MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd April 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury.

Present:
Parish Councillors: Chairman, Cllr. R. Davis, Cllr. D. Cowling, Cllr. Rory Fitzgerald, , Cllr. P. Clarke, Cllr. H. Palmer, TVBC Cllr. Tony Ward, HCC Cllr. Andrew Gibson & Parish Clerk, Katie Hardy

3 members of the public

1. Apologies
Cllr. Ben Lucas, Cllr. John Rhodes

2. Declarations of interest.

Cllr. R. Davis declared an interest in any issues regarding the Sports Club, as they are members of the Sports Club.
Cllr. R. Fitzgerald declared an interest in any issues regarding the Sports Club as he lives adjacent to the sports ground.
Cllr D. Cowling and Cllr. P. Clarke declared an interest in any issues regarding the Jubilee Hall, as they are members of the Jubilee Hall Committee.
Cllr D. Cowling declared an interest in any issues regarding the Brickworks, as he lives adjacent to School Field – a potential clay extraction site.

3. Open Period

Cllr. Tony Ward:
Brickworks Open House
Cllr. Ward informed the meeting that he attended the Open House meeting at the Brickworks. Cllr. Ward stated that he had urged the Brickworks to publish the public's comments with regards to the proposed planning applications to the Parish Council.
Housing Needs Survey
Cllr. Ward urged the Council to provide a list of questions/concerns regarding a Housing Needs Survey so that he can address any points requiring clarification. Cllr. Bob Davis said that he would produce a list and circulate to other councillors for comment before issuing to Cllr. Ward.
Annual Parish Meeting
Cllr. Ward stated that he would be able to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 19th May.
Cycle Way
Cllr. Gibson stated that there are plans to extend the cycle path through Goodworth Clatford, however he could not confirm when this would be built.

Cllr. Andrew Gibson
Broadband
Cllr. Rory Fitzgerald asked Cllr. Gibson if you could obtain clarification if M&T was in the 95% catchment area for the Rural Broadband roll out. Cllr. Gibson informed the meeting that he is to meet with Mr. Mel Kendal tomorrow and will report back to the Parish Council following this meeting.
Lengthsman Scheme
Cllr. Gibson informed the meeting that he intends to extend the Lengthsman Scheme to include ditch clearances and repairs.
(Cllr. Gibson's newsletter attached).

Mr. Michael Woodhall, Waltet Representative
Mr. Woodhall wanted to remind the Parish Council of the Waltet Community Fund. The Fund will sponsor a local project to the value of £250.
Cllr. Helen Palmer stated that the noise was still audible from the recycling plant (Bunny Lane) from Rudd Lane, Timsbury.
Cllr. Palmer also stated that it would be beneficial to erect footpath signage on the new footpath from Rudd Lane to Bunny Lane (across the ex-landfill site)
Mr. Woodhall stated that he would pass that suggestion on to RF Salvidge.

Mr. Phipp, Parishioner
Mr. Phipp stated that he would like an update on the Solar Farm proposal. Cllr. Bob Davis informed Mr. Phipp that the Solar Company had attended a Parish Council meeting on 7th April to discuss it's proposals.
The Clerk provided Mr. Phipp with a copy of the minutes from that meeting.
Cllr. Davis informed Mr. Phipp that the Solar Company had agreed to forward any documentation relating to the proposed planning application on to the Parish Council prior to being submitted to TVBC. Cllr. Clark stated that a public meeting would be called once a formal planning application has been received.

Cllrs Ward and Gibson, Mr. Woodhall, and Mr. Phipp left the meeting

Open Period Closed

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 26th March and 7th April 2014
Approved.

5. Clerk's Report

Patio & Balustrades
It was agreed that Richard Wheeler replace the Sports Pavilion balustrades and wooden framework at a cost of £700 (labour) plus £284 + VAT (materials)
It was also agreed that he 'make good' the patio in front of the Pavilion by replacing any cracked flag stones and removing any trip hazards at a cost of £280 (labour) plus £100 (materials) — KH

Recreation Ground Car park
The clerk confirmed that £941 of Section 106 monies had been received from TVBC for the recreation ground bollard project.
It was agreed that subject to formal confirmation from TVBC of Section 106 monies, the Clerk would instruct A&M Hardy to install the grass matting on the first section of the recreation ground car park at a cost of £2475.40 (including VAT) — KH

Website
The clerk informed the meeting that she is to meet with a local web designer tomorrow to discuss the new website design. — KH

Recreation Ground Gate
It was agreed that the clerk place an order for a wooden gate to be installed in the opening between the recreation ground and Hunts Farm woodland at a cost of £245 + VAT. — KH

Playground Inspections
It was agreed that the clerk would instruct TVBC to complete a quarterly playground inspection in place of a monthly inspection. **It was also agreed** that the clerk and councillors would check the area for general appearance and safety on a fortnightly basis. — KH
It was also agreed to erect a sign with the clerk's contact details for the public to report any damage

to the playground.

6. Governance

Cllr. Bob Davis thanked Mr. John Lawson (parishioner) for producing the Governance report for the Parish Council.

Cllr. Davis stated that he thought the Parish Council complied with the majority of points the report covered and that the Parish Council would continue to work on other points and discuss any further actions as part of a rolling review of Policies and Procedures as/when required.

Open Period Re-opened

Mr. John Lawson stated that he had invited any comments/questions with regards to the report, however to date he has not receive any communication from councillors.

Cllr. Davis stated that he had put together his own comments and would be happy to meet with Mr. Lawson to discuss further.

BD

Open Period closed

7. Planning

7.1 Applications

7.1a. 14/00730/FULLS

Proposal: Single storey rear extension
Site: 6 Tilebourne Close, Upper Timsbury, Romsey
Decision: No objection

7.1b. 14/00718/FULLS

Proposal: Installation of tennis court and 2.7m high fencing to east and west sides of tennis court
Site: Mayfly Cottage, Manor Lane, Timsbury, Romsey
Decision: No objection

7.1c. 14/00786/TREES

Proposal: 1xYew – Crown reduction to 8.5m high and crown lifting by approx.. 1m
Site: The Elms, Haccups Lane, Michelmersh
Decision: No objection

7.1d. 14/00598/FULLS

Proposal: Erection of conservatory at rear
Site: Oak Haven, Haccups Lane, Michelmersh
Decision: No objection

7.2 Determinations (see Clerk's Report)

7.3b Other –Solar Farm & Brickworks

Solar Farm

It was agreed that the Council would await the planning application and continue to obtain feedback from residents.

Michelmersh Brickworks

Chairman, Bob Davis stated that the Brickworks had not yet submitted an application and that they would provide a CD of all the relevant supporting documents for public view at that time. Cllr. Davis stated that as previously agreed, a public meeting would be held once a formal planning application has been submitted.

8. Financial Matters.

8.1 Current Financial Situation.
See Clerk's report

8.2 Invoices for Payment.
See Clerk's report

9. General Correspondence

It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate via email the article in the CPRE newsletter regarding Solar Farms to the Parish Councillors. KH

10. Village Improvements

Flag Pole repairs

It was agreed that the necessary flag pole repairs could now be carried out as the flood lights have been taken down. BD/DC/ PC

Benches

Cllr. Bob Davis informed the meeting that he has instructed Mr. Les Ninnim to replace the broken bench at the bottom of New Road with the one he has recently repaired at a cost of £150

11. Recreation Ground

See item 5 (Clerk's Report)

12. Meetings attended or to be attended

TVBC Cllr. Tony Ward, Cllr. Donald Cowling and Cllr. Bob Davis attended the Brickworks Public Exhibition – 11th April (2pm – 7.30pm) & 12th April (9.30am – 12.30pm).

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7pm on 19th May 2014

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 8pm on 19th May 2014

It was agreed to ask Mr. Glenn Peacey (HCC Rural Broadband) and Mr. Tim Ellison (Community Heartbeat) to give a brief presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting. KH

13. Chairman's Mandate

Agreed.

14. Agenda items for next month's meeting

Website design update-Clerk's report

Governance update – including agreement of revised FOI and Financial Risk Assessment

AED purchase update

15. Dates of future meetings

Parish Council meeting – May 19th & May 28th2014

The meeting closed at 10pm

Katie Hardy

Parish Clerk,

28th April 2014

Hampshire County Councillor Report - April, 2014.

Andrew Gibson,

Hampshire County Councillor

Test Valley Central

The Economic Situation

This has been a tough year and the next 12 months look even tougher with the target of another £90M of cuts by March 2015.

While HCC has a turnover of £1.75Billion, much of the money flows through HCC and we do not have control of how it is spent, hence £90M is a significant sum of money to cut form the budget. HCC is however very well run and despite a number of years of cuts we believe that front line services have not been significantly affected.

Despite the cuts Hampshire County Council has managed to continue with an invest of £149M in new schools and extensions to others to meet the increasing number of children of school age within Hampshire.

Additionally Hampshire County Council(HCC) has frozen the Council Tax for a fifth consecutive year.

Flooding *Hampshire County Council rising to the challenge but counting the cost of keeping people, property and highways safe*

Sixty eight and a half million pounds - that's the estimated potential cost to Hampshire County Council of its response and recovery operation in the aftermath of this winter's flooding.

The impact of the most significant rainfall for 250 years and the scale of the measures taken to protect life and property are in a report to be discussed by the Council's Cabinet on 14 April 2014.

The longer term capital costs of remedial work to damaged highways, at more than 300 locations and flood and coastal defense works, to avoid future flooding in badly affected areas, is estimated to be about £63M. The cost of the emergency response including sandbagging, tree clearing and clean-up costs, adds up to a further £5million.

The multi-agency response, overseen by the Local Resilience Forum in Hampshire, has been praised by Government for the way agencies worked together and for the outcomes that were achieved in very difficult circumstances. A major part of the County Council's contribution was keeping highways safe and open. This included:

- **100 council staff and 200 contractors** on deployment around the clock, putting in place preventative and mitigation measures
- **354 weeks, or 13,127 hours** of highways' staff's time spend on responding to and dealing with the aftermath
- **1,000 fallen trees** removed from roads
- **22,000 reports and requests for help** from the public over the two months, more than three times the average.
- **160 tonnes of crushed concrete** used to build a temporary elevated road at Andover Road, Winchester in just 72 hours
- **80 investigations** into floods, with engineering advice, temporary schemes and water diversions and advice to property owners and businesses to protect their homes and possessions
- **33 detailed bids** for funding to the Environment Agency's Regional Flood and Coastal Committee for future flood risk management researched and prepared
- **Over 70,000 sandbags** deployed on highways across the county

The detailed report from the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment and the Head of Finance, outlines the huge multi-agency efforts in a number of areas that suffered the worst of the flooding and the emerging financial consequences. Very different scenarios existed, requiring different types of response - from a violent coastal storm in Milford on Sea, to high groundwater levels flooding properties, overwhelming the sewers in Basingstoke and Test Valley, to river flooding threatening properties in Winchester, Romsey and Fordingbridge.

Work with district councils to evacuate properties and set up rest centres, checks on vulnerable residents by social services and the distribution of Public Health advice around issues such as contaminated water are highlighted. The report also refers to the recycling or disposal of a high volume of wood panels, fencing and other storm damaged materials and the work to help people dispose of their sandbags.

It is anticipated that the Council will be making a Bellwin claim to the Government for between £3.5million to £4.5million, for the cost of the emergency response.

An £11.5million grant for highways works has been received from Government, which is about a third of the estimated cost of repairs to damaged highways.

Getting the £11.5million is a really helpful first- step from Government and we'll be bidding for more resources, bearing in mind we estimate that another £25million, or more, is needed to fix damaged roads alone.

We are committed to continuing to fund an enhanced maintenance programme to improve the resilience of our 5,000 miles of roads, which, together with resources we are planning to spend in the recent budget, is testimony to the importance we attach to investing in Hampshire.

We do however need to have a ditching strategy to ensure that villages are prepared for the future

Best regards

Andrew Gibson

Michelmersh & Timsbury Parish Council

Clerk's Report to PC Meeting of 23rd April 2014

1. Recreation Ground Issues

Pavilion Patio

As previously circulated, I have received a quote from Matt Hardy (A&M Hardy Construction) for the patio work at the Sports Pavilion.

Richard Wheeler (Lengthsman) is happy to quote for repairing the existing patio and removing the trip hazards, however he does not feel in a position to excavate and relay the whole area. Ben Kington (local contractor) has provided a quote for re-laying the patio however I am still awaiting a quote for replacing the balustrades.

Section 106 Funding

I am pleased to report that we have received £941 from TVBC for the car parking bollards on the recreation ground.

2. Lengthsman Tasks

Richard has painted the car parking lines on the Jubilee Hall car park. In May he will be stringing the last section of wire in the Copse, as the wooded barrier has now been cleared. He will also clear the ditch which is causing some flooding on Rudd Lane by the footpath opposite 'Blundells'. As part of the Parish Council's Pocket Park tidy-up, Richard will also install a wooden gate in the opening between the cricket pitch and Hunts farm woodland. (subject to funds being agreed at Wednesday's meeting).

3. Determinations

14/00528/TREES

Carry out various tree works as described in application. -
Michelmersh Court And St Mary's Church, Church Road, Michelmersh
Decision: No objection

4. Parish Matters

Housing Needs Survey

I have received the following update from Catherine Kirkham - HARAH

The parish explained that you are currently not interested in an affordable housing scheme but more interested in low cost home ownership and accommodation for downsizers. I have spoken to Hyde Housing Group and there may be an option for them to develop a scheme consisting of shared ownership and properties for downsizers. I was wondering whether we could have a chat about this to find out a little more about the type of scheme the parish wants. We would need to conduct a housing need survey as we would need validation of local demand and community support for this type of accommodation before going ahead and looking at sites.

Thanks,

Catherine Kirkham

Rural Housing Enabler

Playground Inspections

I have received the following information from Mr. Peter Storey – Clerk to Kings Somborne Parish Council –

I have weekly inspections undertaken by nominated councillors as I have three separate play areas around the Parish; the big one being done by a councillor who is an engineer which helps. They complete an inspection form and I attach an example. I also do casual inspections when out and about just passing an eye over the equipment for anything obvious.

Nearly all of our play equipment is less than two years old so we only have a qualified inspection annually. This is undertaken by Safe Play Zones, tel number 07577 336427 e-mail info @safeplayzones.co.uk. Kevin Joyce is a RPII registered inspector and charges me £160 in total. He produces comprehensive reports supported by photographic evidence after each visit and I would recommend him.

Defibrillator Funding

I have completed the TVBC Cllr Community Funding application for £500 towards to the agreed purchase of the defibrillator unit. I hope to hear back shortly from Cllr. Ward.

5. Monthly Financial Summary

Monthly Financial Report
20th March - 20th April 2014

Invoices Paid and cleared		
K.Hardy	March salary & expenses	£428.97
TVBC	Pocket park rent	£14.83
TVBC	Playground inspections	£631.15
TVBC	Dog bin emptying	£496.08
NALC	Reference book	£54.99
M&T Jubilee Hall	Room hire	£24.00
	Total	**£1,650.02**
Income		
Lloyds TSB	Bank interest April 2014	£0.36
	Total	**£0.36**
Bank Balances		
Lloyds TSB	Current Account	£8,229.35
Lloyds TSB	30 Day Savings Account	£8,665.31
	Total	**£16,894.66**
Plus Uncleared funds		
Newsletter subscriptions		£40.00
TVBC	Precept	£7,750.00
TVBC	Section 106 funding for parking bollards	£914.80
	Total	**£8,704.80**
Minus invoices for payment		
K.Hardy	Salary & Expenses April 2014	£370.00
5 Star Cleaning	Grass cutting	£72.00
The Studio	Newsletter printing	£183.24
	Total	**£625.24**
Minus uncashed cheques		
n/a		**£0.00**
Minus alloted project funds		
n/a		**£0.00**
Actual Funds available as of		
20/04/14	Total	**£24,974.22**