MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 30th 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

Action

Open Period

Mr. John Lawson, parishioner, asked what was the Parish Council's objective in making further representations to the resumed Public Hearing on the revised HCC Minerals and Waste Plan.

Cllr. Bob Davis stated that the Parish Council would like all the options to be fully explored so that the village can make an informed decision on what is the best option with for the Brickworks to obtain a clay supply.
Mr. John Lawson sought clarification on whether the Parish Council wants School and Hill View fields to be removed from any future amended plan.
Cllr. Bob Davis stated that this was not the case: if/when all the options have been fully explored, with the necessary safeguards in place, it may be that extracting clay from these two sites will prove the 'least bad' option for the village.
Mr. John Lawson agreed that all options should be considered, but he also warned that by objecting to these two fields at this stage, the fields may be removed from the Plan and other sites designated, which might lead to greater adverse impact on the village. He urged the Parish Council to clarify its position on the two designated fields in its representation to the Hearing on 14th March 2013.

1. Apologies
Mr. P. Clarke and Mr. J. Rhodes

2. Declarations of interest.
Cllr D. Cowling declared a prejudicial interest in the HCC Minerals and Waste Plan.

Donald Cowling left the meeting

3. HCC Minerals and Waste Plan
Cllr. Bob Davis read out the following questions from the note from the Planning Inspectorate, which sets out the scope of the resumed Hearing:

"Key Issues:

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

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

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

34. 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]"

Cllr. Bob Davis reported that he had spoken with Mr. Ian Donohue, SPP Consultant and asked if the questions above sufficiently take into account all the issues the Parish Council might wish to raise at the Hearing, since the discussion at the Hearing would be limited to the issues listed above. It was agreed that the scope and wording of (34) was sufficiently broad cover all relevant issues.

It was agreed that:

SPP would be asked to attend the Hearing and make further representations on behalf of the Parish Council, provided that the fee was limited to £1000 and subject to their being sufficient funds available under Section 137. BD/KH

The Parish Council would ask to be invited to make representations at the Hearing to provide a 'village' view and with the expectation that this would enable SPP's fee to be kept to a minimum

The Parish Council obtain a quotation for SPP to provide the following services:

1. Confirm with Wendy Andrews (HCC) SPP's attendance and its submission of a statement

2. Amend SPP original letter and add in any points the Parish Council identify from the EA and TVBC to form the Hearing Statement.

3. Attend the Hearing.

Open Period Re-opened

Mr. Andrew Archibald, parishioner, asked if anyone can speak or submit a representation, as he is particularly concerned about the potential infilling post clay extraction.

Cllr. Helen Palmer stated that this was an issue which the Inspector has raised as an issue to be addressed, however Cllr. Palmer stressed that this level of detail may not be a realistic consideration at this level of policy - infilling and other considerations may not be considered relevant until the process reaches the planning application stage.
Cllr. Palmer agreed that this is a fundamental issue and one that should be covered by the Parish Council's representation.

Mr. John Lawson shared with the meeting the Environment Agency's Representation that it supports the current site allocation as this option minimises the impact on Source Protection Zone One. The EA would object to the import of infill materials (except for small quantities of topsoil) following excavation of School Fields or Hill View Fields (which means that these sites would have to be restored at 'low level').
Cllr. Helen Palmer reiterated that a restriction on infilling would be a significant factor since low-level restoration would significantly and permanently change the local land form. It was agreed that this issue be included in SPP's or/and the Parish Council's representation.

Open Period Closed

Donald Cowling returned to the Meeting

4. Planning
a) 13/00132/FULLS
Proposal: Proposed two storey side extension, side porch & internal alterations (revised application to planning permission 12/02331/FULLS)
Site: The Barn, Hill Farm House, Rudd Lane, Upper Timsbury
No objections were raised

Chairman's Mandate: Agreed

The meeting closed at 8.20pm
Katie Hardy

Parish Clerk,
4th February 2013