

MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th February 2014
at 7.30 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury.**

Present:

Parish Councillors: Chairman, Cllr. R. Davis, Cllr. D. Cowling, Cllr. B. Lucas, , Cllr. Rory Fitzgerald, Cllr. J. Rhodes, TVBC Cllr. Tony Ward & Parish Clerk, Katie Hardy

PC Vernon Gook

1 member of the public

1. Apologies

Cllr. Andrew Gibson, Cllr. P Clarke & Cllr. H. Palmer

2. Declarations of interest.

Cllr. R. Davis, Cllr. B. Lucas and Cllr. J. Rhodes 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 declared an interest in any issues regarding the Jubilee Hall, as he is a member 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.

Cllr D. Cowling declared an interest in any issues regarding planning application 14/00182/FULLS, as the application is for a neighbouring property.

3. Open Period

PC Vernon Gook:

Police Update

PC Vernon Gook gave a brief overview of recent police activities. PC Gook explained how the police force had been involved with the recent flood management in Romsey. PC Gook was pleased to report that the number of burglaries is currently very low, as are diesel and heating oil thefts.

Cllr. Tony Ward:

Additional Football Pitch

Cllr. Ward informed the Parish Council that TVBC would not consider entering into a long term lease for pitch 7 on Hunts Farm recreation ground with M&T Sports Club, or any other organisation. In order to make the pitch into a full size pitch with adequate drainage, Cllr. Ward stated that drainage consultants have informed TVBC that this would cost in the region of £45k. He informed the Council that TVBC would provide the Sports Club with a final response by the end of March 2014.

Housing Needs Survey

Cllr. Ward strongly advised the Parish Council to conduct a Housing Needs Survey.

Following the circulation by the Clerk of the Stockbridge Section 106 Affordable Housing Agreement, Cllr. Bob Davis and Cllr. Rory Fitzgerald highlighted some concerns with regards to tenant eligibility for affordable rural housing.

Cllr. Ward requested the Council submit to him a list of the main concerns in a bid to help address them. He also suggested the Council speak to Broughton Parish Council who is currently

undertaking a Housing Needs Survey.

Cllr. Ward suggested that an alternative would be for the Parish Council to liaise directly with property developers who specialise in building smaller properties and to local landowners who may be willing to have smaller developments built on their land.

It was agreed that the item remain on the agenda in order to review any new information as it becomes available.

Parishioner, John Lawson:

Governance

Parishioner, John Lawson informed the Parish Council that he has produced a draft document which has been reviewed by the Clerk. Mr. Lawson and Katie Hardy agree that the content of the document is sound, however the structure needs slight revisions. Mr. Lawson stated that he would work with the Clerk to produce a revised document for submission in time for March's Parish Council meeting.

Bridle View Appeal

Mr. Lawson also passed on his thanks on behalf of many residents to Bob Davis for his continued support and dedication in representing the views of the Council and the village during the Bridle View planning appeal. These sentiments were seconded by other members of the council.

Solar Farm

Mr. Lawson also asked that the traffic implications of the proposed solar farm at Michelmersh Farm be discussed later in the meeting.

Katie Hardy

Road Signage

Katie Hardy spoke on behalf of the Casbrook residents to request the support of the Parish Council if the residents should request HCC Highways to consider moving the national speed limit signs from their current location on Rudd Lane to beyond the 'T' junction leading to the Casbrook estate. Mrs Hardy also asked if the Parish Council would support any forthcoming request from the residents to HCC Highways to erect a 'no through road' sign in a bid to prevent cars from attempting to access Hunts Farm playing fields via the estate.

The Parish Council agreed to write in support of such a request, upon receipt of a written proposal submitted by the Casbrook residents.

Open Period Closed

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd January 2014

Approved.

5. Clerk's Report

Recreation Ground Padlock

It was agreed that the Parish Council purchase a replacement padlock for the recreation ground gate.

KH

Recreation Ground Car park

The clerk reported that TVBC has agreed to consider the recreation ground bollard project for retrospective Section 106 funding. TVBC has also stated that the re-surfacing project is also eligible for funding. However, the maintenance work to improve the patio area and balustrades on the

pavilion is not eligible.

It was agreed that the Clerk pursue additional quotes for the patio and submit a combined price for both patio and balustrades at March's Parish Council meeting.

KH

6. Planning

6.1 Applications

6.1a. 14/00182/FULLS

Proposal: Erection of oak framed orangery extension

Site: Smallberry Hill, Haccups Lane, Michelmersh, Romsey

Decision: No objection

6.1b. 14/00084/FULLS

Proposal: New pitched roof leading to an increase in roof height with dormers windows to provide 2no. Bedrooms and 2no. Bathrooms to first floor

Site: Chalefont, Stockbridge Road, Kimbridge, Romsey

Decision: No objection

6.1c. 14/00389/FULLS

Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension to provide kitchen, family area, utility and wc with 2 bedrooms and bathroom above

Site: Nursery House, Stockbridge Road, Timsbury, Romsey

Decision: **It was agreed** that the Clerk would enquire as to whether the property has an agricultural tie before submitting any representation.

6.2 Determinations (see Clerk's Report)

Cllr. Donald Cowling requested that he stay to hear the briefing notes from the Brickworks meeting. Cllr. Bob Davis granted permission. Once the briefing notes had been read, Cllr. Cowling left the meeting,

6.3a Other – Michelmersh Brickworks – Scoping Study

Chairman, Cllr. Bob Davis and Vice Chairman, Cllr. John Rhodes attended a meeting at Michelmersh Brickworks to discuss the Brickworks future clay extraction plans.

The following are notes taken by both Councillors at the meeting held on 28th January 2014:

Notes on meeting at Michelmersh Brickworks - 28 January 2014

R Davis, John Rhodes
M Warner, P Freeman, Tim Barrett (MBH)

MBH intend to submit a planning application to HCC in the next 2-3 months to extract clay from School Field and Hillside Field. These areas are now identified in the new Minerals and Waste Plan now adopted by HCC.

Main proposals (as covered in the Scoping Document) are:

School Field to be extracted and restored at low level within a 6-month period in 2015-16. Extracted clay to be stored at site of additional workings and then moved to main site stockpile on a campaign basis (i.e. 2 weeks per year). Existing working site then fully restored. Hillside Field to be worked on a campaign basis (2 weeks per year) from 2020 – 2032/5. Partial restoration as working proceeds, final restoration to low level. Presumption that brickworks would then close.

Points raised:

PC: Use of existing extraction site for storing School Field clay will extend the working period for the existing site to 2020. The current planning permission expires in 2015. This would need to be extended and residents adjoining the site would experience any adverse effects (although no major problems known) for further period. Rapid extraction beneficial/preferable for School Field neighbours, potentially adverse for neighbours of existing working site.

MBH agreed to speak with neighbours of existing site to determine whether this would be a concern for them. Should the PC consult also?

PC: Although rapid restoration of School Field and restoring both fields at low level, likely to be preferable in terms of disruption, restoration to the original level would be preferred in terms of preserving landscape character. Potential objection from Southern Water about importing fill materials, although uncertain whether this is an absolute 'no'. Importing fill would mean extending the restoration period and create significant additional HGV traffic, dust etc. Questioned whether a temporary haul road could be constructed off the A3057 (or Staff Road) to the site to avoid Hill View Road. Not favoured – cost and need for landowner's consent.

MBH would provide information on implications of restoring back to existing level – timescales, numbers of vehicle movements and clarify situation re: Southern Water.

PC: Residents close to the proposed workings were concerned about ground stability and the potential for building damage. Suggested that residents be funded to instruct structural surveyors to carry out surveys before, during and after work completion. Potential compensation not discussed, however.

MBH thought this a 'good idea' and would consider.

Other points:

Preservation of tree screen between main site and both fields recognised as important. Planting plans for eastern boundaries to be developed.

Further Action

PC/residents to request from MBH any further information required and inform MBH of any further concerns and issues. MBH would respond, either directly or in their planning application.

MBH will arrange a public meeting/exhibition in March (Jubilee Hall suggested) to explain the proposals and answer questions.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would take no formal action until after the Brickworks Public Meeting in March.

It was agreed however, that Cllr. Davis would contact the potentially affected residents on Hill View Road to identify any concerns they may have with regards to the Brickworks continuing to utilise the existing site while School Field is being excavated - consequently delaying the existing site being infilled.

Cllr. Cowling returned to the meeting

6.3b Other – Michelmersh Farm – Solar Farm

Cllr. Bob Davis attended the Solar Farm presentation and stated that most people seemed to be quite neutral about the proposal. The closest neighbours to the proposed sites, however, objected on the grounds of the potential visual impact of the solar panels from their properties.

It is estimated that the traffic movements would be approximately 12 per day for a period of 6/8 weeks during construction. Once the site is finished, traffic movements will reduce to 2/4 per week for deliveries.

It was agreed that no formal decision be taken by the Council until after a planning application has been submitted.

7. Financial Matters.

7.1 Current Financial Situation.

See Clerk's report

7.2 Invoices for Payment.

See Clerk's report

8. General Correspondence

Passenger Transport Forum Meeting – 3rd March

Cllr. Tony Ward stated that he would ask the Stockbridge Parish Clerk to pass on any notes from this meeting to M&T Parish Council.

TW

TVBC Revised Local Plan – Consultation

It was agreed that the Council would review the document and submit any comments to Cllr. Bob Davis prior to the submission deadline of 3rd March 2014.

BD

It was agreed that the Parish Council would reiterate its position that both the village and Hunts Farm recreation grounds should not be included within the settlement boundary.

9. Village Improvements

Millenium Sign

It was agreed that the existing sign be taken down by Cllrs. Bob Davis and Donald Cowling.

BD/DC

It was agreed that the existing sign be cleaned and renovated and hung in the Jubilee Hall.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider a metal sign to replace the wooden one. The clerk to research potential design ideas.

KH

It was agreed that the idea of a Village Logo/ Sign competition be floated at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

Ditches

It was agreed that Cllr. Bob Davis would conduct a tour of the village with Mr. Brian Raines who has expressed concern over the inadequacy of several ditches following the recent wet weather. Cllr. Bob Davis will report back next meeting with any subsequent action points.

BD

10. Recreation Ground

It was agreed that the Parish Council would wait until after TVBC has responded to the Sports club request to extend Pitch 7 on Hunts Farm recreation ground by the end of March 2014, before making any comment regarding the broken support poles (A3057 protective net) which have sheared and collapsed over the pitch during the recent high winds.

13. Meetings attended or to be attended

Brickworks meeting – already minuted

14. Chairman's Mandate

Agreed.

15. Agenda items for next month's meeting

Flagpole repair update

Village sign update

Website design update

Bench repairs update

Housing Needs Survey update

Pocket Park fencing update

16. Dates of future meetings

Parish Council meeting – March 26th 2014

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Katie Hardy

Parish Clerk,

27th February 2014

Michelmersh & Timsbury Parish Council

Clerk's Report to PC Meeting of 26th February 2014

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1. Recreation Ground Issues

Car Parking matting

I have received additional information with regards to the quotation supplied by A&M Hardy (attached) for the recreation ground car parking re-surfacing:

'Glad to hear quote was well received. Answers to your questions below

The base will be fully excavated then laid with Geotextile, New granular sub-base (lets water through whilst remaining solid), Sharp sand blinding to bed crates (staked down around border), Fine topsoil levelled & compacted to the top of new crates, Grass seeded!

The tree stump will be excavated out with digger and backfilled with compacted layers of granular sub-base (as above) we tend to find that if we just grind the top of the stump in time tends to rot out resulting in a dip!

The edges will be staked to secure as explained above!'

Pavilion Patio

I have asked Steve to provide a quote for re-laying the existing patio and replacing any/all broken slabs. I am awaiting a response.

Pavilion Balustrades & Wood Treatment

Richard Wheeler has provided labour quotes for the following:

Replacing missing balustrades only	£280
Replacing all balustrades and wooden framework	£700
Painting pavilion and sanding & painting window frames	£420

I am awaiting a list of materials required for the job from Richard. Once received, I will obtain quotes from Totton Timber, Elliotts, and Barker & Geary for the wood. Hopefully I will have this information by the 26th February.

Richard suggests that we obtain a quote from a glazier to replace the broken/missing putty from the window frames on the pavilion.

He also suggests that we proceed with replacing the balustrades etc. now and then wait until the weather improves before we commence painting/treating the wood. He suggests that we use a wood stain type paint on the pavilion.



Section 106 Funding

As agreed at January's PC meeting, I have submitted all of the above projects for consideration for Section 106 funding. I am awaiting a response.



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Quotation

Our Reference: AM63-2014
Customer Name: Timsbury Parish Hall
Customer Address: Timsbury Parish Hall
Quotation Date:

14/01/2014

Item Number	Description Of Works	Price
1	***50m2 Small Area*** Digging & leveling of existing car park and re-laid with new base & Interlocking grass parking Matting (Price is inclusive of materials, labour, plant, Muckaway and all making good)	£2,062.83
Total Excluding VAT		£2,062.83
VAT		£412.57
Total Inclusive of VAT		£2,475.40

VAT will be added at the current rate but is subject to change
Dependant on statutory VAT rate prevailing at time of invoice

This Quotation is valid for six months. After this time a new
quote would be required

2. Lengthsman Tasks

Richard has been very busy in the Copse this month. I have attached a couple of photographs to illustrate the improvements. He has now removed all of the barbed wire and will complete the new wire fence installation once the bush barrier has been moved back by Hunts Farm. The Copse now has clearly defined pathways. It could benefit from a bench or two to encourage people to make use of this amenity.



3. Determinations

13/01290/FULLS

The erection of an extension, internal alterations and repairs to convert barn to an independent dwelling -
 Stonymarsh Cottage, Romsey Road, Stonymarsh
 Decision: Permission granted

13/01927/FULLS

Replace two dormer windows with one flat roof dormer (retrospective). Erection of side extension to provide single garage with dressing area above
 Mistletoe Cottage, New Road, Timsbury
 Decision: Appeal granted

13/02593/FULLS

Oak framed glazed link extension to replace existing canopy -
 Smallberry Hill, Haccups Lane, Michelmersh
 Decision: Permission granted

4. Monthly Financial Summary

Monthly Financial Report
 14th January - 20th February

Invoices Paid and cleared		
K. Hardy	Salary & Expenses (Dec 2013, Jan 2014)	£740.00

B.Davis	Wire fencing & drain cover	£74.44
CPRE	Annual membership fee	£29.00
St. Mary's Church	Churchyard maintainance grant	£600.00
St. Andrew's Church	Churchyard maintainance grant	£600.00
	Total	£2,043.44
Income		
Lloyds TSB	Bank interest (Jan & Feb 2014)	£0.75
	Total	£0.75
Bank Balances		
Lloyds TSB	Current Account	£8,664.62
Lloyds TSB	30 Day Savings Account	£10,541.85
	Total	£19,206.47
Plus Uncleared funds		
n/a		
	Total	£0.00
Minus invoices for payment		
K.Hardy	Salary & Expenses (Feb 2014)	370
The Studio	Dec/Jan & Mar/Apr Newsletter printing	366.48
	Total	736.48
Minus uncashed cheques		
n/a		£0.00
Minus allotted project funds		
n/a		£0.00
Actual Funds available as of		
20/02/14	Total	£18,469.99

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