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MINUTES of THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
in PICKMERE VILLAGE HALL

4th July 2017 - 7.30 p.m.

- 1. **Present** CT(Chair), AB, SF, IK, Cllr O Hunter (OH), PCs A Roberts (AR), J Stone (JS)
- Absent** PG
- Apologies** AS (holiday), SR (work commitment), DH (personal)

2. Minutes

2.1 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting on 6th June 2-17 were approved and signed by the Chair.

2.2 Matters arising from Minutes

8.2 Planning Sub-Group – the Clerk reported that a request for a pre-application discussion in respect of the option to construct an extension at the IROS had been submitted to CE with the appropriate fee at the end of May but no response had been received from CE. The Clerk was asked to copy relevant information to OH so that she could pursue the matter.

3. Declaration of Interests – Nil

4. Open Forum (Including PCSO)

4.1 Open Forum – nil

4.2 PCSO – several matters were discussed with AR and JS:

4.2.1 Community Speedwatch – 3 councillors and PD (member of the public) had received training from Gary Fulton, and relevant log forms had been signed/will be signed and passed to PCSO Fulton. Those persons could now organise Speedwatch sessions. The Clerk is to email G Fulton to ask if training is required for others, or can training be provided ‘on the job’ provided necessary log forms are completed. The Clerk was asked to respond positively to the Police’s email about a Community Speedwatch review.

4.2.2 The Elms PH – It was understood that the Elms site has been sold to a developer who is currently considering his proposals for the site. CT reported on the events that had taken place between 29 June and 1 July in relation to the cutting down of an oak tree on land adjoining the PH. CT had discussed aspects of the matter with G Fulton. SF and the Clerk had also been involved with various discussions on-site. Appropriate liaison had been carried out with the Environmental Planning section of Cheshire East but the tree was not covered by a

TPO. Members were concerned at the events that had taken place in relation to the tree and the impact not only of the loss of the tree on the local environment but also on the resident on whose land the tree was located. CE had informed the Clerk that if the PC was aware of any trees they felt might be worthy of a TPO and might also be at risk of removal, CE would be happy to consider the appropriateness of making a TPO to protect them.

4.2.3 Crime log – AR stated that there had been little or nothing in respect of Pickmere in recent weeks – police focus was more at present on issues in Knutsford. M Dawber was away for some weeks and therefore the local police resources at present were limited. Members mentioned a recent issue concerning a BBQ by the Lake having caused a small peat fire.

5. Report from Cllr O Hunter.

5.1 Planning Enforcement matters – on being informed of the difficulty in arranging a meeting with CE Planning Enforcement about several outstanding planning enforcement matters, OH asked that relevant email correspondence be sent to her and she will pursue with officers.

5.2 Spinks Lane – OH reported that she had been told that Cllr Arnold had set up another meeting with representatives of the PC to discuss this problem further in advance of the September date when the court-ordered moratorium on further CE action was due to end. Neither the Clerk nor any member of the PC were aware of any date having been arranged though felt that a meeting was appropriate. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Arnold's PA to enquire about such a meeting. CT also reported that he had been told of an application having been made by the occupiers of the Spinks Lane site for an enhanced electricity supply, over privately-owned farmland, including a 3-phase supply. He had emailed CE to ask if such a development might breach the court injunction but had not received a reply.

5.3 100-118 Pickmere Lane - reference was made to the use of part of the CE-owned verge at the front of these houses as a temporary builders' compound in connection with house extensions going on. OH was not aware of this and will follow up to check if this had been authorised.

6. Finance

6.1 Current financial position – report noted

6.2 New payments – the schedule of new payments was approved; the remaining payments were noted with the addition of the payment of £100 to Cheshire East in respect of the fee for the pre-application discussion referred to in item 2.2 above.

7. Report from Planning Committee

7.1 Refusal of PA No. 16/2166M (Land adj. 14 Park Lane) – report noted.

7.2 Cheshire East Local Plan – report noted.

8. Reports from Assets Working Group

8.1 Funding Sub-Group – nothing to report as they are awaiting decisions on the form of a project.

8.2 Planning Sub-Group – see Matters arising above.

8.3 Asset Register Sub-Group – Cheshire Railings – CT reported that R Platt had helpfully agreed to jet-wash some of the railings. The Clerk/SF reported on the offer by the company QWEST to offer volunteer help for painting the railings. JS is to discuss generally with the company, but also sought a co-ordinator to liaise with the company to organise their input assuming that this proceeds. It was suggested that the company might attend a future meeting of the PC (although it is noted that the next meeting is 5 September). Depending on progress with volunteer painting, there had been a suggestion that the Community Group might consider funding professional painting of some of the railings. AB suggested that at the next PC meeting there is an item relating to establishing a more organised process whereby community jobs/problems might be referred to the Community Group to action/fund.

9. Reports from Clerk and from Councillors

9.1 Local Council Award Scheme – SF made reference to this scheme which is aimed at improving the ways in which a Parish Council operates. Applying for such an award (Foundation award, Quality award, or Gold Quality award) might require refinement of some of the PC's policies and procedures. The Clerk and SF will explore the benefits and implications and report back to the September meeting.

9.2 Village Hall Licence – the Clerk reported that the Licence had now been granted. The meeting wished to record its thanks to the Clerk for carrying out the work necessary to achieve this.

9.3 Hospitality Register – As DH was not present at the meeting it was agreed to defer consideration until the September meeting.

9.4 Annual Parish Meeting – A date in September/October was mentioned – the item was deferred until the September meeting.

9.5 IROS maintenance - As PG was not present at the meeting it was agreed to defer consideration until the September meeting.

PART B – CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

10. Cleaner's Contract payments – some discussion took place but the matter was deferred until the September meeting.

Clerk: Jack Steel

Next meeting: 5 September 2017