

# PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Number 589

## MINUTES OF THE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2013

AT 7.30 PM

### AGENDA

1. **Present:** Councillors: A Shore (Chair), C Tarrant (Vice Chair), P Gough, R Pepall, S Wilkinson, J Webb, V Brown. Councillor S Read arrived at 8.05pm.  
**Apologies:** Nil  
**Public:**  
**PCSO:** Apologies from S. Emmerson
2. **Minutes –**
  - 2.1 The Minutes of the October 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting were approved and signed by Chair, A Shore.
  - 2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes
    - 2.2.1 VB questioned PG if the £12,000 had been invested. PG had received a reply confirming this investment.
    - 2.2.2 VB informed the Council that the Clover Drive Playground Area will be inspected by a new company, in November; ‘The Play Inspectorate’. The charge will be £59 + VAT. An extra charge of £25 will be made if we require someone to meet them on site. The first one will be in Nov. and 2<sup>nd</sup> one in June 2014. VB suggested that 2 councillors meet them in June.
    - 2.2.3 A Councillor queried if there was any progress on the pavements being repaired in the Village; we are awaiting CE action.
    - 2.2.4 Clerk to look into Gas and PAT checks.
3. **Declaration of Interests**  
Nil declared. SR was declared nil on arrival at 8.05pm
4. **Open Forum**
  - 4.1 The member of the public spoke and stated that he felt there should be more openness between the villagers and the council. A lot more could be done by the council talking to the villagers and vice-versa; the communication is poor. There should be more clarity of what is going on. Chair, AS, requested he be able to reply to this. He asked the member what particularly he was referring to, and this was particularly over the land and the ‘Village Green’. Insufficient information has been made available, causing a ‘split’ in the village community. AS reassured him that the Council will make their thoughts known re. the Village Green, shortly. PG thanked the member for coming to the meeting and expressing his thoughts, and adding that more of the public should attend the meetings.

#### **4.2 PCSO: (Apologies)**

Report for last month : received as a Report Sheet from S. Emmerson.

AS reported on incidents during October.

A burglary had taken place in Park Lane earlier in the month. Loose horses had been found on Pickmere Lane. Police were notified. A local resident has now taken these into his care and is liaising with RSPCA over this. An incident of suspicious behaviour had been reported in vicinity of Red Lion. Police keeping an eye on this.

### **5. Planning**

Applications/decisions of planning from Cheshire East Borough Council and other related items.

#### **5.1 Planning Application received during October:**

**5.1.1** 13/4300M 95 Pickmere Lane Pickmere. Part single and part 2 storey extension: No objections

**5.1.2** 13/4342M Tanyard Farm, Pickmere Lane Pickmere: No objections

**5.1.3** 13/4111M: 1 Royles Cottage, Pickmere Lane Pickmere, No objections

**5.1.4** 13/4372M Fernhill Farm Pickmere – Change of use to and to build 2 domestic 4 bedroomed houses. Objection: Council aim to retain business activity in the area. As a part of the local Development Plan in conjunction with Cheshire East, Pickmere Parish Council agreed a number of areas that would direct developments in the Parish of Pickmere. The council believes this proposed development is at odds with these principals. Pickmere has more than doubled in the past 15 years and at the same time lost business shops and this application should be considered in a consistent way with previous refused applications.

**5.2.** Planning decisions: Nil reported on from CE.

**5.3** Re: 12/4822M Land Off Park Lane Pickmere around Jan 2013, application was deemed invalid and later approved 27.6.13. Council were not informed of this change – clerk informed CE of this situation. Explanation was that CE had not received an ecology survey. The Council feel they should have been informed and re-application should have been made. Clerk to email Steve Irvine and Peter Hooley.

**5.4** Discussion on a previous planning application on Frog Lane. The clerk will contact as above in 5.3.

### **6. Finance:**

**6.1** Financial update: PG will report. £12,000 has been invested into Co-op Bank for one year, this being from the sum received for care of Clover Drive Playground. PG then updated councillors on items on the accounts and the balances.

**6.2** To approve the payments for this month: Cheques signed for routine payments, and £600 for Dyne's solicitors in payment for Village Green advice.

**6.3** Payments received during last month: £186 has been paid into bank, from VH Hire.

**6.4** Audit report on Notice Boards: Now completed with requisite time on display.

**6.5** Preparation for Budget figures for 2014/2015 ready for Precept request in January 2014. PG presented budget statement and looked at this year's and figures for next year, in order to set the Precept for 2013-2014. To discuss Assets Register – clerk to place item on December Agenda.

**6.6** Quote for Curtain Rail for Stage at VH: Clerk had obtained two quotes for this. One consists of repair first, but council decided to replace. Clerk to contact G & G to arrange.

**6.7** Clerk to get 2 quotes for Gas check. Suggestion was BG and secondly Lee Gray, who has done work before.

**6.8** Notice Boards: Clerk expressed concern over condition of the IROS Board. SW will email clerk with name of contact to repair.

### **7. Correspondence and Reports from Councillors, and to/from Clerk:**

**7.1** Application to register land as a Village Green:

**7.1.1** A couple of amendments required and then the Minutes of this special meeting were approved and signed off by AS. These are confidential Minutes and will not be available for the

public, and hence not on the website.

**7.1.2** Report on the Special Meeting as above, re. legal advice received and decision taken at meeting, as to the response from the Council to Cheshire East. AS: reported on the letter of response that he delivered to the Legal Dept. at CE. In addition there were several supporting documents relating to the letter, eg. deeds and '106 Agreement'. PG thanked AS for this and commented that it was pertinent and succinct. Clerk will place brief summary of the letter on the Notice Boards and it will be placed on the Website.

**7.2** Clover Drive Playground: Records File of routine checks carried out on the playground. AS checked if the clerk now held an up to date file on the playground. The clerk does not have a record of the weekly checks that are carried out, and VB was requested to give her copies of these.

**7.3** Cheshire East Planning: Discussion on information initially provided, but not updated if changes occur. AS: This item was discussed in Item 5.3.

**7.4** Request received by Clerk from a Wincham resident to install gate to enter field to IROS: The gate was removed to make disabled access easier, and for people with pushchairs. Clerk to contact resident with explanation.

## **8. HS2**

AS updated everyone on the meetings that had taken place. He had attended a meeting at Tatton Park involving the Engineers. A further meeting was held with Rostherne and Millington, where there were in the region of 60 attendees. A Cluster Group had taken place in Pickmere, last week, chaired by AS. The Consultation ends on 31.1.14. Support is needed from groups and to email, not to use the form provided – which tends to drive you in a certain direction! On 13.11.13 there is an 'All Cheshire Group' chaired by John Keleher (Pickmere) and there is to be a Road Show at Tatton on 6th and 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. The public are encouraged to attend this (poster to go on Board).

## **9. Report from CE Councillor Steve Wilkinson re: Cheshire East Borough Council**

The Management Review has now been completed on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of the tier and now on 3<sup>rd</sup> stage. This is expected to produce a saving of £3million a year at Cheshire East. The Local Plan out for reconsultation until 16<sup>th</sup> December to comment on. The withdrawal of the emptying of 'Green Bins' for 3 months, has received bad publicity at CE. SW has asked for a time-line on 'Spinks Lane' and has prompted departments concerned at CE of the approaching situation of this.

## **10. Issues raised by Councillors/Parishioners:**

Nil

## **11. Items for next meeting's agenda – December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014**

Payment of Solicitor's Account.

Assets Register

**THERE WILL NOT BE A MONTHLY MEETING IN JANUARY 2014.**

**Clerk: Rosemary Fogerty**

**November 12<sup>TH</sup> 2013**

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