

# PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### IN THE VILLAGE HALL

TUESDAY DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2015 AT 7.30 PM

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1. **Present:** AS (Chair), CT (Vice Chair), PG, SR, IK, SR, AB, RF (Clerk).  
**Apologies:** DH, PCSO : not on duty tonight.  
**Public:** 1 resident
2. **Minutes –**
  - 2.1 Correction: 7.2 to read: ‘Steve Wilkinson has agreed to do this repair for us’.  
The Minutes of the last meeting, held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015, were then approved by the Councillors and signed by AS.
  - 2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes: CT reported that he had been in touch with PC Andy Miller re the purchasing of a moderate amount of the DNA kits reported on in last month’s Item 4.2. The large amount we would need to purchase to obtain the discount is more than is practical for our residents.  
Item 5.3 – A Meeting has not yet been held between Wincham P C and Pickmere PC; this will likely be in early 2016.
3. **Declaration of Interests**  
Nil
4. **Open Forum (Including PCSO)**
  - 4.1 The resident advised the Parish Councillors as to certain breeds of dogs’ behaviour with regard to the incident of the sheep in Pickmere Lane.
  - 4.2.1 Our PCSO was not present tonight. She had sent her monthly report and AS discussed this with the council. The main incident was that of 23 + sheep drowning in a pit at the bottom of a field off Pickmere Lane, and thought to have possibly involved a dog/dogs. This had been reported in the Knutsford Guardian, before the Council were aware of this incident. The Council feel there was a lack of clarity about the whole incident and exactly where it took place. One of the Councillors had tried to contact the police on 101 but there seemed to be a problem in communication when trying to speak to any of the Knutsford Police.  
The council will be following this up.
  - 4.2.2 There was a suspicious incident off Pickmere Lane which was reported via

101 to Cheshire Police Officers who responded within 10 minutes to investigate. Post this incident it has proven to be very difficult for the home owner to get appropriate details from the Police, which they need, in order to proceed with a Damages Claim.

**4.2.3** Incident of suspicious activity on Jacob's Way, involving a vehicle driving around, and reported to police who attended, but then no trace of vehicle.

## **5. Planning**

**5.1.1** Application: 15/4874M Fernhill Farm Frog Lane Pickmere WA16 0LJ. Small Extension To The Rear Of The Building and Roof for The Whole Structure. Response from PC: No objections.

**5.1.2** Application: 15/5297M Single Storey side extension to form porch/utility room

1 the Orchards Pickmere WA16 0LS: Not seen yet by Planning sub-committee.

**5.2** Decisions since last meeting: Application No: 15/2241M Proposed residential development of 3 units at 34 Pickmere Lane, Pickmere. Application Refused by CE: Inappropriate development in Green Belt.

**Post-setting of Agenda Decision:** No: 15/4595M for Conservatory at Cobb Lodge, Pickmere Lane Pickmere WA16 0JL: Approved with conditions.

## **6. Finance: Councillor Gough:**

**6.1** To approve the payments for this month. Signing of cheques: Clerk, VH cleaner, Pest Control. CT for materials for Tree Care.

**6.2** Financial update: PG reported on the Accounts to date.

**6.3** Investment Bond: This will be finalised later this week. AS proposed that PG can go ahead. Unanimously agreed.

**6.4** Precept for 2016-7: Put on agenda for February.

**6.5** Audit changes and opt out provision: New Transparency Code: Council adopted this code tonight.

**6.6** Renewal of Gas/electric contract: This is already being dealt with.

**6.7** Clover Drive Playground Inspections: SR/clerk. Update: SR reported had sent the reports on checks he has carried out. The Clerk stated she had received a quote from CE for the costs of their inspections. She will email this to the councillors tomorrow.

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

**7.1** Formal correspondence received by the council: SF: How is this dealt with each month: Sharing the information and responses. AS explained how this is dealt with mainly through the clerk with her receiving and sending out to the councillors and replies being sent from the clerk. The plans received from 'The Community Group' to be on February Agenda Item 7. Clerk to email Brenda Wilkinson to this effect.

**7.2** Attendance at Conferences/Meetings: AS and SF are to attend the Town and Parish Councils' Conference on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**7.3** Tree care in IROS area. CT reported on achieving what they had set out to do which was to cut back a large amount of overgrowth, thinning out and removing of debris. He had taken 'before and after photos' to show the councillors. The weather had been very wet and unsuitable for SW to obtain a suitable vehicle for clearing so this will be done in better weather conditions. **All of the councillors would like to thank CT and Steve Wilkinson for all their efforts and the work they have carried out, over several days, in the IROS area for the benefits of the residents of Pickmere, in what have been very wet conditions for most of the time.**

**7.4** SIDS: AS has complained to the Deputy Leader of CE, David Brown, Portfolio Highways, concerning the lack of action over nine months in regard to our request for them to obtain 2 SIDs, which we would purchase, for Pickmere. AS will now go ahead and acquire these for our village. He has filled in the CE Highways Survey which reflects his dissatisfaction with CE over this item.

**7.5** Village Hall Assets update: AS has contacted a Land Agent, who has experience of working with Crown Estates, and has also be in contact with 3 building surveyors.

**7.6** Proposed changes to A559 weight limit: AS updated the Councillors on previous correspondence in relation to this proposal. We had first received an email from Stretton Parish Council's proposal to make changes to the weight limit on the route from Wincham traffic lights to Stretton. Clerk to reply informing Stretton PC that our council do not wish to support their proposition.

**7.7** AED update re training and grant application: SR

**8. HS2:** AS reported on new documentation on HS2.

**9. Report from CE Councillor Olivia Hunter re: Cheshire East Borough Council**  
Olivia was not present at this meeting.

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

**10.1** CCTV in IROS area: SF wishes to propose that the council takes a decision on the purchase of CCTV for installation at the IROS area with a budget of £550. Discussion took place on this installation with SF.

AS proposed an amendment to the budget for this to be up to £1,000 for CCTV. Unanimous agreement was made.

AS proposed for the installation of 4 cameras, a recorder and cabling.

All councillors agreed on this. IK will be organising the fitting of this equipment, possibly after Christmas, or early January 2016.

**Clerk: Rosemary Fogerty**

