

# PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Number 587

## MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> 2013 AT 7.30PM AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

1. **Present:** Councillors A Shore (Chair), C Tarrant (Vice Chair), S Wilkinson, P Gough, J Webb, V Brown, S Read.  
**Apologies:** R Pepall  
**Public:** 6  
**PCSO's** Sophie Emmerson and  
Greg Bithell (for a few minutes just before meeting commenced. They received an urgent call and left at 7.30pm.)
2. **Minutes –**
  - 2.1 The Minutes of the last meeting on Tuesday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, were approved and signed by the Chairperson, Andrew Shore.
  - 2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes:
    - 2.2.1 Ref. to Item 10.4 in last Minutes: VB reported that she has contacted George Enion re repair of Notice Boards.
    - 2.2.2 VB referring to the VAT, asked if this has been re-claimed. PG confirmed that this is so but not yet received.
3. **Declaration of Interests**  
Nil
4. **Open Forum**
  - 4.1 Public: Several members of the attendees reported a problem with a close neighbour in that she had been having late parties on the IROS and they had complained to her themselves. They had also reported it to the police, who said they could not do anything as it was not their land. Councillor VB asked AS(Chair) if signage could be installed at the IROS referring to the use of the land, particularly referring to late night/early hours of the morning. The Chair clarified that the police would attend for antisocial behaviour complaints  
Two residents requested that repair is carried out to pavements, as they are rough and broken, and in many cases there is only pavement on one side of the roads anyway.
  - 4.2 PCSO:
    - 4.2.1 Report for last month : Police called away just as meeting started, but had reported to the Clerk before leaving: Sophie stated she had received 4 offers of volunteering for Speedwatch, Also that Sgt. Murray (Knutsford) is setting up PCSO's training in Speedwatch in our areas in the near future. Sophie will send end of month report tomorrow.

## **5. Planning**

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

5.1 Planning Application received during July: Nil received

5.2. Planning decisions:

5.2.1 13/2137M 11 The Orchards Pickmere WA160LS – Approved with conditions.

5.2.2 13/1699M 1 Royles Cottage Pickmere Lane Pickmere WA16 0JL- Refused

## **6. Finance:**

6.1 Financial update: PG handed out end of quarter(April-June) Finance sheets:

General Account balance: £11,887.25 Land Asset Account balance: £15,219.26

The Audit Report has not yet been received yet. The clerk requested that if this report is received in near future please would PG please display on all Notice Boards, relating to residents seeing the report.

Maintenance money for Clover Drive Playground, presently invested in a bond, is due to mature in mid-August. PG will look at investment rates ready for re-investment. £1000 will be kept out for next year's maintenance, and the remainder of £12,500 will be invested for a year.

6.2 To approve the payments for this month: cheques were signed for Clerk's expenses, VH Cleaner, and P Jackson (gardener at Clover Drive area)

6.3 Payments received during last month: £591 was received from Village Hall lettings, and annual fee from Sale Moor Angling Club. Clerk to check on date of Fishing Contract for the latter.

6.4 Ongoing maintenance of Clover Drive: VB requested that £300 be set up from the General Account for this expense, in addition to the £1000 as mentioned in '6.1' as this latter sum may not be sufficient. AS put VB's proposal to the vote in that £300 be set aside from the precept; 4 were against and 2 for it. Therefore proposal not carried. Councillors generally felt that if the need arises for extra money for repairs etc, then it may at that stage be necessary to use some funds from the General Account.

6.5 Gas and Electric Accounts: The direct debit for the gas has gone up by £6 per month to take account of balance showing on the account.

6.6 Change of name at last meeting from 'Maintenance Fund' to 'Non-land Assests Fund' With reference to the July Minutes (PG Finance Officer was absent) the fund name was changed. It was agreed by the council that the name should remain as 'Maintenance Fund'

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

7.1 Report on walkway at lakeside area: SR to reported that he had inspected the walkway and had produced a report and several photographs of affected areas and what repair might be needed. However, CT had recently heard that CWAC are soon to start repairs on this walkway. Decision taken that Pickmere do not need to be involved at this point. AS thanked SR for the 'walk report and photographs' that he had done to detail the weaknesses in the boardwalk. SW referring to Photo 1, felt that the trees needed cutting back, and offered to visit RP (landowner) to draw attention to this.

7.2 Clerk to report on putting notices on our boards from a Wincham Councillor re. activities in their area and vice versa: The clerk has received requests to display items of interest taking place in Wincham on our Notice Boards; – discussion, and clerk to use her discretion re. which items, and only if space allows.

## **8.1 HS2**

8.1 AS: Updated Council, and reported that there is a plan to get all groups in Cheshire who are involved in HS2 to form 'one group'. AS will go along to the meeting and assess this. He feels that within 'our local Cluster Group' there are a number of aims, and one involves getting compensation; the Cluster Group's main aim remains 'to stop HS2 altogether'. Also, AS and SW feel that what is appropriate for 'our mile by mile review' may not apply to other groups. Mitigation measures (as well as trying to stop it) are the aim of our Cluster Group. SR re-

iterated 'make it clear that we do not want it at all'). At this point in discussion, Councillor SW and PG declared interest.

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

- 9.1 SW reported that CE now have an 'Open Forum' item at their meetings, for members to ask questions. SW informed us that he has used this as an opportunity to ask the Leader of the Council his opinion of HS2, particularly in relation to compensation/hardship circumstances.
- 9.2 Cheshire East Council are trying a scheme of bringing in free parking after 3 pm in some of their towns, and Macclesfield traders, where it has been trialled have shown an increase in trade, which hopefully will benefit local businesses. Knutsford are also about to embark on this scheme; it is hoped that this will also benefit their local businesses.
- 9.3 A new appointment has been created at Cheshire East; that of Chief Operations Officer, Mr Peter Bates, who is ranked below the Leader of the Council, and is in charge of all other officers.

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

- 10.1 IROS: Decision required on the opening times of the IROS field gate for the purpose of visitor parking, and possibly the opening of the gate on Saturdays. A banner has recently been created displaying Sunday gate opening times. This had proved beneficial for the last 3 Sundays. Discussion amongst Councillors re. hours of gate opening on Sunday and whether to open gate on Saturdays. Unanimous decision to open only on Sundays during summer when 'Teas' are in operation and times will be '1.30pm to 5pm'
  - 10.1.1 AS asked VB for the key to the post on corner of Mere Lane with Park Lane; VB stated she does not have a key, but will contact Jeremy Lawton who installed the post, for a key.
- 10.2 Installation of a storage container adjacent to the Pavillion building, – decision required. This container will provide storage for equipment such as marquees and tables etc, used for Fun Day and other events. AS put a proposal for a Planning Application (cost of Planning App. = £75 cost of which would be taken from General Account) for a temporary container (20ft x 8ft x 8ft) to be sited adjacent to the IROS to the vote. (The council cannot decide the position of this, we will be advised by the Planning Dept. where this is to be situated). Unanimous vote on applying for planning and costs. The location will be decided later.
- 10.3 From Open Forum – re. condition of pavements: Clerk to report this to 'Highways'.

## **11. Items for next meeting's agenda –October 8th. (No meeting in September)**

- Budget for November agenda
- Sale Moor Angling Club renewal date

**Clerk: Rosemary Fogerty**

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