

PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2ND 2016 AT 7.30 PM

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- 1. Present:** AS (Chair), CT (Vice Chair), PG, SR, DH, SF, RF(Clerk),
Olivia Hunter, (CE)

Apologies: IK, AB.

Public: 1 resident

PCSO: Gary Fulton

2. Minutes –

2.1 The Minutes were approved and signed by AS(Chair) for the last meeting, held on December 1st 2015.

2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes:

2.1 CT updated Councillors that Steve Wilkinson will be doing the repair of the gate stump on the path down to the lake soon.

7.3 CT has been doing further work today at the IROS.

7.1 The Clerk will acknowledge emails from the person concerned, and will inform the Councillors of receipt of said email. The subject of the email can then be on the next agenda, prepared by the clerk and agreed by the Chair, AS.

3. Declaration of Interests

Nil

4. Open Forum (Including PCSO)

4.1 The resident in attendance did not wish to raise any topic.

4.2 PCSO Gary Fulton attended as Sophie was off duty. She had sent her report a week before the meeting. The report is now a Knutsford Rural one, which the police think is a better way for every parish to know what is going on in their neighbouring parishes as well as their own, and it will also be less time consuming than doing individual reports. AS commented to Gary that it now covers a much larger area and reads as a list of reported crime rather than incidents more local to us that the police were investigating/resolving. It is useful to know what is happening more locally to us in Wincham and Northwich, just over the border from us. Could the police not communicate with their police and inform us.

Gary stated he would report back on AS's comments.

PG commented to the PCSO on the lack of communication with regard to the '26 sheep incident' reported in December, when he had rung 101 but nobody had returned his call, and no-one from 'Rural Watch' with any details whatever, even to where it had happened.

5. Finance: Councillor Gough:

- 5.1** Budgets for next financial year and Precept requirement for 2016/2017: PG discussed figures relating to the budgeting for this next year and making sure there is a contingency plan for unexpected expenses, particularly related to care of our Assets, both buildings and IROS area. Also funds need to cover the Village Hall survey. Consideration needs to be given to the fact that much of the care of the land assets, particularly the IROS is at present being done by volunteers, but this may not carry on and there will be a need to pay for more professional help in time to come. He feels that the needs can be justified to keep the precept the same as last year; this being £13,000.00. PG proposed and CT seconded this motion. The councillors all voted unanimously for this sum. Clerk to contact CE by email asap, and by post with signed form tomorrow with request for Precept 2016/17.
- 5.2** Financial up date: PG gave details of the accounts to date, including the Land Asset Account and the General Account including comparing to last year.
- 5.3** Tree work carried out at IROS and decision on quote for professional tree surgery: CT had reported previously to the council on the overhanging trees in the IROS area and had since had these inspected by Allan James, local tree surgeon. Some trees are in the vicinity of the Notice Board near the lake and near the kissing gate. This work needs to be done in the interests of safety. The cost of work will be £950.00. This will include clearing and burning rubbish. CT proposed and SF seconded this work to be carried out, and the council voted unanimously for this to go ahead.
- 5.4** Renewal of Gas/electric contract: this is being dealt with at this present time.
- 5.5** Clover Drive Playground Inspections: The Clerk reported that she has now received documentation for Play Ground Maintenance for Clover Drive PG, with ANSA Environmental Services for 2016/2017. Any additional equipment replacements will be charged at cost and agreed prior to installation. to agree to care and inspections, including annual safety check. The annual cost for this is £323.56. The form was signed by SR, and the clerk.
- 5.6** To approve the payments for this month. Signing of cheques: Clerk's expenses, Northwich Heating for annual gas central heating service and safety check, VH Cleaner, and Stephen Edwards Electrical for repair to stage light, and United Utilities.
- 5.7** Re-investment of Bond: this has now been carried out.

6. Planning

6.1 Applications since last meeting: 15/5757M Clay House Farm, Flittogate Lane Tabley WA16 0HJ. Extension of internal service roads on Cheshire Showground:

No objections raised by Pickmere PC.

6.2.1 Decisions: 15/4874M Fernhill Farm Frog Lane Pickmere WA16 0LJ. Small Extension To The Rear Of The Building And Roof For The Whole Structure: Approved with conditions.

6.2.2 15/5297M Single Storey side extension to form porch/utility room 1 The Orchards Pickmere WA16 0LS: Approved with conditions.

6.2.3 15/4595M for Conservatory at Cobb Lodge Pickmere Lane Pickmere WA16 0JL: Approved with conditions.

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

7.1 Conference update: AS and SF had attended this in December. AS felt that not enough clarity on whether to go ahead with doing our own Neighbourhood Plan had been gleaned from attendance at this meeting.

7.2 Next step in Neighbourhood Planning: AS feels there is a fine balance between doing one and not doing. He feels the council need to continue to meet to discuss this topic and would like now to arrange for a speaker to give a different point of view to that of the meeting held in November.

7.3 Update on Village Hall Survey: AS reported that the surveyor he engaged to do the VH survey had some family problems around Christmas, causing a delay in him doing the survey. This is now in the process of being done, and we await his report.

7.4 Discussion on Pavillion internal layout plan from 'Community Group'. A copy of the proposed plans for this was given to each of the councillors. Discussion took place on these and a revised draft layout which involves less internal work, was agreed on by the councillors.

The Clerk is to reply to Brenda Wilkinson with this suggested layout and a covering email, explaining the reasons for this.

7.5 AED's: SR has now received 2 sets of equipment and SR will contact Dave Bradburn to put a poster together for information on this on the Notice Boards, regarding Training Sessions. One set of equipment will be situated at the Pavillion, and will be monitored by the CCTV system which will be in place there. The other set will be at the Red Lion Inn.

7.6 Clerk's notification of her resignation: AS had received this information from RF in early January. He had emailed the councillors. RF explained she was happy to continue in her post until around the AGM in May, hopefully giving the council time to find a replacement. The post is now advertised on all the Notice Boards in the village and through Chalc. The closing date for applications is the end of February.

7.7 Update on CCTV: IK was not present at tonight's meeting so update on this will be at the March meeting.

8. **HS2:** Little more to report on this at the present time, although suggestions have been put forward to the government that funding flood defences should be given priority.
9. **Report from CE Councillor Olivia Hunter re: Cheshire East Borough Council:**
We await the delivery of the actual Sid's, having received the posts. Discussion took place over the ownership of the land in front of 116/118 Pickmere Lane, where a driveway has been constructed over the grass. No planning application has been received by the council. Olivia will seek out more information on this for us. The Council requested Olivia to check out the situation at Sunnyside, Pickmere Lane where the licence is for one caravan only and yet the second one has not yet been removed. She will check this out with Derek Ward, CE Enforcement Officer.
10. **Issues raised by Councillors/Parishioners:** (This was item was dealt with after Item 5 on tonight's agenda).
10.1 Community Pride Competition: Entry decision for 2016 and if decided upon to enter an entrance fee cheque is required: CT reported to the council on the annual competition normally entered by Pickmere. For the past 2 years he has completed the Entry Forms. These need to be submitted by 13th March, together with an entry fee of £45.
CT explained to the other councillors that he is unable to do the forms this year because of other commitments and suggested that another councillor could perhaps take over. It is a time consuming getting the forms filled in. DH and SF will consider doing this.
CT suggested entering for the Best Kept Village, the Initiative Award and contacting Dave Bradburn to see if he would like to enter 'Pickmere Press' for the Best Community Newsletter Award.

Clerk: Rosemary Fogerty