

PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Number 588

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 8TH 2013 AT 7.30PM AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

AGENDA

- 1. Present:** Councillors: A Shore (Chair), C Tarrant (Vice Chair), P Gough, S Read, J Webb, V Brown, R Pepall, R Fogerty (Clerk).
Apologies: Councillor S Wilkinson (CE)
PCSO's S Emmerson and G Bethell
Public: 5

- 2. Minutes –**
 - 2.1 The Minutes of the last meeting, held on August 6th 2013, were approved and signed by Chair, A S Shore
 - 2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes: Nil.

- 3. Declaration of Interests:**

The Council as a whole declared an interest in Item 7.1 as Land Owners of the IROS. No other individual interests were declared.

- 4. Open Forum**
 - 4.1** A member of the public in referring to the 'Pavilion building' stated that it belonged to the residents, but AS replied stating that the IROS area belongs to the PPC – 'it is legally owned by the entity known as Pickmere Parish Council'.
Further resident queried why work was going on land off Park Lane when she understood this had not been granted. Clerk to contact CE Planning.
 - 4.2 PCSO:** (This item was actually heard at start of meeting, due to the PCSO's being on duty and needed to attend another case)
 - 4.2.1** Report for last month : Sophie read out her report on incidences in her local area, bordering on Pickmere. In Pickmere area she reported on a garage being broken into on Park Lane on 7.10.13. Also 2 young males in a white van in Spinks Lane, at Red Lion end. A Wincham resident reported this, and stated they were staggering along, likely to have been under influence of alcohol or drugs; also on 7.10.13. PCSO's will follow this up. Incident on Frog Lane where lampers were seen behind Frog Lane Cottage – no trace when incident followed up. Pickmere will be under surveillance due to these incidences.
Two new speedwatch volunteers have been trained for our area.

5. Planning

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

5.1 Planning Application received during August/September: (after Agenda published)

Application: 13/4111M Royles Cottage, Pickmere Lane Pickmere, WA16 0JL for single story side extension

5.2. Planning decisions: Nil

5.3 Spinks Lane Appeal Decision: Report by CT:

The second appeal was dismissed for the same reasons as the first one. This one was ratified by the Secretary of State. The residents have been granted three months to leave the site.

No further appeal has been lodged within the time available for that, and there are five and a half weeks left of the three months. CT has contacted concerning the plan in action to ensure the departure of the residents.

6. Finance:

6.1 Financial update: PG handed out the Finance report sheets to all councillors.

The second half of the Precept, amounting to £6,500 has been received. The Village Hall lettings are going well. The Investment Bond from the Finance received in settlement for Clover Drive Playground has now matured. This is presently in Lakeside Deposit Account.

Resolution: To re-invest £12,000 in Co-op Bank at best rate PG has found: 1.437%

6.2 To approve the payments for this month: The clerk read out list of payments to be made.

VB presented an invoice for moss clearance from VH roof, for £80. She had organised for this to be done without consent from A Shore (Chair). He re-iterated that all councillors must have agreement at a Council meeting for any work to be done, and should this be an emergency situation it must be discussed with Chairperson first, before a councillor arranges for the work to be done.

6.3 Payments received during last 2 months: £556 from Village Hall lettings.

6.4 The second half of the precept, this being £6,500, has been received and is in General Current Account.

6.5 PG reported on the recent external Audit: This was carried out by company BDO.LLP. It was a clear report and is now available to view on the Parish Council Website.

6.6 Clerk's salary: PG will adjust Clerk's Direct Debit following Nalc making an inflationary pay award back dated to April.

6.7 Clover Drive Playground: Checking Playground area and Annual Checks:

Digley, who have been doing our annual check so far, no longer exist. There is now a need to appoint another company. WAP Lawton do three of the quarterly checks. It is felt that the annual check should be done in June, thereby ensuring the check has been done before the summer holidays. Clerk to keep a copy of all the checks. VB to pass copies of the checks on her file to the Clerk. Clerk already holds the Digley report done in November 2012.

CT had contacted George Enion, who has recently repaired the bench. This has recently broken and the material used has been found to be not fit for purpose. Question now is do we need that bench or may be an alternative.

6.8 Annual safety check on gas boiler: Clerk to contact Carl Hughes who attended to the central heating system earlier on this year, and ask for quote for gas safety check and annual service.

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

7.1 Application to register land as a Village Green: Report on Special Meeting of the Parish Council held on Oct. 1st. Councillors had been sent the Minutes of this meeting. Amendments for these were: Number at top should read '587S', in Item 1 Present: add 'Press: Warrington Guardian' and Item 'g' change 2nd line to read 'available to our chosen Legal Advisors'. The Minutes were then approved and signed by Chairperson, Andrew Shore.

A Shore commented that in the Application, Appendix C quotes that 'car parking for 70-100 members of the public, and hard standing to make building accessible across the land. We expect that most of the IROS land would be affected.'

A Shore declared that at the Consultation it was reported that 5 additional spaces' would be required at either VH or IROS, making 20 in all.

AS also commented that the application had not been made available to anyone but the councillors and he felt that this was not sufficient and did not enable the residents to make comments. Residents could only see the application by visiting CE offices at Sandbach.

It had not been put on the web-site, where applications are normally displayed. VB stated that in 'g' the deeds were not part of the '106' agreement, but AS stated that the '106' appeared to be all part of the planning agreement that formed the deeds.

AS is in the process of finding a Legal Advisor to take on advising the council on the application and will ask for an estimate of the costs involved. He will make available to them the documents we have at present. When he has an initial report he will call a special meeting, when all councillors will have the opportunity to make a decision on the response to CE.

- 7.2** Clover Drive Playground: What is the status of the Safety Checks? Who is actually responsible for these, when are they being done and where are the records kept? VB keeps the records ; she was requested to copy the present records and give to Clerk so she also has a copy. There is an annual check, quarterly checks by WAP Lawton, and weekly checks are also carried out.
- 7.3** Siting of container at IROS for storage of equipment; status so far: CT. Discussion re. the application of this and the funding. The Community Group have offered to pay for the container and the Council will fund the application. Ask Community Group to get everything in place for this, including detailed plans. Consideration to be given as to when to submit due to Village Green Application.
- 7.4** FOI: Feedback from Meeting at Commissioner's Office: AS reported that the Clerk had received further correspondence from the Commissioner, stating he wished to talk to the Chairperson. The Commissioner asked for Councillor's records of meetings etc. that had been held in connection with the Buildings proposals. AS had taken these to the Commissioner's Office. AS reported that he would put these on our web-site, these being a copy of the information on the yellow post-it notes, (comments were originally in 4 categories) most of which fell into 2 categories after review by councillors. There were no Minutes recorded at any of the meetings.
- 7.5** Date of Sale Moor Angling Contract due. This is July 6th. (Clerk paid this year's cheque in on August 1st, so it had been received during July).
- 7.6** The Clerk reported a 'smell' in the porch area, which is not apparently associated with the kitchen or hall. The cleaner is also aware of it. Councillors will check as they leave the premises tonight.
- 7.7** The Clerk will place a notice in the Ladies' Toilet requesting they be left in a clean condition, following incident reported by cleaner.
- 7.8** The Clerk reported that the walkway along the lakeside has now been repaired by CWAC and apart from one small repair, is now in good condition. Clerk to thank Wincham PC for their efforts in achieving this.
- 7.9** The Clerk reported that the Notice Board at the Lakeside is still in bad condition, and feels concerned particularly with the winter weather coming on, that repairs need to be done. PG will look into this.
- 7.10** The Clerk inquired if any repairs have been done to the pavements that she reported after the last meeting. No one has contacted the council; she will re-contact to ask for progress on this.
- 7.11** The Clerk has attempted to contact the Curtain company who supplied new rails a couple of years ago, to give a quote for new strong rod on stage. No reply yet to her voicemail message and she will continue to obtain quotes for next meeting.

8.1 HS2

8.1 AS: Update:

AS had attended a meeting on 26th August to discuss the formation of an 'All Cheshire Group'. This was formed from other smaller groups, including our HS"Cluster Group. There are good reasons for small groups and also for one large group. John Kehler, one of residents, been appointed Secretary of the All Cheshire Group. The group are meeting tonight at Glazebrook. AS reported that he is attending a meeting at Tatton Park to talk to the Engineers who are involved with proposed line and the route of HS2.

9. Report from CE Councillor Steve Wilkinson re: Cheshire East Borough Council- Apologies for absence were received from SW

10. Issues raised by Councillors/Parishoners:Nil

11. Items for next meeting's agenda –November 5th
Budgets ready for Precept
Quotes

Clerk: Rosemary Fogerty
