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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Monday 4th December 2023

Ref.	Item and Minute	Action
	Present: In the Chair Cllr K C Bradley, Cllr Mark Foster (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mary-Anne Ansell, Cllr Paul Carroll, Cllr David Collett, Cllr Jayne Langley, Cllr Nick Lewis, Cllr Ray Merchant, Cllr Debbie Murphy, Cllr Josie Pownall, Cllr Peter Randall, Cllr Sean Stephenson-McGall and Cllr Shaun Stephenson-McGall Clerk: Angela Wilson	
5527	1. Welcome and Apologies The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting.	
5528	2. Declarations of Interest Cllr Collett declared an interest in agenda item 23/04391/TCA as he is a near-neighbour of the applicant. Cllr Shaun Stephenson-McGall declared an interest as the Ward Councillor in matters concerning B&NES.	
5529	3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting The following amendments were made to the minutes of the previous meeting: <u>Ref 5520 - Agenda item 12 Update from the Young People's Working Group -</u> after 'bid' insert ',on behalf of the group,' After correction the minutes were then approved as a correct record.	
5530	4. Matters Arising 5513 – The Miners' Welfare Trust have confirmed that they will now carry out and fund the work to upgrade the plinth supporting the miner's silhouette. 5513 – The electrician has now solved the issue with the electricity in the Miners' Garden and it is now working correctly. 5513 – The Christmas tree has now been delivered and erected in the Miners' Garden and decorated by a team of volunteers. 5513 – Theresa Andrews has now been included as an appointee for the Planting and Spaces Working Group.	
5531	5. Clerk's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2023/24 pay award has now been settled at a flat rate of £1925 for employees up to scale point 43 equating to a rise of £1 per hour. The backpay to April 2023 was included for staff in the November pay salaries. As with previous years, the salaries for December will be paid on the Friday before Christmas. • The B&NES Clean and Green team will be including Timsbury on their schedule for the week beginning 11th December 23. A list of areas requiring attention have been sent to the team. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year, the open-air carols at the Miners' Garden will be held on Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 6.30 pm and will be accompanied by the Midsomer Norton and Radstock Silver Band from funding by the Parish Council. • Due to the inclement weather and annual leave of the contractor it has not been possible for the cemetery grass to be cut in November. It is proposed to do one more cut this financial year, but this will also depend on the weather. • The Parish Council has now been reimbursed £7492 VAT paid on goods and services up to and including 31st October 2023. 	
5532	<p>6. Planning applications to B&NES for the Parish Council to consider <u>23/04236/TCA</u> (Tree Works Notification in Conservation Area) The Old Place, Newsman's Lane, Timsbury BA2 0JA T1 -Ash, overhanging neighbour's property, reduce height by 3m and sides by 2m. <i>It was unanimously agreed that there were no objections to this planning application.</i></p> <p><u>23/04391/TCA</u> (Tree Works Notification in Conservation Area) The Old Post Office, 28 High Street, Timsbury T1-Silver Birch, remove. Tree has dead limbs and fungus growing on it. <i>It was unanimously agreed that there were no objections to this planning application.</i> Cllr Collett, having declared an interest, did not take part in the vote.</p> <p><u>23/04297/23</u> Flower and Hayes Ltd, North Road, Timsbury Modification of legal agreement associated with planning permission 19/02095/FUL (To secure an off-site financial contribution for affordable housing in lieu of the current requirements to provide 30% of the total number of residential units to be affordable dwellings).</p> <p>Members reiterated the importance of affordable houses being available in the village for the of benefit local residents. The original planning agreement stipulated that 30% of the development had to be affordable housing and this formed part of the S106 conditions, therefore the developers should be required to stand by the agreed terms in their original planning application.</p> <p>For the reasons outlined above <i>the Parish Council unanimously agreed to strongly object to this planning application.</i></p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
5533	<p>7. B&NES Decisions on Planning Applications <u>23/03563/TPO</u> Beechwood, The Avenue, Timsbury T1-Ash, showing early signs of ash die back. Pollard to 20ft (amended description)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSENT</p> <p><u>23/02900/FUL</u> _2 Southlands Drive, Timsbury BA2 0HB Erection of 4 -bedroom 3-storey dwelling following demolition of existing garage and workshop on land adjacent to no 2 Southlands Drive.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFUSE</p>	

5534	<p>8. Conygre Trust liaison report</p> <p>The dinner and dance held on 25th November 2023 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Conygre Hall was attended by 130 people and was a very enjoyable event.</p>	
5535	<p>9. Reports from delegates to other organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Parish Councils Airport Association</u> – Cllr Sean Stephenson-McGall reported that the airport was now planning to increase its passenger capacity 12 million per year. A new tower was to be built, the transport hub was expanding and a second multi-storey car park would be constructed. Noise complaints from nearby Parishes continued to grow. • <u>Young People’s Award</u> – Cllr Langley had represented the Parish Council at this event on 6th November 2023 along with Cllr Carroll. It was a very informative, inspirational and emotional event with well-deserved awards. 	
5536	<p>10. Streets and Safety Working Group recommendations:</p> <p>a. review of the installation of safety barriers on the footway at Lippiatt Lane</p> <p>It was advised that further representations had been received from a resident stating that there had been some ‘near misses’ where the footway joined Lippiatt Lane. A discussion took place on whether the installation of barriers would be a viable project. However, it was suggested that if they prevented just one accident it would be money well spent. The Chairman called for a vote by show of hands and <i>it was agreed by a majority decision to provide barriers for Lippiatt Lane footway with a cost up to £1000 to be funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy.</i></p> <p>b. decision on a method for reimbursement of electricity costs for charging the speed indicator device batteries</p> <p>Several options would need to be considered regarding the way forward for charging the batteries in the Speed Indicator Devices. These would be looked at in more detail and reported back to a future meeting of the Council.</p>	Clerk
5537	<p>11. Timsbury Youth Project request for funding for three years from April 2024</p> <p>Timsbury Youth for Christ requested funding support of £3500 per year for the three years starting 1st April 2024. Members had been provided with an outline of the project and agreed that the youth provision was a worthwhile facility focussing as it does on the very young members of the village. It was noted that the costs had increased but these would remain in place for the three years of the agreement. <i>On a vote it was unanimously agreed to fund Timsbury Youth for Christ for three years from 1st April 2024 at a cost of £3500 each year, payable quarterly.</i></p>	Clerk
5538	<p>12. Midsomer Norton and Radstock Dial a Ride requesting a grant for 2024/25</p> <p>Midsomer Norton and Radstock branch of Dial a Ride requested a further annual grant of £320 for the financial year April 24 to March 2025. They advised that, so far this year, they had provided 2,347 journeys to and from Timsbury helping users of the scheme to lead independent lifestyles and stopping social isolation.</p> <p><i>Members agreed that this was a valuable scheme for the village and unanimously agreed to the request of £320 for 2024/25.</i></p>	Clerk

5539	<p>14. Finance</p> <p>a. Expenditure since the last meeting was circulated to members and will be shown on the Parish Council finance pages on www.timsbury.org.uk/parishcouncil</p> <p>b. ALCA have notified that the estimated combined NALC and ALCA subscription fee is £750.96 (based on ALCA fee £586.52 and NALC fee £164.44) This is for information only for inclusion in the 2024/25 budget.</p> <p>c. B&NES have advised that the precept requirements have to be with them by Tuesday 6th February 2024 in readiness for their budget to be set on Tuesday 20th February 2024.</p>	
5540	<p>14. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request was received for CCTV footage from Solicitors acting on behalf of a client who was involved in an accident on the junction of South Road and Church Hill. The Clerk confirmed that we did not hold any CCTV footage and suggested they contacted B&NES Highways. • ALCA has advised that they are setting up a Chairs' network to support the Chairs from all local councils across South Gloucestershire, North Somerset and B&NES to give support, focus on specific issues and enhance the flow of information between local councils. The first meeting will be scheduled for February 2024. • An invitation was received from the Pegasus Group for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to a meeting to discuss Sleight Farm on an agreed date in January 2024. <i>It was agreed that it would be more desirable for members of the Pegasus Group to come to a future meeting and address the Full Council. The Clerk would contact Pegasus with a view to arranging this.</i> • WECA is working with B&NES council to offer funding of between £10k and £40k to rural parish councils to carry out specified projects. A workshop giving details of eligibility, timelines and details of how applications will be assessed will take place in Keynsham on 11th December 2023 and interested parties are invited to register for a place. 	Clerk
5541	<p>18. Matters of Interest and Informatio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary's Carol service, 7.30pm Tuesday 19th December 2023 • Open air carols, Miners' Garden, Wednesday 20th December 2023, 6.30pm • Community Carol singing, Seven Stars Inn, North Road 7.30pm Friday 22nd December 2023 • Finance Committee meeting, Monday 15th January 2024, 7.30pm Jeff Sluggett room, Conygre Hall 	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.43

Approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting:

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

**The next meeting will be on
Monday 8th January 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Jeff Sluggett room, Conygre Hall,
North Road**

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