

PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Number 583

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd APRIL 2013 AT 7.30PM

AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

Acting Chairperson, C Tarrant, welcomed Catherine Mitchell, Knutsford NPU Inspector, to the meeting. She informed the council that she is visiting the parishes in turn, to familiarise herself with the Councils and PCSO's and support the local police.

- 1. Present: Councillors:** C Tarrant, Vice-Chair; S. Wilkinson, V. Brown, J. Webb, R. Pepall, S. Read, P. Gough, (arrived 7.50pm) R. Fogerty (Clerk)

Others: NPU Inspector C. Mitchell, PCSO's: S. Emmerson, G. Bithell.

Apologies: A. Shore, (Chair)

Public: Nil

2. Minutes –

2.1 Correction 7.7 2nd to last line: 'CWAC' not 'CE' The Minutes from 5th March were then approved and signed by acting Chairperson C. Tarrant

2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes: Raised by VB: Re: Footpath Closure by CWAC.

Discussion as to way forward. VB will phone Councillor Steve Holden, CWAC, discuss the problem and arrange necessary paperwork to serve notice on CWAC to re-open path. She will do a letter for clerk to send, who will inform the Wincham Clerk on the steps our council are taking.

3. Declaration of Interests

CE Councillor S. Wilkinson declared a non-pecuniary interest in HS2.

4. Open Forum

4.1 Police: PCSO S. Emmerson gave the report for our local area, including a van being stolen from Merehaven Close, shooting of rabbits, and suspicious activity involving a light shining in Frog Lane. There are warnings of diesel being stolen from vehicles. If you see anything suspicious please report. Use 999 for emergencies, and 101 for non-emergency. Inspector Mitchell advised that the public contact PCSO Emmerson as first line contact. We have the PCSO until May, covering our village. Speed has increased in the village, since reducing the speed limit to 30mph. The clerk asked the PCSO to check the whereabouts of our speedgun. The Police left the meeting at 8.05pm.

5. Planning

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

- 5.1 Spinks Lane: CT gave a de-brief on the Public Inquiry held at Macclesfield last week, 25th to 28th March. Councillors A Shore, C Tarrant and S Wilkinson had represented PARG as Rule Six participants. CT gave details of each day's evidence. The report on this appeal is likely to take 6 weeks; but in this case the Inspector does not make the decision, as it is 'called in' then by the Secretary of State, so possibly an additional 3-4 weeks. PG gave a vote of thanks to the PARG representatives, for their time and efforts. It was unanimously agreed that the council would pay the professional Planning Invoice for the inquiry. JW proposed, seconded VB.
- 5.2 A556 Planning Junction 19 Slip Road – CT: VB has not yet seen these plans, we have another week to respond; generally, the effect on Pickmere will be minimal.
- 5.3 No applications for Pickmere during March

6. Finance:

- 6.1 Financial update: PG gave out the financial sheets to each Councillor.
 - General Account Balance: £6,923.70
 - Land Asset Account Balance: £2,003.81 – only expense is Digley Review.
- 6.2 To approve the payments for this month: Cleaner, Clerk, Annual Memberships, Repair expenses.
- 6.3 Payments received during last month: Nil
- 6.4 Preparation of Audit by PG for 2012/13: PG will prepare Audit. Nicky White will check this as our 'Internal Auditor'. PG will also prepare the VAT claim and submit it.
- 6.5 Website annual hosting fee due: CT – £100.

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

- 7.1 Maintenance of Assets: Land and Buildings: Reference to 'pre-read list' sent to councillors, with this agenda. CT: These will be evaluated and prioritised by Councillors by PG and CT who will be co-ordinators of volunteers from the village. SW suggested looking at the list (which is by no means complete) and deciding which could be done by volunteers, and which would be 'paid work'. One way of considering the jobs would be 'volunteers doing the jobs in their own area'.
SR suggested a report on this going in the Pickmere Press: Encourage everyone to take an interest in their own boundaries and to clean road-signs, clear weeds, litter etc., by taking pride in our village, and become 'Better than Best' following our success as last year's Best Kept Village Award'.
SR will speak to Dave Bradburn re. entry into Pickmere Press.
CT thanked SW for the great job he had done recently to clear and burn debris at Lakeside.
- 7.2 Report on request for Special Constable: The Clerk had contacted John Dwyer, Police and Crime Commissioner enquiring about the deployment of a Special Constable for our Village. She is awaiting hearing from the Supt. who deals with this. The Police Commissioner is looking at the increasing the number of Special Constables and wishes to encourage people in villages to apply for the role and be trained, and then patrol the area they live in. The Parish Council will be pleased to hear from anyone who wishes to be considered for this role

8. HS2

- 8.1 Update from Chairperson: AS has a tentative date for a meeting with George Osborne, but this is in the day-time. The Cluster Group are meeting again this week, Thursday 4th April. RP (and AS) had attended an Airport Meeting, and confirmed that the latter had not pushed for HS2. The meeting held in the Village Hall, displaying large maps of the route, had been well attended and feedback well received. The question now is how to support the 'Cheshire Show

Stand' that Pat Mather and John Keleher have arranged? VB raised issues re. Public Liability Insurance for this. Agenda Item for May.

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

Nil to report, mainly due to the fact that he had been involved in the Spinks' Lane Inquiry. The Clerk referred to the letter she had received re. CWAC Local Plan- await receiving further documents.

10. Issues raised by Councillors/Parishioners:

- 10.1 PG and CT will carry out this coordination of jobs etc. as reported in Item 7.
- 10.2 Grass-Cutting for Clover Drive and Open Spaces: Richard Platt did this last year. This year it will be £750 inc. VAT. This includes 1 cutting in April, then 2 per month, until Oct. and then 1 cutting. PG will get another quote by next meeting.
- 10.3 'Fields in Trust': VB informed the council that the deadline for the QE11 Jubilee FiT had now passed. The main advantage for putting amenities in trust is that they are protected in perpetuity. VB gave further information, but it was felt that more information was needed. The cost would be around £100 plus Land Registry. SR offered to look into this by seeking legal information through his relative. RP declared no decisions needed as yet.
- 10.4 Scottish Power had contacted clerk re. tree cutting and clipping back of the tress in close proximity to Village Hall. Power lines. Agreement by Council to allow this to go ahead, and clerk will be contacted again to confirm permission.

11. Items for next meeting's agenda – May 7th

- 11.1 Cheshire Showground Stand: Insurance cover.
- 11.2 CWAC Local Plan: Awaiting documents
- 11.3 Quotes for Grass Cutting - PG

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday May 7th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

This will be the AGM

