

PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Number 591

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4TH 2014

AT 7.30 PM

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

- 1. Present:** Councillors: A Shore (Chair), C Tarrant (Vice Chair), P Gough, J Webb, V Brown, S Wilkinson, R Peppal (arrived 7.45pm)

Apologies: S Read. PCSO S Emmerson

Public: None

2. Minutes –

2.1 Change Item 6.7 from ‘Roy’ to ‘a joiner’ The Minutes of the last meeting, held on Dec 3rd 2013, were then approved and signed by A Shore (Chair).

2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes:

Agricultural Barn and Track off Park Lane. Clerk had emailed, information still unsatisfactory. Clerk to email Caroline Simpson again.

3. Declaration of Interests:

Nil

4. Open Forum

4.1 No public present

4.2 PCSO: (absent) Sophie had sent reports by email for the Councillors and for the public.

4.2.1 Report for last month : Given by A Shore: There had been a burglary on Frog Lane, a trailer had been stolen from a market garden business on Spinks Lane, and a gas meter and regulator stolen from a property on Pickmere Lane.

4.2.2 Questions from the Councillors and Public: Nil

5. Planning

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

5.1 Planning Application received during December and January:

13/5152M IROS For container at side of Pavillion, Jacob’s Way, Pickmere: No decision yet.

5.1 Application:14/0389M: New detached house, Fernhill Farm Frog Lane Pickmere: This application was received after the Agenda was published and the Planning Committee met at 7pm prior to tonight's meeting. Their decision was then put to the vote to the whole council: Majority objected: 'This application cuts across what PPC proposed for their CE Local Plan. The development would potentially restrict business and therefore employment in the village. The present land is currently designated as commercial land. Domestic development should be restricted to the current Village Inset.(SW declared Interest and did not take part in the discussion on this application).

5.2.Planning decisions: 13/4906M 1 Royles Cottage Pickmere Lane: Granted

5.3 Crown Farm, Frog Lane, Pickmere – Awaiting new planning application

5.4 Agricultural Barn and Track: Council still not satisfied with information re this plan. Clerk to mail Caroline Simpson and Peter Hooley re. the Planning Process.

6. Finance:

6.1 To approve the payments for this month. Cheques signed for cleaner, cleaning materials, clerk, Gas service and safety check, curtain rail, repair to wall by fire escape, and 2 First Aid Boxes.

6.2 Financial update: PG reported on the accounts:

General Account Balance:£14,618 and Land Asset Account: £14,727 (inc. Co-op Bond). Reviewed payments for water, gas and electric. PG will look into use of water at VH. Gas DD will decrease slightly to fit in with present balance.

6.3 Payments received during last month: £373 from lettings of Village Hall. SW thanked JW for her continued efforts in letting the Hall.

6.4 Review of rate for hiring Village Hall/Pavillion: Put on Agenda for April. If a decision to raise then 3 months notice to be given to regular customers.

6.5 Expenditure for VH: RF reported that Gas safety check and service had been done to boiler and repaired. VB raised the subject of moss on the roof of the kitchen area of the VH: keep this monitored. PG asked if we should have a long-term strategy, but AS felt that whilst we are awaiting the decision re. the Village Green Application, then it is difficult to make a strategy for the long-term. Bricks need some attention in proximity to the ramp; PG will contact J Moore. VB reported a crack in the gable end of the Hall on the outside of the building.

6.6 Village Assets and Fixed Assets register: PG reported from the Assets Register from 2013. Various changes made to update this, fitting in with Insurance values in some cases. Leave Playground valuation at £33,000 for time being.

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

7.1 IROS signs: AS – Further discussion from Dec. Meeting. The Council shared thoughts on the main elements to be displayed on the sign; notably 'This land is owned and managed by PPC. It is open to the public for recreational use in hours of daylight, and is for pedestrian use only. It requires the express permission from the PC for any other use. No launching of boats. No swimming (dangerous). No barbeques or fires. Fishing is allowed by Licence Holders only. Please enjoy and respect this lovely facility. Please take your litter home. In case of emergency please ring 101'. These points were agreed by all Councillors. Clerk reported that she had received an email requesting permission to use the lake for 'Diving' by their organisation. She will reply 'No' to their request.

7.2 Record of checks on VH and Pavillion, re. HSE etc. Collect forms from councillors re. Risk Assessments: SR. In the absence of SR tonight this item will be on Agenda in March. The clerk brought along a new First Aid box to be kept in the kitchen. There is also one for the Pavillion. SR will explain use of this next meeting. (SR is a trained First Aider)

7.3 Spinks Lane: AS/CT Update on this. There is a court hearing on February 21st.

7.4 Report on Funding Meeting attended by PG: He had attended a CCA meeting and reported on funding available for community needs but this does not include buildings. Clerk will keep details on file.

7.5 Clover Drive Checking: VB: Our Annual check is covered by ROSPA. It needs a quarterly check – this is being done by J. Lawton, who are qualified to do this. CT suggested asking J. Lawton when they do the next check to report on jobs needing doing together with cost, the Council will decide on who will do these. A weekly check is done for visual problems, clearing litter, checking signs, and general common sense checking. This is normally done weekly by one of the councillors, but they are unable to do this in early spring and PG offered to do this. Discussion over care of grass cutting took place. SW suggested compiling specification list for grass areas and hedge cutting. Discussion concerning branch of tree overhanging the Pavillion roof which needs attention. CT to contact Tree surgeon re quote – JW will provide telephone number .

7.6 Attention to VH car park: VB: VB suggested that the few remaining trees be chopped down and she requested that the clerk inform her when MANWEB next attend the area for tree care.

8. HS2 Update from AS:

AS had entered a Consultation Response for both the Council and for the Cluster Group of which he is 'Chair'. This response was sent to many people/areas, including George Osborne. The response can be viewed on PPC Web-site site.

The Chair of HS2, local reps, Knutsford Chronicle and Crewe Chronicle had received a reply from George Osborne stating that the suggestions were well-thought through. There is 'a By Invitation Only' meeting, including the Parish Councillors, with George Osborne and Michael Jones, Leader of the CE Council, to be held at the Village Hall, at the end of this week.

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

9.1 SW reported that he had supported the 'HS2Cluster Group Response' as our local Borough Councillor and CE responses are available on their web-site.

9.2 The CE three-quarterly Report has just been released and the budget figures show that it is minutely under-spent!

9.3 CE have recently changed their Bank from the Co-op to Barclays.

9.4 The Local Plan shows a 5-year supply housing with a buffer from Central Govt.

9.5 CE are to work with villages over their detailed Local Plan.

10. Issues raised by Councillors/Parishioners:Nil

11. Items for next meeting's agenda – March 2014

11.1 Village Hall rates for letting(Finance: PG)

11.2 First Aid and Risk assessment forms: SR

Clerk: Rosemary Fogerty
