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MINUTES of THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
in PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

5th February 2019

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| 1. | Present | AS (Chair), CT, AB, RB, SF, IK, SR |
| | Apologies | PG, Cllr O Hunter |
| | Public | 5 members of the public |
| | Police | None |

AGENDA PART A

- 2. Minutes**
- 2.1 Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the meeting of 4th December 2018 were agreed.
- 2.2 Matters arising from Minutes** –
- 9.3 – SR has met the two residents who raised the issue of residents’ parking permits and has explained the decision of the Parish Council (PC).
 - 9.4 – No response has been received to the PC’s request for information from the Speed Indicator Devices in the village. A reminder will be sent.
- 3. Declaration of Interests** – nil
- 4. Open Forum (Including PCSO)**
- 4.1 Open Forum** A member of the public made reference to the following:
- He wished to correct the statement noted in the meeting minutes of 4th December 2018 in that he had removed cable ties from the Cheshire railings, not the notices.
 - A suggestion that for traffic calming purposes he has seen in Scotland a system where vehicles travelling over a road’s speed limit trigger a subsequent traffic light change, thus forcibly slowing down the vehicle.
 - Whether the report on the VH and Pavilion will be made public; the Clerk noted that the report had not yet been received by the Council, and the Chair noted that the report would first be considered by the Council.
- 4.2 Report from PCSO** The PCSO was not present.
- 5. Report from Cllr O Hunter** Cllr Hunter was unable to be present. The Clerk referred to a question that he had received from a new occupier of one of the houses 104-118 Pickmere Lane about the parking problem there. The resident had been referred to Cllr Hunter who was co-ordinating discussions on this matter with CEC officers.

The Chair was intending to raise with Cllr Hunter the closure of the public footpath across the Elms PH site, where construction site fencing and temporary site buildings have been erected on the line of the path. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Hunter/CEC on this matter.

6. Finance

6.1 Current financial position – the monthly financial summary was noted.

6.2 New payments - the schedule of payments was approved. It was noted that the proposal for a payment to Pennington Choices in respect of the VH and Pavilion survey report, was withdrawn as the report had not yet been received.

6.3 Quarterly update as to Land Asset funds – the report was noted, and it was agreed that appropriate financial transfers would be made to bring the Play Area maintenance fund to £10,000, and the Land Asset fund to approximately £1500.

7. Report from Planning Committee

7.1 Planning application update – The Clerk circulated a note of the current position with regard to planning matters in the parish. It was agreed that the PC's concern about the overall scale of the proposals at Nywen, Pickmere Lane would be referred to CEC in relation to Appn no. 19/0364M.

Reference was made to the land at Frog Lane where the caravan had been removed but a stable-type building had been erected some distance from the position which had been granted planning permission. The Clerk is to refer the matter to CEC.

8. Reports from Assets Working Groups

8.1 Funding Sub-Group – The next deadline for submissions to the Manchester Airport Community Fund was 22nd February. The Clerk will liaise with SF and AB with regard to an application for the purchase of new VH chairs.

8.2 Planning Sub-Group – nothing to report

8.3 Asset Register Sub-Group – nothing to report

8.4 Report from Community Group – The Community Group's request to hold the Party by the Lake and the Family Fun day at the IROS was approved.

AB reported that the CG's 'Giving Tree' initiative at Christmas had been very successful and achieved local press coverage. The date for the CG's AGM will be announced shortly, as is the date for commencement of Sunday afternoon teas. The CG is preparing a calendar and will be holding a competition for photographs to be incorporated in it.

9. Reports from Clerk and from Councillors

- 9.1 Annual Parish Meeting** – SF proposed that the APM be held in May or June rather than March, so that it could perform a role ‘introducing your new councillors’ after the PC elections in May; this date would also conform to national guidance, which a March date does not. This was agreed, with one abstention. SF and SR will come back to a future meeting of council with a suggested date.
- 9.2 Plastic waste recycling** – SR proposed that the PC agree with the intentions of this initiative, but he was aware of the detailed implications of implementing any such service; members concurred. It was agreed that SR would discuss the possibilities further with the local campaign co-ordinator in the light of Council’s comments.
- 9.3 HS2 Update** – CT reported on the quarterly meeting with representatives of HS2 he had attended, following the recent consultation on the HS2 Draft Environmental Statement. It was evident at that meeting that HS2 reps had not at that point read the submissions from the PC, and others, and therefore no meaningful discussion of the way forward was possible. He had reminded HS2 reps of the PC’s request to meet them and CEC to discuss particular issues raised in the PC’s representations. The Clerk is to remind HS2 and CEC of our request.

Note: The Clerk informally notified the meeting that the May meeting of the Parish Council would be held on **Wednesday 8 May NOT Tuesday 7 May**, because the Parish Council elections being held on 2 May will mean that insufficient time will exist to give proper notice of the meeting. This will be reported formally at the PC’s March meeting.

AGENDA PART B – CONFIDENTIAL

The Council resolved that members of the public should be asked to leave the meeting at this point to enable discussion of confidential matters.

- 10. Survey of Village Hall and Pavilion** – This item was withdrawn from the agenda as the report had not been received.
- 11. Report on condition of trees** – The report was accepted, and the proposed action of the adjoining landowner was welcomed. In addition it was agreed that the location of tree 2 be checked to ascertain if it was within the PC’s ownership, that Cheshire Tree Surgeons Ltd be commissioned to deal with the tree group 1, tree 13, and tree 2 (if this tree is within the PC’s ownership) as described in the report, and that consideration be given to commissioning a reassessment of the trees in 5 years’ time. It was further agreed that the Clerk should write to the original complainant about one of the trees covered by the report, setting out the position with that tree, and making reference also to the Council’s wish to see the boundary between the resident’s garden and the Council’s land re-established by means of a fence or similar.

Note: The Council decided that in accordance with its previous resolution, it will hold a councillors’ surgery immediately before the next Council meeting on 5th March, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Clerk: Jack Steel

Next meeting: 5th March 2019