MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th September 2012 at 7.30 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury.

Present: Parish Councillors, Mr. Bob Davis (Chairman), Mr. D. Cowling, Mrs. H. Palmer, Mr. P. Clarke , Mr. B. Lucas, HCC Councillor Mr. Andrew Gibson, TVBC Councillor Mr. Tony Ward, Parish Clerk, Mrs. K. Hardy, PCSO Jo Cole and one parishioner.

1. Apologies
Mr. John Rhodes

In opening the meeting, the Chairman stated that he and the Clerk had visited John Rhodes in hospital, following his car accident on Bunny Lane. They found him in good spirits. The Council recorded their best wishes to John and hoped for a speedy recovery.

Action

Open Period

Police Report
PCSO Jo Cole gave an overview of the latest crimes in the rural villages.
Smash and grab car break-ins have been reported outside Awbridge School and at Stoneymarsh car park.
Braishfield Cricket pavilion had a suspected break-in.
Tools were stolen from an outbuilding in Lockerley.
PCSO Cole informed the meeting that there is an opportunity for rural villages to collectively purchase a speed gun at a cost of £3,000. The plan is to train volunteers to use the gun in a bid to slow traffic on country roads. PCSO will provide further details of the scheme as they become available.

Councillor Tony Ward
Mr. Ward requested that any parishioner or councillor comments concerning the proposed Tesco store in Romsey be forwarded to him.

Councillor Andrew Gibson
Hampshire County Councillor, Mr. Andrew Gibson provided an update on developments in the drafting of the Hampshire Waste and Minerals Plan. Cllr. Gibson had informed the Parish Council by email of these developments. This email had not been received prior to the publication of the Agenda but the Chairman determined that the issues raised could be discussed under the 'Correspondence' item. The discussion was therefore carried forward from the Open Period to the Meeting.

Open Period Closed

Item 9 – Correspondence
(Item relating to Cllr Gibson's email re: Michelmersh Brickworks brought forward)

Cllr. Gibson confirmed that a revised draft Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan had been approved by the County Council at a meeting on 20 September. This Plan showed that the School Field and the Hillside Field were now shown as areas of search for brickmaking clay. The Inspector examining the initial Plan had found that Plan not 'sound' since it did not identify sufficient clay reserves to meet the '25 year' requirement.

Cllr Gibson was aware that the Parish Council had objected to the inclusion of these fields in the original draft Plan and he had supported this objection at the Council Meeting when the revised Plan was adopted.

He urged the Parish Council to write to HCC outlining its reasons why these fields should not be included in the plan.

Cllr. Bob Davis stated that the Parish Council had not been officially informed on the amendments or of the consultation period for comments and proposed that a letter of complaint should be sent about the lack of consultation.

It is understood that the revised draft Plan will be subject to consultation during a period of 8 weeks, starting on 15th October, although formal confirmation was awaited.

It was agreed that KH

1. The Clerk submit a letter to HCC's Mr. Stuart Jarvis, cc. Cllr. Ken Thornber, Mr. Mel Kendal, and Mr. Andrew Smith (CEO). The letter would include a complaint about the lack of consultation and a statement that the Parish Council continued to object to the inclusion of these two fields in the Plan. Officers and County Councillors should be invited to view the site to appreciate the potential impact of these fields being used for clay extraction.

2. The Parish Council would convene further meetings to discuss this matter and to agree on a strategy. A Public Meeting would almost certainly be required to inform parishioners and to seek feedback. AG

It was possible that the Parish Council might need to obtain professional advice on planning or legal issues. Cllr. Gibson offered to make enquiries on the Council's behalf to identify appropriate contacts. He also offered to investigate the location of alternative clay reserves. AG

Cllr. Tony Ward offered to research Test Valley Borough Council's position in terms of whether they had been consulted on the Plan revisions and their likely response to planning applications for clay extraction on these sites. TW

Cllr. Gibson left the meeting

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

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th July 2012
Approved.

4. Clerk's report
It was agreed that the Clerk write to HCC Highways about the flooding problem on Haccups Lane. KH
It was agreed that the Clerk produce a standard letter to issue to householders whose hedges need trimming. KH

5. Planning
5.1 Applications

5.1a. 12/01926/FULLS
No objections
5.1b. 12/01810/FULLS
No objections

5.2 Determinations – see Clerk's Report

6. Diamond Jubilee Weekend – allocation of funds and commemorative ideas KH

Expenditure on the Jubilee weekend had been less than anticipated because of income from barbeque tickets, raffle etc. Following some discussion, **it was agreed** that the Parish Council would donate £300 to The Barns Trust and £300 to the Jubilee Hall Committee. These donations were a 'thank-you' for the use of the facilities and furniture over the Jubilee weekend. The remaining funds from the £2000 budgeted would be used to fund some item(s) of 'street furniture' suitably marked to provide a permanent record of the Diamond Jubilee.

It was agreed that Mr. Les Ninnim be asked to replace the bench on New Road (opposite 'Rosarian'), which was installed for the Queen's Silver Jubilee, with the bench he has already refurbished, and to remove the existing bench for repair/ repainting. This would then be placed in a new location (to be decided). BD

It was agreed that the Clerk investigate costs for a new noticeboard to be placed on the verge outside the Jubilee Hall.

7. Adoption of new TVBC's Code of Conduct & Registration of Members' Pecuniary Interests

It was agreed that the Parish Council adopts TVBC's Code of Conduct.

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

Deferred.

9. General Correspondence

Concern has been raised regarding a drain which has been installed on the driveway entrance of Woodlands, Haccups Lane. The concern is that the bank which was temporarily removed during renovation work to the property will now not be reinstated as a result of this drain. KH

It was agreed that the Clerk review the original planning consent to determine if the bank re-instatement was a condition of planning approval.

10. Community Garden Gazebo update

The Gazebo has arrived and Bob Davis to contact volunteers to arrange installation. BD

11. Jubilee Hall Lease update

Councillor Bob Davis informed the meeting that Bells Solicitors are awaiting response from Mr. Nick Bone, Jubilee Hall Committee Chairman with regards to the draft lease.

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 Helen Palmer contact Mr. Ed Pratt to determine the exact boundaries.

13. Meetings to be attended/or attended

Cllrs Cowling, Clarke and Palmer attended the Jubilee Hall Committee Meeting.

Clerk, Katie Hardy is to attend a Lengthsman feedback meeting on 1st October.

14. Chairman's Mandate
Agreed.

15. Agenda items for next month's meeting
Recreation ground car parking improvements

16. Dates of future meetings
24th October, 2012

The meeting closed at 9.30pm
Katie Hardy

Parish Clerk,
27th September 2012

Michelmersh & Timsbury Parish Council
Clerk's Report to PC Meeting of 26th September 2012

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1. Parishioner Concerns – Hedge Trimming

Letter 1.
"1. In Haccups Lane, at a point above Nurses Cottage and near the deregulation sign, in the ditch there is a large pool of water which is overflowing onto the road.

2. Close to the above item there is what appears to be a spring which is throwing up water in the middle of the road.

3. Lower down Haccups Lane, opposite 3 Hilltop Cottages, there is a frequent source of water on the road due possibly to a blocked underground drainage pipe which may need to be relaid in order to solve this particular nuisance."

Letter 2
"Could the Parish Council take the lead and approach the owner of 'The Old Rectory' and ask if the hedge on the corner of New Road and Haccups Lane be cut back. It is coming out rather wide and therefore cars are being parked further into the road, causing some danger when turning left from New Road into Haccups Lane, as I nearly found out to myself last week. The parking of cars so near New Road especially when the builders are there is rather dangerous and maybe against the Highway Code.

With the strong tree growth this year peoples hedges are growing out rather wide - have you come up Haccups Lane recently making cars and lorries cut into the banks on the opposite side. ***A reminder to house owners to cut them back maybe a very good idea"***

The Lengthsman has done a couple of hedge/footpath trimming tasks, however his visits do not seem to be as regular as we may need. The Lengthsman Administrator is arranging a meeting for the participating Parish Councils to discuss how the Lengthsman scheme is being utilised and to discuss areas of improvement. I will attend this meeting on behalf of M&T Parish Council later this month and provide feedback.

Mr. Ben Kington has trimmed back the footpath from New Road by the Waterworks and the path running from A3057 towards St. Andrews Church. The fence bordering this footpath seems to have been pushed back into place and is no longer an obstruction to pedestrians using the pathway.

Please note that the overgrown hedge on the corner of Mannyngham Way has now been trimmed back. However the pavement now exposed is covered in grass which may be considered a slip hazard. **This may need digging up or treating in some way – for discussion.**

2. Playground Swing
Following concern from TVBC's playground inspector that the Kompan basket swing was lose in the ground, Kompan has agreed to add further concrete foundations in a bid to rectify the problem. This should take place in the next couple of weeks.

3. Determinations

12/01129/FULLS
Erection of a 1 no. 4 bedroom one and a half storey detached house and double garage on site of former nursery (amended scheme to Planning Permission 11/02258/FULLS) -
Pinewood House, Stockbridge Road, Timsbury
Decision: Permission granted

2/01139/CLES
Certificate of Lawful Existing Use of Blacksmiths Cottage as a residential dwelling house -
Blacksmiths Cottage , Cranford Farm, Braishfield
Decision: Certificate issued

10/02712/CMAS
Change of Use to retain and extend recycling facility with ancillary development and activities (COUNTY MATTER)
RFSF Recycling, Bunny Lane, Timsbury
Decision: Allowed

12/01203/FULLS
New conservatory, external flue for log burner and alterations to fencing. -
15 Redlands Drive, Upper Timsbury, Romsey
Decision: Permission granted

12/01290/FULLS
Retrospective replacement garage -
Manor Farm Cottage, Manor Farm Lane, Michelmersh
Decision: Permission granted

4. Monthly Financial Summary 21st July 2012 - 20th September 2012

Invoices Paid and cleared		
M&T Sports Club - 2nd quarter maintenance fee		(£262.50)
Bob Davis (CG Gazebo)		(£1225.00)
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)
Caroline Roberts (Jubilee tablecloths)		(£54.55)
Michelmersh Silver Band – Jubilee performance		(£350.00)
Total		**(£3,060.74)**
Payments Received and cleared		
Bank interest on 30 day account	July	£0.72
	August	£0.79
	September	£0.52
Newsletter subscription		£64.00
Total		**£66.03**
Plus Uncleared funds as of 20.09.12		
n/a		
Total		**£00.00**
Bank Balances as of 20.09.12		
Current Account		£4,498.44
30 Day Account		£13,657.71
		£18,156.15
Minus Invoices to be paid as of 20.09.12		
Audit Commission fee		(£342.00)
Ben Kington (hedge trimming)		(£150.00)
Katie Hardy (September Salary & Expenses)		(£399.98)
ICO – Data Protection fee		(£35.00)
SubTotal		**(£926.98)**

Minus uncashed cheques as of 20.09.2012
n/a

Minus Alloted project funds

Gazebo project	(£165.79)
Total	**(£1,092.77)**
Actual Funds Available as of 20.09.12	**£17,063.38**

20th September 2012
Katie Hardy