

**MINUTES of THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
in PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL**

5th March 2019

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| 1. | Present | AS (Chair), CT, PG, AB, RB, SF, IK, SR, Cllr O Hunter |
| | Apologies | PCSO |
| | Public | 4 members of the public |
| | Police | None |

AGENDA PART A

- 2. Minutes**
- 2.1 Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the meeting of 5th February 2019 were agreed.
- 2.2 Matters arising from Minutes –**
- 2.2 The Clerk reported that still no response has been received to the PC’s request for information from the Speed Indicator Devices in the village.
- 8.1 The Clerk reported that an application has been submitted to Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund for grant toward the purchase of chairs in the Village Hall.
- 9.2 SR has spoken to the coordinator of the Pickmere against Plastic initiative. The Red Lion PH is being asked to install a ‘crisp packet collection box’ as part of the initiative. Further efforts are being made to establish a group to development the initiative.
- 9.3 The Clerk reported that Cheshire East Council (CEC) have stated a willingness to meet representatives of the Parish Council (PC) to discuss the implications of HS2 on the wider road network in the parish. A date is to be set.
- 3. Declaration of Interests – nil**
- 4. Open Forum (Including PCSO)**
- 4.1 Open Forum** A member of the public expressed some concern at maintenance issues on the IROS.
- 4.2 Report from PCSO** The PCSO was not present but had sent a bulletin noting that two burglary incidents had occurred in recent days in the parish.
- 5. Report from Cllr O Hunter** The Chair raised with Cllr Hunter:
- The PC’s request for SIDs data;
 - The continued obstruction of the public footpath across the Elms site even though any construction work there had halted.
- OH said that she would pursue these matters with CEC, and that if she gets no response to her queries with officers at CEC she refers matters upward to the relevant portfolio holder. The

Clerk was also asked to write to the landowner of the Elms site to request reinstatement of the footpath (cc OH and CEC)

6. Finance

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

6.2 New payments - the schedule of payments was approved. Reports on several items were to be discussed later on this agenda. The Clerk confirmed that no annual bill had been received from the PC website hosts, despite emailed requests to them both this year and last year.

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, which was noted. Also noted was the return of the caravan on the land at Frog Lane. The Clerk is to refer the matter again to CEC. No objection in principle was raised to PA 19/0936M (Land at Hall Lane), but members would wish to see a condition attached requiring removal of the caravans currently located on the site.

8. Reports from Assets Working Groups

8.1 Funding Sub-Group – nothing to report

8.2 Planning Sub-Group – nothing to report

8.3 Asset Register Sub-Group – nothing to report

8.4 Report from Community Group – The CG is due to hold its AGM on Tuesday 12 March at 7.30 at the Village Hall.

9. Reports from Clerk and from Councillors

9.1 Annual Parish Meeting – SF/SR will liaise and will suggest an appropriate date in June 2019.

9.2 Parish Council May meeting – the Clerk confirmed that for procedural reasons the May meeting of the Council, immediately after the May elections, will be held on **Wednesday 8 May at 7.30.**

9.3 HS2 – CT referred to the recent press publicity about the case of Parish residents who were in dispute with HS2 about the level of compensation HS2 is offering for the acquisition of their property. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek to contact the couple in question to seek a meeting so that the problem can be clarified, and to ask if the PC's assistance would be helpful and if so how.

An additional member of the public entered the meeting at this point.

9.4 M6 J19 Improvements – the formal order for this scheme has recently been published and objections may be made to it, until 4 April 2019. Members expressed concern about the nature of possible changes to the Pickmere Lane/A556 junction, which are excluded from

the J19 scheme. It was agreed that this would be raised with CEC in the meeting re HS2 referred to above.

9.5 CEC briefing on forthcoming PC elections – The report was noted. RB proposed that the PC should pursue a publicity process aimed at potential candidates for the election. Following discussion, during which it was pointed out that CEC are the authority responsible for administering the elections, and that in due course the PC will have to display a statutory notice inviting candidates, a vote was taken on the proposal, but the proposition was lost. The Council agreed that the notices requested/required by CEC should be displayed at the appropriate time.

9.6 Abandoned car at the IROS – the report was noted and the Clerk's actions were confirmed.

The meeting agreed to the inclusion of an additional item:

9.7 Manchester Airport Update – CT updated the PC on various aspects of a recent Airport update meeting, including the continuing increase in the airport as an employment hub (one company relocating there from Rudheath with several thousand employees), and the continuing rapid development of the extended T2 building.

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. Invitation to the Editor of Pickmere Press – the Council resolved to invite the editor to join the meeting to discuss item 11.

11. Financial implications of the PC adding a regular insert to Pickmere Press – following discussion of how the publication is funded and organised, the principle of this initiative was unanimously agreed and consequently that the Clerk should establish with the Editor of PP a means whereby the PC could include a regular 2 page insert in PP. The procedure will incorporate appropriate order and invoicing procedures. This is to be reported back to the PC in due course.

SF said that she would be responsible for the text of the next proposed insert. The PP issue with the first PC insert was about to be published.

12. Survey of Village Hall and Pavilion – the wide-ranging discussion included the following points:

- Members considered that the complete renovation of the Village Hall, the option considered in the report, is predicated on the acquisition of additional land to provide additional car parking; should that not be achievable, then the complete renovation of the Hall, even were it financially viable, is not considered to be an acceptable proposition;
- Were HS2 to proceed, the opportunity should not be lost to explore the possibility of some funding being available from that project to support renovation works.

The following was agreed:

- The Clerk is to contact Crown Estates with a plan of a potential extended car park, so as to seek the reaction to a possible bid for the land required;
- The Chair will raise the issue of possible funding aid for a renovation project at the next meeting of the HS2 Cluster Group;
- As there are several issues which require further exploration, it was agreed that the report should not for the present be made public.

13. Pavilion Electrical supply – the meeting agreed the following:

- That the report be noted and that the decision to commission British Gas to install an electricity meter and provide a metered electrical supply to the Pavilion be confirmed.
- That the decision to commission Ranger Electrical Services to carry out the electrical work described at the cost specified be confirmed.

14. Renovation of Village Hall floor – the report was deferred until the April meeting.

Clerk: Jack Steel

Next meeting: 2nd April 2019