

Timsbury Parish Council Meeting
1st October 2012

Present: In the Chair: Councillor Veronica Packham
Cllrs Doug Deacon, Marilyn Deacon, David James, Eric Potter,
Peter Richards, Delia Sewell and Robert Young.

3297 **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all those attending.

3298 **Apologies**

Keith Galpin, James Hall, Sue Langdon, Ray Merchant and Terry Baldwin sent their apologies.

3299 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3300 **Matters Arising**

- It was reported that Rod Watts is happy for the Parish Council to begin the process of recruiting a new Webmaster.
- The Clerk will investigate the necessity of acquiring a new Declaration of Office Book.

3301 **Reports**

Eric Potter made a verbal report on the ALCA meeting. Topics touched on included Training, Stronger Communities, Mobile Library and Planning enforcement.

The Clerk reported on the recent Somer Valley meeting, suggesting that it was a useful and potentially worth a representative attending in future.

3302 **Timsbury In Bloom**

The Parish Council formally congratulated the Timsbury In Bloom Committee for their success in this year's competition. The judges made a number of positive comments about the village including a special mention for the Bus Shelters.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £900 to the cost of the floral displays in the village, with Timsbury In Bloom contributing £200.

Town Planning

- a) **Planning Correspondence**
 b) **B&NES decisions on applications**

12/03585/TCA
Mr Chris Gittins
11 Rectory Lane
Timsbury
Bath
BA2 0LB

Dismantle to near ground level 1 x
 Ash tree and pollard to approx. 15'
 1 x Goat Willow.

NO OBJECTION

12/03179/FUL
Mr Mark Blanchard
27 Lippiat Lane
Timsbury
Bath
BA2 0JD

Erection of a single storey rear extension
 to create a ground floor shower room.

PERMITTED

12/02962/FUL
Mr Steven Curtis
The Old Place
Newmans Lane
Timsbury
Bath
BA2 0JA

Erection of a single storey side extension.

PERMITTED

12/03008/FUL
Mr Luke Humphries
6 Radford Hill
Timsbury
Bath
BA2 0LE

Erection of two storey rear extension
 and front porch.

REFUSED

- c) **Applications to Council**

12/04059/COND
Paul Cracknell
2 Chapel Walk
Timsbury
Bath
BA2 0JZ

Discharge of conditions 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of
 application 10/00150/FUL (Erection of
 two semi detached houses with vehicle
 access and parking (revised
 application).

**Parish Council voted to object, with one
 abstention.**

12/03736/FUL
Mr David Ellison

Re-cladding and retention of existing sheds.

Site of Colliery Tramway
Radford Hill
Timsbury
Bath
BA2 0QP

Parish Council voted to object, with one abstention.

3304 **Recruitment of new clerk.**

It was agreed that the clerk would pass the Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer job descriptions to all Councillors. It was agreed that the materials would go out to those who had expressed an interest in applying by 4th October, with a deadline date of 12th October and Interviews on the evening of 30th October. In this way it is hoped that a new clerk can be recommended at the November meeting of the Parish Council. Details of the advert and dates should be passed to Rod Watts for inclusion on the web site.

The opinion was expressed that the interview process should be conducted by any member of the Parish Council who felt that they wanted to be there. It was decided that this should be the case.

Some consideration was given to how the gap between clerks would be bridged. Certain Councillors volunteered to take on some duties in the meantime.

3305 **Code of Conduct**

The Code of Conduct provided by B&NES was adopted.

3306 **Noticeboard**

It was agreed that the Noticeboard would be moved to the side of the Fish and Chip shop provided that the necessary permissions could definitely be acquired.

3307 **Parish Council Airport Association**

The Parish Council received a report from the PCAA.

3308 **Conygre Trust Ground Maintenance**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would make a further interim payment of £1000 in expectation of the requested information being provided as soon as possible.

3309 **Correspondence**

The Parish Clerk reported on correspondence received.
The Chairman reported on correspondence relating to the B&NES Chairman's Business Awards. It was agreed that Councillor Peter Richards would draft a nomination for Meadgate Nurseries.

3310 **Clerk's Report**

I have reiterated my report to B&NES regarding the A boards at the junction of the Avenue and North Road, but I have not as yet had a response. Whilst checking these myself I noticed that one of the columns at the entrance to the development is not in perfect condition. I informed B&NES who have inspected it and deemed it safe.

I have as yet not received final reports from either the internal or external auditors.

Finally, many thanks for the support that you have provided in my year as Parish Clerk.

3311 **Finances**

The financial report was received without amendment.

3312 **Exchange of information between the Parish Council and the District Councillor.**

- Councillor Deacon has provided a grant for improvements to the Triangle
- It is intended to utilise good second hand bins in parts of the village.
- It is likely that the drainage in Rectory Lane requires investigation and maintenance.
- Councillors Deacon's initiative money will be going towards the Triangle and Timsbury In Bloom.

3313 **Matters of Interest and Information.**

- Councillor James will email Councillor Deacon with the date of the Road Safety Group Meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.

Chairman

Date

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 5th November 2012.