access to houses. However he has observed that cars and a breakdown truck continue to be parked there.

1. Apologies
,Cllr. Tony Ward, Mr. R. Fitzgerald, Mr. B. Lucas

2. Declarations of interest.
Cllr. D. Cowling and Cllr. P. Clarke declared a personal interest in any issues regarding the Jubilee Hall and the Brickworks

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th June 2012
Approved.

4. Clerk's report
t was agreed that the Clerk instruct Ben Kington to clear a couple of the village footpaths if the quote is under £200.
It was also agreed that the current website arrangements be maintained and it is not cost effective to change over to the Hampshire county council website at this time.

5. Planning
5.1 Applications

5.1a. 12/01194/FULLS
no objections
5.1b. 12/01401/FULLS
no objections
5.1c. 12/01290/FULLS
no objections

Cllr. Helen Palmer joined the meeting

5.2 Determinations – see Clerk's Report

5.3a Cllr. Gibson informed the meeting that Richard Reed (Head of Planning and Development at Hampshire County Council) has retired and it was not clear how the continuing discussions with Michelmersh Brickworks concerning the Waste and Minerals Plan might develop. The areas of search for brick clay identified in last draqft of the Plan were found to be inadequate. Mr. Gibson suggested that the brickworks may soon submit a planning application to extract clay from the Old School Field.

5.3b Cllr Bob Davis informed the meeting that Salvidge Farms won their appeal and have now been granted planning permission for a permanent recycling facility on the Bunny Lane site. .
It was agreed that Bob Davis contact Hampshire county council to offer to become involved in the definition of the noise monitoring scheme, which has still to be agreed with TVBC and HCC.

6 Diamond Jubilee Weekend – allocation of funds and commemorative ideas
Cllr. John Rhodes urged the meeting to consider a commemorative item as a remembrance of the Queens Diamond jubilee**.**
The meeting agreed to purchase a commemorative bench for the village with the funds raised over the Jubilee weekend**.**
It was also agreed that any remaining funds would be distributed amongst village organisations.
Helen Palmer and the Clerk to seek out quotations for benches. KH/HP

7 Adoption of new TVBC's Code of Conduct & Registration of Members' Pecuniary Interests
It was agreed that the Parish Council would review the new Code of Conduct and complete the Registration of Members' Pecuniary Interests over the summer and would adopt the new Code of Conduct at September's Parish Council meeting.

8. Financial Matters.
8.1 Current Financial Situation.
See Clerk's report

8.2 Invoices for Payment.
Agreed - See Clerk's report

8.3 Review of Assets
The Clerk provide the meeting with a list of Parish Council assets. KH
It was agreed that all Councillors would review the list and make any necessary amendments or editions by September's Parish Council meeting.

9. General Correspondence

The clerk informed the meeting that she has received a letter of thanks from Saint Mary's church and Councillor Bob Davis informed the meeting that he had received a letter of thanks from St Andrews Church, both in respect of grants made for churchyard maintenance.

The Clerk also informed the meeting that she had received a request from Grange Management for the Parish Council to put in writing their agreement to maintain the bins in the public Park area at Casbrook Fields. The chairman signed the agreement letter for the Clerk to send to Grange Management.

10. Community Garden Gazebo update
Volunteers have come forward to install the concrete base for the community garden gazebo. BD
Bob Davis agreed to chase up the order so that an installation date can be arranged.

11. Jubilee Hall Lease update
Councillor Bob Davis informed the meeting that he is to meet with Bells solicitors this week to progress the Jubilee Hall lease. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Lease. BD

12. Pocket Park Maintenance
It was agreed that Helen Palmer compile a list of tasks suitable for a voluntary party to complete in order to tidy up the Pocket Park. HP
It was also agreed that the Lengthsman cut down any overgrown nettles/brambles which may be preventing access to the park.

13. Meetings to be attended/or attended

It was agreed that the Clerk write to Test Valley Borough Council Planning and Transport Service Office to inform them of the Parish Council's concerns with regards to the SHLAA.
Michelmersh and Timsbury Parish Council would like to register its concern regarding site references 216, 217, 043, 060 and 061 in the published draft of Test Valley Borough Council's SHLAA.
These sites are not within the village settlement boundaries defined in the consultation draft of the Test Valley Core Strategy and Development Management Policy. KH
The Parish Council appreciates that identification of sites in the SHLAA does not imply that planning permission for housing or other uses would be granted, but the Parish Council wishes to record that, subject to consideration of the policy position existing at the time of any planning application, it would object to development on these sites.

14. Chairman's Mandate
Agreed.

15. Agenda items for next month's meeting
N/A

16. Dates of future meetings
26th September, 2012

The meeting closed at 9.30pm
Katie Hardy

Parish Clerk,
7th August 2012

Michelmersh & Timsbury Parish Council
Clerk's Report to PC Meeting of 25th July 2012

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1. A3057 Flooding
A response from Keith Thompson, HCC Highways Department following a site visit to investigate the flooding along the A3057 in Timsbury:

"That section of the A3057 contains quite a number of what we call 'wier' kerbs and the openings to these have been reduced in size following not just the most recent, but other previous road surface treatments. In the first instance, John Clark is arranging for the fronts of the kerbs to be cleared of soil/debris etc. and for the soakaways they feed into to be cleaned out; this will hopefully at least speed up the natural removal of surface water.

For the longer term, there were two possible solutions:

we could raise the level of the footway; this would not however be possible along most of the section of road concerned because of the existing levels across it - we could end up with the slope going the 'wrong way' and therefore potentially discharging surface water into the front gardens of the properties instead of into the road.
we could replace the wier kerbs with a standard road gully; this is our preferred option, unless we become aware of some other unknown problem when clearing out the debris and soakaways.

The replacement of the wier kerbs, as I mention below, will take a while to have done, possibly 2-3 months, but please be assured we are working on resolving this."

2. Hedge Trimming along New Road (opposite side of the road running between Jubilee Hall and The Milburns)
A response from Keith Thompson following my request to have the hedge cut back:
"Many thanks for the information. This will be inspected to see what needs to be done and if need be, we can arrange for a first letter to the property (addressed to the owner) requesting cutting back of the heage and take it from there.

For your information, following a re-organisation of my Engineer's areas in Test Valley, your Parish is now covered by John Clark and we're hoping to be able to meet with yourself and the Chair in the not-too-distant future for a general introduction/catch-up and to discuss any issues you may have.

3. HCC Webhosting
After discussing our existing website arrangements with Kath Davis, it seems that our existing website uses more capacity than the amount available to us as part of the 'free 'package from HCC. The Parish Council would have to pay a fee to HCC in order to have the same level of service we have currently.

4. Annual Playground Inspection
I have attached the annual playground inspection report as a separate document. Please could you review, as there are several minor issues which the Parish Council may wish for me to address.

5. Laurel hedging on footpath behind waterworks
I have received an email from a parishioner regarding the planting of a laurel hedge on the footpath behind the waterworks which borders a section of the field which lies between New Road and Stockbridge Road.. I have attached a photograph to illustrate. The concern is that the hedge may have been planted within the footpath boundary and therefore will cause an obstruction as it grows. I feel that this footpath in general is in desperate need of trimming back, so with Parish Council agreement, I would like to instruct the Lengthsman to proceed with this task. However, due to the fact that he has several tasks to complete in August, I don't think he will be able to get around to this task until September by which time the footpath will be completely impassable. For further discussion?

6. Determinations

12/00898/FULLS
Retrospective application for amendment to planning permission 09/01356/FULLS for the erection of industrial storage building to include an enlargement of the permitted building -
Mobile Tyre Repairs, New Road, Timsbury
Decision: Permission granted

11/02417/FULLS
Single storey rear extension and replacement of asbestos roof tiles with new slates, new detached garage
Site: Corona, New Road, Timsbury
Planning Decision: New Appeal

12/00855/FULLS
Demolition of existing house and erection of four new dwellings on site (amendments to planning permission 11/00945/FULLS) -
Chetwynd, Stockbridge Road, Timsbury
Planning Decision: Permission granted

7. Monthly Financial Summary 11th June 2012 - 21st July 2012

Invoices Paid and cleared	
AA Discos – Jubilee Celebration	(£135.00)
Katie Hardy (Salary & Expenses)	(£394.00)
Katie Hardy (web hosting fee)	(£107.40)
St. Andrew's Church – churchyard maintenance	(£600.00)
St. Mary's Church – churchyard maintenance	(£600.00)
Bob Davis – Jubilee chairs and tablecloths	(£908.22)
Total	**(£2,744.62)**
Payments Received and cleared	
Bank interest on 30 day account (June)	£0.72
Newsletter subscription	£130.00
Total	**£130.72**
Plus Uncleared funds as of 21.07.12	
M&T Sports Club - Jubilee donation	£100.00
Total	**£230.72**
Bank Balances as of 21.07.2012	
Current Account	£2,395.18
30 Day Account	£18,656.40
	£21,051.58
Minus Invoices to be paid as of 21.07.12	
M&T Sports Club - 2nd quarter maintenance fee	(£262.50)
Bob Davis (CG Gazebo)	(£1218.75)
NW Adams – annual playground inspection	(£78.00)
Katie Hardy – Salary & Expenses July 2012	(£451.69)
Katie Hardy – Salary August 2012	(£370.00)
The Studio – newsletter printing	(£269.00)
Total	**(£2,649.94)**

Minus uncashed cheques as of 21.07.2012	
Caroline Roberts (Jubilee tablecloths)	(£54.55)
Michelmersh Silver Band – Jubilee performance	(£350.00)
Minus Alloted project funds	
Gazebo project	(£1,390.79)
Diamond Jubilee Spend	(£116.06)
Total	**(£1,506.85)**
Actual Funds Available as of 21.07.12	**£16,490.24**

21st July 2012
Katie Hardy