

PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

TUESDAY APRIL 5TH 2016 AT 7.30 PM

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1. **Present:** AS (Chair), CT (Vice Chair), IK, AB, SF, DH, RF (Clerk), OH (Cheshire East) SR arrived at 8.30pm, he had previously sent ‘apologies’
Apologies: PG
Police: Nil
Public: Nil
2. **Minutes –**
 - 2.1 The Minutes of the last meeting, held on March 1st 2016, were approved and signed by the Chairperson, AS.
 - 2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes
3. **Declaration of Interests:** IK and AB in Item 5.2, and AS in 5.1.
4. **Open Forum (Including PCSO)**
 - 4.1 No members of public present tonight.
 - 4.2 PCSO: The Clerk reported that just prior to the meeting Sophie had phoned her, stating that there had not been any incidences during the last month in Pickmere. She will be doing a ‘Speedwatch’ in our area with the Wincham PCSO in a couple of days. The Clerk informed her of an email she had received last week by a resident who was concerned of the speed of vehicles going past the SID on Pickmere Lane, stating that some were travelling at 50mph. Sophie said she would report this to Knutsford Police. She asked for residents to volunteer to help with ‘Speedwatch’. The Clerk will email Sophie on behalf of IK who offered to do ‘Speedwatch’ training.
5. **Planning**
 - 5.1 **Applications:**
 - 5.1.1 No.15/2241M Proposed residential development of three units at 34 Pickmere Lane Pickere WA16 0JU. This is now under ‘Appeal’ to the Secretary of State.
The Pickmere Parish Council has now submitted a response to the Planning Inspector supporting Cheshire East’s refusal of Planning Permission

5.1.2 No. 16/1396M Frog Lane Farm Frog Lane Pickmere Cheshire WA16 0JG Agricultural Building for housing of TB restricted cattle. Only just received and not discussed by Planning Committee yet.

5.1.3 No. 16/1474M 114 Pickmere Lane Pickmere Knutsford WA16 0JP Two storey extension to side elevation and single storey extension to front and rear elevation. Only just received and not discussed by Planning Committee yet.

5.2 Decisions: 16/0300M Anoki 10 Jacobs Way Pickmere Cheshire WA16 0GZ Amendments of recently approved application: Approved with conditions. AS reported that the Planning Officer at CE had referred to our Planning Committee's responses in making the decision on this application

6.. Finance: Councillor Gough absent due to sickness so 6.1 will be on May agenda. AS outlined it briefly for benefit of new councillors.

6.1 Timetable for 31st March 2016 Year end Accounts. Internal audit and Councillors' oversight. Public availability of accounts and July audit submission

6.2 Approval of payments for this month: signing of cheques: Clerk, cleaner, Chalc membership, CCA membership, expenses of items to Councillor Tarrant, survey fee for VH, CCTV for IROS/Pavillion area, Richard Platt for mowing grass over the year, fire extinguisher, and Planning Advisor.

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

7.1 Cheshire Railings: CT is awaiting contact with Alf Evans, re welding of these.

7.2 Update on Village Hall Survey: AS reported that estimates have now been received. The council will meet to discuss these.

7.3 AED's: SR absent, so this item will be on May Agenda

7.4 (Also Item 10.1 was considered in this discussion).

Report on appointment of new clerk. Interviews had taken place during March. The person chosen for the post had accepted it, but is now unable to take up the position. The post will now be re-advertised.

The present Clerk, RF will be leaving her post at the end of this month.

Discussion took place over how communication will take place

between the councillors, particularly in the absence of a clerk from the end of April. There was a discussion on the necessary changes to the email address and on having a domain address for councillors' use. This will be decided upon in the next few days. The clerk will go ahead and inform contacts of the council of the new arrangements. The present clerk's email address will shortly not exist as a means of contact from the public for the Parish Council. Information will be posted on the Notice Boards, and public can post messages into black post box at VH. No new bookings will be accepted for the Village Hall for the time being. All regular users will continue to use the Village Hall as normal. These measures are temporary until a new clerk is appointed.

7.5. Update on CCTV: IK has now installed this system at the Pavillion, and it is in full working order.

7.6 Spinks Lane: AS and CT had met with CE Councillor Aynsley Arnold, Housing and Planning Portfolio Holder, and Sean Hannaby, for an update.

The purpose of requesting this meeting for our Chair and Vice Chair was to ensure that our Parish Council is kept fully up to date with information.

The meeting will be recorded.

7.7 Consider a Community Working Party to complete tidy up throughout IROS with opportunities for bulb planting and selective tree planting. This will be on May's agenda. The clerk has received a couple of replies re offers to help plant, and to donate bulbs.

7.8 SIDs have now been received: AS: May agenda

7.9 CT raised the possible problem of a tree at the IROS which may need professional attention. This will be discussed at the May meeting.

8. HS2: AS to give update: Nil of note recently.

9. Report from CE Councillor Olivia Hunter re: Cheshire East Borough Council
Olivia raised the subject of the driveways across the grass that have been created by the houses 116/118 Pickmere Lane. She will follow this up with the Enforcement Officer and request this to be expedited. This situation is of great concern to Pickmere Parish Council who do not wish their land to be turned into private gardens.

10. Issues raised by Councillors/Parishioners:

10.1 Appropriate charges for Pavillion Hire during the summer months:

AS made the following proposal: 'That Pickmere Parish Council waive the hire charges for the use of the Pavillion by the Community Group for 'Sunday Teas' in lieu of the regular cleaning and ongoing upkeep. This arrangement will continue until the Parish Council make other/new arrangements.

10.2 Consider the use of a Parish Council email address for Parish business rather than a private email address:

This item came under discussion in Item 7.4. but will require further discussion at a later time.

11. Items for May's Agenda (AGM) (Time allowing)

Finance as detailed in 6.1 tonight

Cheshire Railings

SID's

AED's

Dog Fouling (Top field of Clover Drive, issue raised by Richard Platt, who does the grass mowing in that area.

Tree at IROS Item 7.9 April agenda

Parish Council email address

Rosemary Fogerty, Clerk

