

# PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

**Number 585**

## **MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2013 AT 7.30PM**

### **AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL**

- 1. Present:** Councillors: Chair A Shore, Vice Chair, C Tarrant, P Gough, J Webb, S Read, V Brown,  
**Apologies:** S Wilkinson, R Pepall  
**Public:** PCSO's S Emmerson, G Bithell
- 2. Minutes –**
  - 2.1 The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013, were approved and signed by Chair, A Shore
  - 2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes:  
P Gough reported on the Audit, which he has recently been prepared by the Internal Auditor, there being a small item in need of attention. An explanation was given to councillors of this. JW proposed that the audit can then be signed by Chair, Clerk and the number of these Minutes (585) recorded on it, in the presence of another Councillor. Resolved.
- 3. Declaration of Interests**  
Nil
- 4. Open Forum**
  - 4.1 No public present
  - 4.2 PCSO: Report for last month, given by PCSO Sophie Emmerson: Generally a quiet month.; a couple of incidences of bicycle thefts affecting Pickmere and Wincham had occurred. A suspicious male selling items, and wearing a black back pack was reported being seen in the area. Tends to be aggressive. Public advised to ring 101 if worried. Warning to be placed on web-site and boards.  
CT asked for an update on what is being done about speeding in our area. Sophie informed us that Traffic Officers are going to be dealing with this, and they will be able to issue fines. Awaiting further information.
- 5. Planning**  
Applications/decisions of planning from Cheshire East Borough Council and other related items.
  - 5.1 Planning Application received during May: The Planning committee met prior to meeting to discuss the following:
    - 5.1.1 App. No. 13/1699M 1 Royles Cottage, Pickmere Lane, Pickmere. 2 Storey side extension: No objection, but on the condition that neighbours comments are considered.
    - 5.1.2 App.No.13/2137M 11 The Orchards, Pickmere, Cheshire Creation of a new single storey living space to the rear of the property: No objection, but on the condition that neighbours comments are considered.

- 5.2 The Clerk reported on receipt of DVD and letter re. A556 Bowdon to Knutsford Improvement Scheme. Councillors to pass round DVD and comment if they wish and report to clerk.

## **6. Finance:**

- 6.1 Financial update: PG will report: PAYE has been dealt with. The balance on the General Account on 31.3.13 was £7918.34 and is now £13.700 (includes first half of precept). Main expense outgoing was £1473 for Civitas (Planning: Spinks Lane). Land Asset Account: £1459 current and £439 on deposit. The VAT will be reclaimed shortly; this amounts to £2,200, of which £1685 which will be paid into the Land Asset Account, and the balance will be paid into the General Account. Discussion on upkeep of Clover Drive, - agenda item for next meeting.
- 6.2 To approve the payments for this month. Cheques were signed for Clerk, VH stocking of materials (paper towelling, cleaning materials, etc. The main stock of these is held by the clerk). Pest control, window cleaning, grass cutting at Clover Drive
- 6.3 Payments received during last month: £312 from Village Hall letting. JW reported that she is already getting bookings for the Village Hall for 2014.
- 6.4 Audit prepared by Internal Auditor: PG requires signatures from Chair and Clerk: See Item 2.2

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

- 7.1 Update on Village Hall heating problems and recommendations for 'Maintenance of Asset team'. AS and CT had visited the Village Hall during the last month to assess the heating situation. They had carried out a check on the system, including each radiator. They have now sought advice from a heating engineer, and the fault is thought to be a temperature sensor in the boiler, the cost of which is about £30, for parts and labour. Resolved: CT will contact heating engineer and go ahead with repair. Agreement that money in 'Maintenance Fund VH' can be used for this.
- 7.2 Boardwalk at around lake: A resident of Wincham (who was part of the Wincham Parish Plan – pathways) had contacted the clerk earlier in the month reporting she was sending a letter to CWAC Growth and Prosperity councillor to progress the situation of the condition of the boardwalk. Resolution by our Councillors – no further action at the moment. Agenda item to assess situation – July)

## **8. HS2**

- 8.1 A Public Meeting was held at Cotton's Hotel on Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>: AS: He reported that he was very pleased with turn out for this meeting; 240 in all. The audience had every opportunity to ask questions, particularly to Michael Jones, Leader of the CE Council. AS is now hoping to set up a 'Cluster Group' to meet next week, to look at the route, mile by mile, and possible adjustments, including mitigation, and is there a better route. AS would like the Cluster Group to look at 'difficulties' and raise the 'pitfalls' The real consultation starts at the end of June and goes on until end of year. The Public Meeting had been reported on the front page of the Knutsford Guardian last week.

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

Nil – SW absent from meeting, as attending another meeting.

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

- 10.1 Fixing of posts to mark out overflow of car- parking at IROS: Resolution required.
- AS proposed that some barrier fencing be put in place at the IROS to limit parking on field when the gate is opened for functions. Eg. Corner of the pavilion building across towards The Orchards. Cones are disregarded and tendency for parking erratically on field. Discussion took place over different options of doing this. Agreement to investigate if this could be achieved with removable posts and chains. The options need to be brought up at the July meeting and also Agenda item for July: Usage of the IROS field.

**11. Items for next meeting's agenda – July 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

11.1 Ongoing Maintenance and funding for Clover Drive Playground area.

11.2 Boardwalk – Assess situation with resident at Wincham on any progress that has been made.

11.3.IROS

11.3.1 Useage of IROS field

11.3.2 Options for removable fencing posts and chains to mark out suitable parking area  
when gates are open for field/pavilion functions

**Clerk: Rosemary Fogerty**

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