

PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Number 590

MINUTES OF THE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 3RD 2013

AT 7.30 PM

AGENDA

1. **Present:** A Shore (Chair), C Tarrant (Vice Chair), P Gough, J Webb, V Brown, R Peppal, S Read. S Wilkinson (arrived 8.30pm following attendance at CE function)
- Apologies:** PCSO Sophie Emmerson.
- Public:** None

2. **Minutes –**

2.1 Alterations to read: **Item 5.5** The Council discussed a previous Planning Application in Frog Lane. The Clerk to email Cheshire East (Steve Irvine and Peter Hooley).

Item 6.7 The Clerk to get two quotes, suggestions being BG and Lee Gray who has done work before on the boiler. The Minutes of the last meeting, held on November 12th, 2013 were then approved and signed.

2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes:

2.2.1 VB requested a copy of the letter sent by AS, to Legal Dept. in response to the Village Green Application. AS stated that when he had put the whole of the documents together as a package, which he hopes to do shortly, then the letter which forms part of this will be available to view on the website. It was confirmed by several councillors that AS had read the full letter out at the last meeting.

2.2.2 The Clerk had obtained Gas and PAT check quotes see Item 6.6. The curtain rail will be fitted next week.

3. **Declaration of Interests**

Nil

4. **Open Forum**

4.1 No Public present

4.2 PCSO: Not present, - apologies received. The PCSO has notified the Clerk that she will hold a Police Surgery at 10am once a month, in the Village Hall.

AS reported from the Newsletter PCSO had sent:

4.2.1 Report for last month : A dog had been stolen in Lymm.

A male was arrested for assault on a police officer. He was found to be in possession of drugs.

A male had been seen taking something from the lake ? swans or ducks

4.2.2 No questions

5. Planning

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

5.1 Planning Application received during November: After publishing agenda the following Application was received: 13/4906M Single storey extension. 1 Royles Cottage, Pickmere Lane – this was a resubmission of the one received recently, which was withdrawn. The Planning Committee reviewed the application. Clerk to email – No objections.

5.2. Planning decisions: Received after agenda published: App.13/4342M Tanyard Farm Pickmere Lane: Approved with conditions.

5.3 Application on Frog Lane Pickmere – RF had contacted planning dept. as requested in last Meeting: AS had then made further contact. CE Planning have now reported that the residents need to submit a new Planning Application.

5.4 Agricultural Barn and track – off Park Lane, Pickmere: AS reported on this. The clerk had contacted CE Planning last month. AS declared that the way this has been dealt with is unacceptable practice. Clerk to email Caroline Simpson, CE.

6. Finance:

6.1 To approve the payments for this month: Cheques were signed by two councillors. Clerk checked that pest control contract is to continue – confirmed 'yes'.

6.2 Financial update: PG will report: VAT return has been completed and will be mailed tomorrow. This amounts to £2004.00 and there will be a further one of about £500 by end of March 2014. Nothing untoward in the accounts last month; usual outgoings. General Account Balance: £15,480. Land Asset Account; £14,798 (inc. Bond).

6.3 Precept: PG led the discussion and proposed for same amount as last year: £13,000. This was seconded by CT. Majority voted for this and CE Form filled in by Clerk and verified by AS.

6.4 Payments received during last month: £263 was paid into Bank, from hire fees of VH.

6.5 Budget figures for 2014/2015 (included in 6.3) and Fixed Asset Register discussed. Further discussion in February (Agenda Item).

6.6 Two Quotes: Gas check for boiler: agreed that Lee Gray will be contacted to do this. (Lee has done previous work on the boiler. Quote £230 for boiler, water heater and cooker. PAT testing to be done by Brian Tierney (VH and Pavillion) £45 for both.

6.7 IROS Notice Board and Board opp. Wellfield Close: SW and RF had met with a joiner to Discuss repairs needed: wood treated to be treated, new backing, and new locks. This work has now been done. SW will check with Roy re. Locks. Centre Village Board repair to ledges and varnish. Alan Fogerty has repaired cork backing to the board at the Village Hall.

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

7.1 IROS signs: AS stated that there should be a proper sign at the IROS declaring permitted hours of use by the public, and stating the owner of the area. Agreed in principle, and to be raised for further discussion on February agenda.

7.2 Record of checks on VH and Pavillion, re. HSE etc. SR reported on this. He gave out forms re Risk Assessments for Village Halls, together with HSE forms. He requested that Councillors read through these in preparation for further discussion at February meeting (agenda item). Clerk to communicate with cleaner re safety aspects and use of cleaning materials in the VH. He informed the Council of the need for acquiring new First Aid Boxes for the VH and pavilion. He estimated that a good one, sufficient for needs of VH would cost ££50. Resolution SR to go ahead and purchase these.

7.3 Spinks Lane: AS reported that the day for vacating the gypsy site has now lapsed (Friday 22nd Nov.) but no action has taken place as yet. The Council do not have any formal knowledge of what should now be happening. Clerk to email Caroline Simpson, CE requesting the process now that the deadline has passed.

7.4 VB informed the council that Playground Inspection Company has now carried out the Annual Inspection of the Clover Drive Playground at a cost of £71.94. Clerk to arrange cheque tomorrow. VB handed RF the Weekly Check details and forms for her to keep on file. RF requested that she accompany VB when she is doing the checks, so that she is fully aware of what needs to be done. Also VB stated that a Councillor needs to go along as well. There is a need for when VB is away for other members of the council to know fully what is to be done weekly, in her absence.

8. HS2 Update from AS:

8.1 JW questioned AS on using the VH for a Cluster Group Meeting, but no fee had been paid for the use of the Hall. AS felt very strongly that for such an important local event there should not be a charge for using the hall. Several 'Halls' in the Cluster Group had been used and this had not involved charges. It was agreed that the Hall should be free just for the Parish Council Group.

8.2 AS: There is to be a meeting with George Osborne with representatives from affected parishes. Aspects relating to its impact on the parishes, compensation, and litigation will all be items to consider in depth. SW and AS will attend this meeting, on 13.12.13.

There is a Consultation Event to be held at Tatton Park on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December. Free transport will be provided, - details are on the Notice Boards, the web-site, and an email has been circulated to as many residents as possible.

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

9.1 SW informed the council that the Local Plan Consultation is taking place. (The Pre-submission Core-strategy has been received by the clerk a week ago and passed to AS). The Consultation closes on 16th December. SW has found nothing that affects us 'locally'. It does not contradict anything concerning our area. There is no change to our boundaries up to 2030.

9.2 VB requested that SW communicate with CE Highways to try to clean up our road gutters of leaves and debris before possible bad weather.

10. Issues raised by Councillors/Parishioners:

10.1 Replacement of Playground picnic bench: VB reported on one of the benches that had become unfit for purpose and consideration was needed to replace this. VB mention that this could be replaced with a bench that Jeremy Lawton had offered for £120. General discussion and agreed that CT will speak to George Enion re. acquiring timber to plane down, and repair the existing bench.

10.2 Attention to VH car park: VB reported that the drain had been blocked on car park and Peter Jackson had cleared this area. SW will check this out. It may require rodding.

11. Items for next meeting's agenda – February 2014

Finance: Fixed Assets Register

IROS sign

*Reminder to Councillors to read through HSE and Risk Assessment – ready for meeting discussion.

Clerk: Rosemary Fogerty