

Number 580

MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 4TH 2012 AT 7.30PM

1. **Present:** A.Shore, (Chair), C.Tarrant, (Vice Chair), P, Gough, V. Brown, R. Pepall, J.Webb, R Fogerty Clerk, PCSO Lindsey Whitehead.

Apologies: S Wilkinson

Public: 7

2. **Minutes:**

2.1 Reference 9.2 to read: AS and CT will be attending a meeting with CE and their Legal Team, to keep them fully aware of Pickmere Parish Council's and our residents' concerns of this ongoing situation.

The Minutes of the last meeting, 6.11.12 were then approved and signed by A Shore (Chair)

2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes:

2.2.1 VB wished to mention her concerns over the agreement that cheques must only be signed in Council, particularly when some are marked to be paid in 30 days. AS stated that if there is not a Council meeting during a month, then Council could sign a cheque 'out of a meeting' with the consent of the Chair.

2.2.2 Reference 6.4: VB felt that £13,500 made up of £12,000 commuted sum and £1500 of IROS funds still leaves £3000 in the bank account. PG explained he had retained that sum to cover VAT until that can be reclaimed.

2.2.3 VB felt that the weather boarding still needs attention at the back of the VH. PG stated that Jim Moores, who has recently done work on the VH, is aware of this but he will do this when weather permits.

3. **Declaration of Interests - Nil**

4. **Open Forum**

4.1 Questions from the Public to the PCSO: One resident questioned the Council as to when the feedback from the Public Consultation is going to be made public. He questioned the validity of the Post-its and did not feel confident that the results would be accurate. Could any have been lost? The Post-its were kept safely. AS clarified this by stating this was not a referendum.

4.2 Questions/information for the public from PCSO: Lindsey informed them that a new PCSO will be coming to Pickmere at the end of December, and will work with Lyndsey for 4-5 weeks. She is in training at the moment. In early November there was a suspicious vehicle on Frog Lane, Also, an elderly resident on Pickmere Lane reported seeing a male crouching below her window, followed by 3 unknown caller phone calls. Later in the month there was a burglary on Frog Lane, accessed through French windows, and a bike was stolen. Additionally, a drunk/driver was arrested outside one of the pubs in the village.

5. **Police Community Support Officer Report etc.**

5.1 AS referred to a meeting with Inspector Griffiths last month when AS stated that there had been 2 ASB's in the vicinity of the lake. AS had received a complaint that a resident who was reporting an incident to '101' the receptionist had been very helpful, but on being transferred to

the Control Room, they were questioned to such a degree that this had created a bad perception of ringing the police to report an incident.

6. Finance: Councillor P Gough

6.1 Financial update from Councillor Gough: AS questioned the income and outgoings of the General Account for the end of the year. At present it is estimated that there will be a balance of about £1500 at the end of the financial year to cover maintenance items. Precept discussed – to remain same as last year : see Item 6.6

General Account: £10,625.98 Land Asset Account: £24,471.39

6.2 To approve the payments for this month: Cheques were signed for the clerk, gardener, work done on Village Hall, Hall Cleaner, repair to village benches, frost stat for VH, and Land Asset expenses for Playground, railings, surfacing and signage. JW announced that the present cleaner of the Village Hall has informed her that she is leaving.

6.3 Payments received during last month. Cash received from JW at this meeting, from hire of VH, yet to be paid in = £262.

6.4 Information on other banks: awaiting more information – RP dealing with this, will report back at next meeting.

6.5 Dispensation and the setting of your precept. AS (this was emailed to councillors on 9.11.12) Because of the recent changes in the way Councillors' Declaration of Interests are recorded there is a need for councils to agree dispensation in order to set their precept.

PPC resolved to give all councillors dispensation to set a precept in the years 2013-16 as per national guidelines.

6.6 Precept amount for 2013-2014: The Precept amount was proposed by JW, seconded by CT of £13,000. The Council agreed and it was resolved.

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

7.1 Frost stat: RF reported this was done on 30.11.12. One can set usual programmes for regular hire of hall, and frost stat should cut in at 6 degrees. One hirer of hall had complained that hall was cold a few days ago. All agreed that although radiators were on, the hall was not warm during tonight's meeting. JW to contact C K Bell who does our boiler maintenance.

7.2 The Clerk has had, and responded to a request for information. She reported on receiving an email and a letter from a resident. The Clerk has replied following advice she obtained.

7.3 Village Hall Equipment: RF: Wholesale goods: Paper towel holders and towels, hand cleanser, bins: Purchased within budget of £70. 'Henry' Vacuum Cleaner purchased. Clerk will look after store and re-purchase when necessary.

8. Planning

8.1 To note Decisions made by Cheshire East Borough Council: Notice of Appeal to Secretary of State: Public Inquiry : Spinks Lane Gypsy Caravan Site.

Reported on by AS, who had attended, along with CT, a meeting at CE, with Kim Riley, temporary Chief Executive, Mr Michael Jones, Leader of the Council, Rachel Bailey, Portfolio Holder, and Steve Wilkinson, our Cheshire East Councillor (and member of Pickmere Parish Council). AS told CE that they needed to **act** on this situation. Our own Councillors wanted to know why we are now into a second Planning situation, and now going to a Public Inquiry. AS had requested that Pickmere Council be much more involved in the planning and preparation which will need to be done before the inquiry. Our Councillors wish to talk to CE Planning and help the process. CE are actively looking for new gypsy sites. The PARG team had held a meeting at the Pavillion. CT has now drafted a note that will go in the Pickmere Press, on a separate sheet, informing the residents who to send their objections by 14th December. As 3

copies will be needed they have been advised to send their emails, or deliver to the Clerk and she will do the necessary copies etc and deliver to CT, by 18th December.

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

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

Councillor S Wilkinson had sent apologies for this meeting.

10. Issues raised by Councillors/Parishioners:

10.1 To set up a 'Community Buildings Committee' : AS informed the Councillors that he wished to set up a 'Community Buildings Committee'. This would give the same status as that of a normal Council meeting. The meeting would be formal, in that there would be an Agenda, Minutes and be advertised on the Notice Boards for 3 days in advance of said meeting. There would only be one topic on the Agenda, but this may be made up of several named parts. The public would not be able to ask questions at a Community Buildings Committee Meeting, but bring any they had to a full 'Parish Council Meeting' in the normal way. The Committee would comprise of all Council Members and be summoned to a meeting in the normal way. PG proposed the setting up of a Community Buildings Committee and CT seconded it. Resolved by the majority of the Councillors. AS suggested meeting next week (week 10th December) to progress the 'Consultation'. VB suggested 'in the New Year'. Agreed on probably 15th January or 22nd January. Clerk will liaise with AS on setting the agenda, 3 days notice on boards and to summons all Councillors to attend.

10.2 Pest Control: RF: AS To sign contract and RF to update; The Clerk reported that the Pest Controller had visited the VH twice recently. No obvious detection of mice in kitchen at all. AS signed contract for a year. Pest controller will call frequently while ever there is evidence of mice.

10.3 Tree: Planting by Cheshire Landscaping Trust: Awarded by Trust following our success in the Community Pride Competition. AS: – Resolution on designated area – to far top side of IROS at 10am tomorrow, 5th December. Mayor, George Walton, will attend, plus members of Council and Trust.

11. Items for next meeting's agenda –

February:

PCSO

Village Hall Cleaner

No meeting in January, next meeting 5th February 2012 7.30pm Village Hall

Agenda Part B:

Items discussed in the absence of Press and Public.

Resolution of Council so to do:

- 12.** Clerk: Terms and conditions (Clerk declared interest and left the meeting room) Council resolved this item.

R Fogerty

Clerk to Pickmere Parish Council