MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd January 2013 at 7.30 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury.

Present: Parish Councillors, Mr. Bob Davis (Chairman), Mr. D. Cowling, Mr. R. Fitzgerald, Mr. B. Lucas, Mrs. H. Palmer and Parish Clerk, Mrs. K. Hardy
2 members of the public
PCSO Jo Cole

Open Period

Action

PCSO Jo Cole reported no burglaries in the local area. Jo Cole gave a comprehensive overview of a new police initiative, 'Community Speed Watch'. She informed the meeting that further information would be available on 5th February at West Wellow village hall where the project co-ordinators and equipment manufacturers would be in attendance.
Cllr. Ben Lucas stated that he would attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

Robin Goodland asked the Council if the area behind the cricket nets could be cleared, as it was very overgrown and unsightly. Cllr. Bob Davis agreed and stated that he would arrange for the area to be cleared. BD

1. Apologies
Cllr. Tony Ward, Cllr. Andrew Gibson, Mr. P. Clarke and Mr. J. Rhodes

2. Declarations of interest.
Cllr. R. Fitzgerald, Cllr D. Cowling, Cllr. B. Lucas and Cllr R Davis declared a personal interest in any issues regarding the Sports Club.
Cllr D. Cowling declared a personal interest in any issues regarding the Jubilee Hall and a prejudicial interest in the HCC Minerals and Waste Plan.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 6th and 11th December 2012.

Approved.

4. Clerk's Report
It was agreed that the Parish Council subscribe to the CPRE for 2013 at a cost of £29 per annum.
It was agreed that the Parish Council instruct Nick Adams to conduct the annual playground inspection at a cost of £33.50 plus £3.50 per item.

5. Planning
5. Applications

5.1a.12/02717/FULLS
Proposal: Retrospective application for replacement of existing wooden post retaining structure to brick structure.
Site: 1 Casbrook Field, Upper Timsbury, Romsey
No objections were raised

Donald Cowling left the meeting

HCC Minerals and Waste Plan
Cllr. Bob Davis informed the meeting that the Inspector has raised the following questions with regards to determining the soundness of the Minerals and Waste Plan.
The following issues and questions will be discussed at the resumed hearings on 14 March 2013 from 2pm onwards:

"Key Issues:

Whether appropriate provision is made for the steady and adequate supply of clay

1. School House Field: Should there be recognition of the need to ensure protection of water supplies upon restoration of the site? [Environment Agency]

2. Should the term "low level restoration" be clarified? [Environment Agency]

3. Is allocation of the new sites at Michelmersh Brickworks appropriate? Are the related provisions and safeguards appropriate? [Test Valley Borough Council; Southern Planning Ltd; Michelmersh Brick and Tile Co Ltd]"

It was agreed that an additional Parish Council meeting would be held in order for a decision to be made as to whether the questions put forward by the Inspectorate sufficiently take into account the issues raised in the Parish Council's last response to the Minerals and Waste Plan.

It was agreed that Cllr. Bob Davis request the professional opinion of SPP regarding the questions posed and to identify if the Parish Council should make a representation at the next Inspectorate's meeting on 14th March in addition to SPP's representation.

Bob Davis informed the meeting that the Parish Council has until 5th February to make a formal request to attend the meeting and until 18th February to submit a written statement.

Councillor Donald Cowling returned to the meeting

5.2 Determinations
(See Clerk's Report.)

In addition, the Clerk informed the meeting that planning application 12/02318/FULLS was refused.

Bob Davis informed the meeting that Mr. Philip Liddell, Ace Liftaway had contacted him to discuss the concerns the Parish Council had expressed about the adequacy of the noise impact assessment report submitted in support of planning application 10/01992/CMAS.

It was agreed that Bob Davis contact Ace Liftaway and (if appropriate) their Noise Consultants to discuss the possibility of their addressing some of the concerns raised. The Parish Council had not objected to the planning application and appreciated the difficulties faced by Ace Liftaway: they were unable to complete their new building because it was structurally unsound, and rectification could not be carried out because litigation against the designers/contractors was ongoing

BD

6. Financial Matters.
6.1 Current Financial Situation.
See Clerk's report

6.2 Invoices for Payment.
See Clerk's report

6.3 Budget review
It was agreed that the draft budget be adopted for 2013/14.

6.4 Precept setting
Following the budget review, it was agreed that the Precept be increased by £3,500 for the year 2013/14.

7. General Correspondence

M&T Sports Club – Sponsorship Sign

The Sports club were seeking sponsorship and would like to be able to offer potential sponsors the facility to display signs on the pavilion and at the Stockbridge road end of the Recreation Ground. **It was agreed** that the Parish Council supported this suggestion, in principle, but would need to approve the appearance and location of such signs. Planning permission might also be required.

M&T Sports Club - Car Parking Concerns

The Clerk read out correspondence received from the Sports Club with regards to parking concerns on the recreation ground. The Sports Club is concerned that the ground is being damaged by cars and it would like to see a gate installed (paid for by the Parish Council and installed by the Sports Club) to prevent cars from parking on the recreation ground while the ground is repaired.

Cllr. Ben Lucas stated that this would be a good immediate solution to prevent further damage to the ground and with the installation of bollards along Mannyngham Way, it would also serve as a deterrent to unwanted vehicles on the ground throughout the year.

A discussion then followed which raised the question of whether further car parking was actually necessary, as the Jubilee Hall and Hunts Farm Recreation Ground both have parking facilities.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would take the following actions to improve the car parking situation on the recreation ground:

1. The Parish Council will make enquires to TVBC about the possibility of the Sports Club using Hunts Farm's car parking facilities (which would involve some changes to the procedure for locking the site gates) . KH

2. The Parish Council to reconsider Helen Palmer's proposed new parking area on the recreation ground. Cllr. Palmer to obtain quotations for further discussion. HP

3. The Parish Council to initiate communication between the Sports Club and the Jubilee Hall Committee to discuss the logistics of the Club using the Jubilee Hall car park when it was not in use by hirers (although it was pointed out that the Jubilee Hall Committee had already agreed to this) BD

BD

8. Community Garden Gazebo update
No update – Bob Davis to discuss with volunteers this month.

9. Jubilee Hall Lease update
Deferred

10. Recreation ground car parking
See Item 7

11.Jubilee Noticeboard

Deferred

12. Meetings attended or to be attended
Cllr. Ben Lucas to attend the Community Speed Watch meeting on 2nd February. BL

13. Chairman's Mandate
Agreed.

14. Agenda items for next month's meeting
Recreation ground car parking plans and quotes

15. Dates of future meetings
27th February 2013

The meeting closed at 9.30pm
Katie Hardy

Parish Clerk,
30th January 2013

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Clerk's Report to PC Meeting of 23rd January 2013

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1. Lengthsman Tasks
I have requested 8 hours of Lengthsman time for February. Depending on if ditches are waterlogged, I have suggested he clears out any debris and rubbish. If there is a specific ditch/task you would like him to address, please let me know so that I can direct him accordingly.

2. Freedom of Information Act Scheme Policy
I have reviewed Michelmersh & Timsbury Parish Council's Freedom of Information Act Scheme Policy. I have amended the Clerk details and added where appropriate that certain information is now available via the village website. I attach the amended document for your comments. Once approved, the Policy will be available via the village website.

3. VAT Recovered
I have submitted VAT rebates of £1,244.26 and £848.00 on behalf of the Parish Council.

4. Tree Maintenance
Mr. Clive Jones has confirmed that he will top and trim the hedge which borders the recreation ground and the cycle path on the A3057 before the end of January.
James Parker (Awbridge Arborist) is scheduled to top and trim the trees on the playground on 22nd January.

5. Telephone Box Glass
ER Wright & son have now replaced the broken window pane in the telephone box at the top of New Road. I await their invoice.

6. Darcy Construction
Correspondence was sent to Darcy Construction by the Parish Council requesting information with regards to restoring the bank bordering the access route to Woodlands and Haccups Lane. To date, a written response has not been received.

7. Determinations
12/02331/FULLS
Proposed two storey side extension, side porch + internal alterations -
Hill Farm Barn, Rudd Lane, Upper Timsbury
Decision: Permission granted

12/02457/FULLS
Demolish existing brick-built flat-roofed single story garage on boundary of property. Replace with log cabin of 29 sq m having dual pitch roof to serve as garden room and workshop. -
Riverdance, Stockbridge Road, Timsbury
Decision: Permission granted

12/02286/FULLS
Two storey side extension -
East Cottage, Hill View Road, Michelmersh
Decision: Permission granted

8. Monthly Financial Summary 28th November 2012 – 17th January 2013

Invoices Paid and cleared as of 17.01.13		
5 Star Cleaning – grass cutting		(£72.00)
Katie Hardy – Salary & Expenses (Nov)		(£370.00)
Total		**(£372.00)**
Payments Received and cleared as of 17.01.13		
Bank interest on 30 day account	December	£00.58
Mug sales		£42.00
Newsletter sponsorship		£90.00
Total		**£132.58**
Plus Uncleared funds as of 17.01.13		
n/a		
Total		**£00.00**
Bank Balances as of 17.01.13		
Current Account		£6,814.36
30 Day Account		£13,659.41
Total		**£20,473.77**
Minus Invoices to be paid as of 17.01.13		
The Studio - Newsletter printing		(£180.50)
Katie Hardy – December 2012 salary & expenses		(£370.00)
Katie Hardy – January 2013 salary & expenses		(£396.25)
SPP – Minerals and Waste Plan consultation fee		(£2,671.67)
SPP – Gypsy site planning application consultation fee		(£2,416.32)
Awbridge Arborist – tree works		(£300.00)
Clive Jones – hedge trimming		(£120.00)
Total		**(£6,454.74)**
Minus uncashed cheques as of 17.01.13		
n/a		
Minus Alloted project funds		
Gazebo project		(£165.79)
ER Wright – glazing		(£90.00)
Total		**(£255.79)**
Actual Funds Available as of 17.01.13		**£13,763.24**

18th January 2013
Katie Hardy