

## Number 573

# MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2012 AT 7.30PM AT PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

1. **Present:** Councillors: J Webb ( Chairperson), A Shore (Vice Chair), V Brown, R Pepall, P Gough, C Tarrant. S Wilkinson arrived at 8.35pm. R Fogerty (clerk), PCSO C Shepherd.

**Apologies:** Nil

**Public** 1 person.

2. **Minutes** – J Webb welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2.1 The Minutes of the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012 were approved and signed by J Webb.
- 2.2 Matters arising:
- 2.2.1 The clerk reported that she had not yet obtained quotes for a frost thermostat, but would do shortly.
- 2.2.2 CT queried if the Clerk had any information on the road signs being replaced; she had reported it and will follow this up by further request

3. **Declaration of Interests:** Nil

4. **Open Forum**

- 4.1 The resident present stated that as there is an ongoing problem with speeding through the village, could the persons involved not be prosecuted instead of just a warning letter. Explanation given to him is that our PCSO is not trained in the use of the equipment which would lead to prosecution.
- 4.2 He also queried if the council had had any success in reducing the speed limit of boats on the lake. VB explained to him that despite attempts involving several contacts there was no successful outcome to reduce this.
- 4.3 He reported that there is no rabbit proof fencing along the new hedgerow of the Cheshire Showground, but just barbed wire. Councillor Gough will look into this.

5. **Police Community Support Officer**

Clare reported that most of the month had been quiet. However on 2<sup>nd</sup> April she had done a Speedwatch session with a volunteer and 10 motorists were ‘caught’ and they will receive a warning letter. Speeds were between 41 and 49 mph.

She had informed Inspector Griffiths of our village plans to have a procession through the village which may necessitate road closure and he has informed Cheshire East. An ASB had occurred at the pavilion where 5 youths were sitting on the ridge of the building.

A den had been constructed on the IROS area and this contained paraphernalia, eg.a shoe, clothing, tins.A resident of Pickmere had cleaned up the area, and disposed of it. JW reported that she had received a message from a Wincham resident that young people had lit a fire in the area. Twelve young trees were also damaged. Clare will keep close eye on area.

Clare and a volunteer will put up Speedwatch signs in 2 spots, over the next few days.

## **6. Finance**

**6.1** Financial update from Councillor Gough: As the end of month statements have not been received (clerk had requested these from the bank for end of year audit, but not yet arrived) PG had done brief reports, including bank balances.

General Account £6741.71 Lakeside Account £3877.06 (Also grant of £9,480.00 from Lottery funding for Children's Playground, for equipment.)

**6.2** To approve the payments for this month. Cheques were signed for clerk, new website fee, gardening at VH, United Utilities, and membership fees.

**6.3** Payments received during last month. £149.40 was paid in – Income Tax rebate received

**6.4** PG stated that he would like to place £3000.00 from the General current account into the deposit account to for maintenance and needs for Village Hall.

**6.5** VB requested that income from hire of Pavillion and the Fishing Licence be placed in Lakeside Account, to cover maintenance of IROS area, - discussed but decision reached to not to action for the time being.

**6.6** Insurance for Jubilee: As long as there is Police involvement the Council Insurance covers this.

**6.7** The clerk reported that the plans for Jubilee are going well. There is a Jubilee Group led by resident Simon Read. The Council have received a copy of the Minutes from their last meeting.

AS proposed the Council make a donation to the Jubilee Group of £150, to be used for children's entertainment/memorabilia. RF will liaise with Simon Read and organise cheque for this, and this cheque can be signed when needed. The original idea of an evening event with Wincham PTA is not now going ahead, as Wincham are celebrating the event in May.

The clerk gave details of memorabilia which children will receive.

## **7. Correspondence and Reports**

**7.1** Email re. Call for sites: AS stated that this feedback has already been given on this.

**7.3** Clover Drive and Open Spaces: VB

## **8. Planning**

**8.1** To note Decisions made by Cheshire East Borough Council: Nil last month

**8.2** To note the following Planning Applications received: Nil last month

**8.3** AS requested for 'Neighbourhood Planning' to be on the next agenda

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

**9.1** SW informed the council of the new Leader of the Conservative Group, Mr Michael Jones, who will probably become Leader of the Council.

**9.2** The National Planning Policy Framework could leave Cheshire East vulnerable to developers waiting to build. There are 12 months to go with the old local planning system.

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

**10.1** Spinks Lane: AS reported that the Clerk had sent 3 emails to Cheshire East requesting a meeting and for more update on the situation. She had received an email, today 3.4.12, from Peter Hooley stating that another Planning Application had been received by them today and he offered a meeting for our councillors on 11<sup>th</sup> April, but this date is not convenient. (No information for the Council as to what the Planning Application is for.) Clerk to contact P Hooley to arrange a new date. AS proposed 2 options as follows:

**Option 1** Ask for meeting of our 4 Councillors, with Leader of the Conservative Group, Cheshire East, Michael Jones, with a view to meeting him, and then requesting that he come to a Public Meeting in Pickmere. Seconded by CT. Action: Clerk to email Mr Jones re. meeting.

**Option 2** Attend George Osborne's surgery in Knutsford. Seconded by CT. Action: Clerk to contact his secretary and make arrangements for meeting at the surgery.

**10.1.1** In addition, CT raised the issue of no further progress with 'Highways'

**10.1.2** An oak tree has fallen, possibly in gales, and hedge has been planted, around the trunk probably on ground owned by Cheshire East, and farmers in the vicinity report narrowing of access to their land.

**10.2** Web site: CT reported that the new web-site has now been launched, and a notice has appeared in the Pickmere Press, so he hopes that many people have already looked at it. Tonight's Agenda has been put on it and then the Minutes will also be on shortly after this meeting. He has placed a lot of photos on also with more to come. Clerk to contact Simon Read, Jubilee Group Leader to ask for his report.

JW thanked CT for all the time he has given to setting up the new Website, and thanks were expressed from all the councillors

**10.3** Vacancy for Councillor: Clerk to place notice on board inviting residents who are interested in applying, to contact her; application date from now until end of May.

**10.4** Village Hall

**10.4.1** Next stage; Councillors to meet again in Village Hall Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2pm, to discuss information gathered since last meeting.

**10.4.2** Gardener at VH. VB reported that Peter Jackson has done the garden area at the Village Hall again, including gutters and ivy. She proposed that he do regular work at the Hall, monthly during the summer and alternate months in the winter. JW seconded. Also when the tree firm come to do around Clover playground area, she will request they do the trees at the Village Hall.

**10.4.3** Notice Board had mentioned that this was in need of repair. Along with discussion with VB she had obtained a quote for repair, plus repair to 2 seats near the bus stops, from a resident. Quote: £150 plus materials for both jobs. Resolution: Clerk to inform resident to go ahead with this work. Board to be moved to wall of Village Hall, and to be covered with Perspex

**10.5** Clover Drive Playground and open spaces – VB: Nothing final yet, despite VB phoning Persimmon, so she cannot go ahead yet with arrangements for any major repair or equipment. She requested that the grass be cut, and will ask Richard Platt if he will do a 'one off' cut for the time being. Proposed by SW and seconded by PG. A resident who lives close by has offered to do the weekly check, which will be needed once the deal is finalised, and Jeremy Lawton will do the 3 monthly checks. An annual check will be done by Digley Associates, to comply with the Insurance.

**10.6** JW reported that the cleaner for the Village Hall noticed a smell of gas on her session in the Hall, yesterday. JW contacted Gas Engineer, who attended quickly, and reported that there was no gas leak, but that the pilot light was out on the Water Heater.

## **12. Items for next meeting's agenda – This is the AGM- Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm**

**12.1** 'Neighbourhood Planning'

