

	<p>Cllr M-A Ansell met with them to discuss the work in the village that needed to be done. They were tasked with clearing the dense brambles along the cemetery wall as they were beginning to encroach on the adjacent properties. Should they complete this within the time they are here Cllr Ansell will produce a list of other priorities for them in the village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The laptops in the Hub have now been upgraded successfully. There is still an issue with the wireless internet connection being slow and somewhat unreliable. Three feasible options have been put forward to rectify this. Once these have been explored further then the preferred option will be recommended to the council. • The YMCA will be looking to replace the furniture in the room adjacent to the Hub and have asked that the £200 agreed at item 5018 of the June 21 minutes be made available. • There have been continuing issues with the bank regarding the authorisation of bank payments. After several phone calls and emails this has been resolved although one of our signatories is still encountering problems in authorising payments. • An employee has asked to join a pension scheme. There is no automatic enrolment entitlement for this employee but they will be free to pay an employee contribution if the current pension providers allow. Further discussions will take place with the employee and the outcome reported back to the council. • Two councillors, Cllr Lewis and Cllr Murphy, have been booked on the Essential Councillors course to be held remotely on 24th November 2021 • All advertisers in the July to October newsletters have now been invoiced. 	<p>Clerk/MAA</p> <p>Clerk</p>
5115	<p>7A. B&NES Decisions on Planning Applications 21/03754/FUL Parcel 1120, Bungays Hill, High Littleton, Bristol. Erection of general-purpose farm building. REFUSED 21/03521/FUL The Old Rectory, The Square, Timsbury. Erection of single storey timber clad garden building to be used as a home office for the homeowner. PERMITTED</p>	
5116	<p>7B. Planning applications to B&NES for the Parish Council to consider <u>21/04711/LBA</u> Parish's House, Hook, Timsbury BA2 0ND (request for listed building consent). Internal works for the installation of through floor lift from ground floor utility room to small rear bedroom on first floor. <i>On a vote the application was supported unanimously.</i></p>	
5117	<p>8. Conygre Trust liaison update There was nothing to report as yet on the proposal for the rubberised surface to be replaced under the big swing. The Trust will be liaising with the Parish Council as soon as further details are available.</p>	
5118	<p>9. Reports from delegates to other organisations <u>Chew Valley Area and Somer Valley Joint Forum – 7th October 2021</u> This meeting had been attended by Cllr Stephenson-McGall and he had forwarded a summary to members. The aim of the meeting was to provide an overview on how GP and care services are being provided and presentations were given from several interested parties. A joint meeting was held as both areas are covered by the Primary Care Network.</p>	

	<p><u>ALCA AGM 9th October 2021</u></p> <p>The Chairman had attended this meeting and had circulated notes to members prior to the meeting. The main speaker at the AGM was a lecturer who specialised in planning theory and urban development and was conducting research for WECA on planning problems for Parish Councils. It was clear from discussions that a lot of estates were being built with no regard to integrating them in the community. The bulk of research had been with Local Planning Authorities but the next tranche would be at the lower tier.</p> <p><u>Parish Liaison Meeting – 13th October 2021</u></p> <p>The Chairman had attended this and had circulated her notes. Attendees had included Mark Shelford, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Dan Norris, the WECA Mayor. Both outlined their roles and answered questions from the members. This made for a very interesting and informative meeting. The full minutes can be found on the B&NES website. Part of the full minutes gave information on BANES actions sustainability and environmental issues. Cllr MA Ansell stated she was going to join in these discussions</p>	MAA
5119	<p>10. Update on the upgrading and maintenance of Parish Council streetlighting.</p> <p>Volker has confirmed that there is currently a delay to the implementation of the LED streetlights as they are awaiting the necessary equipment. They anticipate it arriving within the next couple of weeks and will then start on the work immediately it is received.</p>	Clerk
5120	<p>11. Update on ownership of the HaHa path.</p> <p>This has yet to be followed up.</p>	Clerk
5121	<p>12. Recommendations from the Finance Committee on the current budget to date and the allotment rent review.</p> <p>The draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 11th November 2021 had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.</p> <p><u>a. Current Budget to date and projected figures to end of March 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year’s budget is expected to be £5834 overspent. It was noted that the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) received after the 21/22 budget was set was not included in calculating this figure. • The projected overspend has been driven by the expenditure on repairs to the play area surface but this is likely to be partly offset by the attribution of the CIL money received in March 2021. Further funding has been requested for resurfacing the area under the large swing which has been included as projected expenditure but has not yet been agreed by the Council. • The cost of the upgrading of the public lighting in the village has also contributed to the projected overspend. It is anticipated that the implementation of LED lighting, however, will result in much lower maintenance costs and reduced electricity bills. • Advertising revenue is likely to be less than expected due to the effects of Covid19 restrictions earlier in the year, but this is now beginning to pick up. <p><i>It was unanimously agreed to accept the current budget and projected figures as recommended by the Finance Committee.</i></p>	

	<p><u>b. Allotment Rents</u> It was noted that there was likely to be substantial expenses arising in the future. The Council needed to continue building a surplus of funds so that the burden of costs would not fall on the community as a whole and so to ensure this additional income would be required. It was recommended, therefore, that rents should increase to £22 per year to take effect from January 2023. This was considered by the finance committee to be fair and still represent good value for the allotment holders. <i>It was unanimously agreed to accept the recommendation of the finance committee to increase the allotment rents to £22 per year.</i> The Clerk would inform the Allotment committee accordingly.</p> <p><u>c. Committee membership</u> A new member was required for membership of the Finance Committee to bring it up to strength. <i>It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Foster should serve as a member on the Finance Committee.</i></p>	Clerk
5122	<p>13. Attendance at the Royal British Legion Act of Remembrance. It was agreed that Cllr Nick Lewis would represent the Parish Council and lay the wreath at the Act of Remembrance on Sunday 14th November 2021 at 11am. <i>It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would donate £40 to the Royal British Legion to cover the cost of the wreath.</i></p>	Clerk
5123	<p>14. Purchase of a Christmas tree for the Miners Garden <i>It was unanimously agreed that a maximum of £180 would be made available to cover the costs of the provision and delivery of a Christmas Tree for the Miners Garden.</i> Cllr Derek Wheeler would liaise with the supplier to arrange for the tree to be delivered at the end of November. It would then be erected and decorated by volunteers from the village.</p>	Clerk,DW
5124	<p>15. Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure since the last meeting was listed and circulated to members and will be shown on the Parish Council finance pages on www.timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil. • The reconciliation of the PC accounts for the quarter July to September 2021 was carried out by the Chairman on 25th October 2021 and everything was found to be in order. • The asset register had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting and would be reviewed in due course to include assets held by the council, for example streetlights and benches. Cllr M-A Ansell provided a list of planters and their location which will be incorporated into the register. 	Clerk
5125	<p>16. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification had been received that the trade unions have balloted members on the Employers offer of a 1.75% pay increase but have unanimously rejected it. Employers have stated that this was the full and final offer. The trade unions will now be consulting with their members on industrial action. • A resident had expressed concern regarding fencing surrounding a property at Loves Lane obscuring visibility for vehicles pulling out of the adjacent side road. The Clerk had reported this to B&NES highways department who investigated and reported back that, in their opinion, the fence was not affecting the sight lines for vehicles. The resident has been informed of their findings. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several residents had raised concerns about the reduced width of the pavement at the Wheeler’s Yard development compared to what was in the plans. The Clerk had contacted the B&NES Highway Development team who is aware of the situation having also been contacted directly by residents. They are following up the issue but currently are still awaiting contact from the developer regarding the S278 requirement. • The Clerk has received notification that a property in the village has still not complied with its planning permission. B&NES Planning Enforcement team is aware of this, but the officer concerned has recently left and they are awaiting his replacement. The Clerk has emailed them again to ascertain the current state of play but is still awaiting a reply. • A councillor from a neighbouring ward had received a complaint from a Timsbury resident regarding the height of a fence at a property in the village. The Chairman had contacted Cllr Deacon for clarification on restrictions to fencing bordering the highway, however, the complainant would need to contact either the Parish Council or B&NES directly in order to have this investigated. • The current printers of the newsletter have advised that their costs will increase by approximately 10% as from the next edition due to increased costs of materials. <i>It was agreed by members that they still represented good value for money and that we should continue to use them for printing the newsletter.</i> The Clerk would advise the printers of this decision. • A quarterly report had been received from Youth Connect and had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. • The Parish Council had been notified that the current tenants of the Seven Stars public house were leaving and asked whether there was any support that could be given. The Chairman visited the pub to offer support but this proved fruitless as plans has already been finalised for their move. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
5126	<p>17. Matters of Interest and Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act of Remembrance -Royal British Legion - Sunday 14th November 21 at 11am • ALCA Regional Meeting (virtual) - 18th November 21 • South Road Methodist Church Christmas Bazaar Conygre Hall 20th November 21 11-30am to 3pm • St Mary’s Church Christmas Gifts -27th November 21 10am to 3pm • B&NES ALCA group meeting 2nd December 21 • Open air carols at the Miners Garden 20th Dec 21 at 6.30pm 	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.12pm

Approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting:

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

**The next meeting will be on
Monday 6th December at 7.30 pm in the Conygre Hall, North Road**
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