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MINUTES of THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
in PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 7th June 2016 at 7.30 pm

1. **Present** AS (Chair), CT (Vice Chair), AB, SF, PG, DH, IK, SR, Olivia Hunter
 (CE)
 Absent None
 Apologies None
 Police None
 Public None

2. **Minutes**

2.1 **Approval of Minutes**

- 2.1.1 The minutes for the meeting of 3 May 2016 (613) were approved and signed by AS (Chair).
2.1.2 The minutes for the Extra meeting of 24 May 2016 (614) were approved and signed by AS (Chair).

2.2 **Matters arising**

- 2.2.1 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 3 May 2016:
 7.1 CT reported that he believed that A Evans had not yet started welding the Cheshire Railings. He will check further with A Evans.
2.2.2 Matters arising from the minutes of the Extra meeting of 24 May:
 SR had received positive comments from the community in respect of the fact that the Council were proceeding with consideration of options for community assets.

3. **Declaration of Interests**

- 3.1 AB/IK declared an interest in Agenda Item 9.2. AS (Chair) considered that such interest was not sufficient to prevent the Councillors from taking part in the discussion of that item.

4. **Open Forum (Including PCSO)**

- 4.1 None
4.2 None

5. **Planning**

5.1 **Applications**

- 5.1.1 16/2228M - PC response noted
- 5.1.2 16/1937M - PC response noted

5.2 Decisions

- 5.2.1 16/1474M - Permission granted following revisions - decision noted

5.3 AS reported that the planning appeal on **land at 34 Pickmere Lane** (15/2241M) had very recently been dismissed on the ground of inappropriate development in the Green Belt. Decision noted.

6. Finance

- 6.1** No issues to note re current financial position.
- 6.2** Audit Submission: PG circulated information related to the Audit for the year to 31 March 2016 (report attached). AS (Chair) and SR (Acting Clerk at PC meeting of 3 May 2016) signed the Annual Governance Statement for 2015/16 (see Item 6.1 at the Council's meeting of 3 May 2016). The Internal Auditor had signed off the Annual Internal Audit Report for 2015/16.
- 6.3** Payments previously authorised - AS/PG signed relevant cheques

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

7.1 Asset Working Group - AS to consider separately with Councillors and Clerk how to move forward on this item. In response to a question, AS clarified that the search for potential sources of funding should relate to the possibilities for both of the buildings owned by the Council, viz. the Village Hall and the Pavilion.

7.2 AS welcomed the new Clerk to his first Council meeting; all members concurred.

7.3 Community Speedwatch - IK reported that he had attended the first lesson for persons operating the Speedwatch radar gun, although in fact because of the absence of attendees from other Councils, the lesson did not take place. The Police representative did however say that the Police's ideal is for team of 3 persons to carry out a Speedwatch initiative, for operational reasons, although 2 persons could reasonably do so. All Councillors volunteered for training on the use of this device. The Clerk was asked to arrange for an item in Pickmere Press asking for volunteers to undertake this training. IK proposed (AB seconded) that the Police representative be invited to attend a future meeting of Council to advise on the Speedwatch system. Agreed unanimously.

8. Report from C.E. Cllr Olivia Hunter re Cheshire East Council

8.1 A Councillor requested an update on the unauthorised footway/verge crossing at 116/118 Pickmere Lane. OH has contacted Planning Enforcement 3 times on this matter. OH said that she will raise this matter with the Leader of CE as it is an issue

that might spread elsewhere in the district. OH has also asked Mr M Suarez (Chief Executive, CE) for a report on all matters concerning Pickmere PC and he is in the process of preparing this.

8.2 AS made reference to the enforcement of a planning permission condition on the house 'Sunnyside', in relation to replacement of one portable structure with another. Both structures remain on-site. This has previously been referred to CE. OH noted the request to pursue. Clerk to inform OH of the details of the case.

9. Issues raised by Councillors/Parishioners

9.1 Community Assets - AS clarified the proposal relating to emergency action between meetings. Following discussion, SF proposed an amendment to the proposal to include also the determination of contingency action other than the expenditure of Council funds; DH seconded. The following resolution was unanimously agreed:

That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and / or the Responsible Financial Officer (or in their absence agreed deputies), be empowered (i) to spend up to a total sum of £500.00 in the event of emergency expenditure being required on any matter relating to the duties and responsibilities of the Council, and/or (ii) to determine and carry out other contingency action, in either case where such expenditure or action cannot be held over until the next scheduled meeting of the Council.

9.2 Tree (r/o 11 Jacob's Way) - background documents had previously been circulated in relation to the condition and possible treatment of the tree. Following discussion DH proposed the following; SR seconded ;and it was unanimously agreed:

That a schedule of potential works be prepared in relation to the group of trees in question (as an initial phase of an appraisal of all Council assets) which will require as a first step the establishment of which of those trees fall within Parish Council ownership, and that the Clerk respond appropriately to the member of the public concerned.

Clerk: Jack Steel