

# PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

### MEETING HELD ON

**TUESDAY JULY 1st 2014 AT 7.30 PM**

- 1. Present:** CT (Vice Chairperson), SW, RP, VB, RF (clerk).  
**Apologies:** AS (Chairperson), PG, SR.  
**Public:** None
- 2. Minutes –**
  - 2.1 Reference 2.2.2 Change ‘sprayed’ to ‘insulated’. The Minutes of June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 were then approved and signed by Vice Chairperson Chris Tarrant.
  - 2.2 Matters arising from those Minutes:
    - 2.2.1 VB questioned the cost of the padlocks that have been fitted to the container. CT explained that this was a parish council asset and for additional security extra padlocks have been fitted.
    - 2.2.2 Re: 7.1 VB reported that the Multiplay equipment at the Clover Drive Playground, following some previous problems, has now been painted. Cost of labour and materials : £247. It was agreed that this work was necessary and CT reiterated that this type of non-emergency expenditure should have been agreed at a previous meeting.
- 3. Declaration of Interests:**

SW relative to Item 8.
- 4. Open Forum (Including PCSO)**
  - 4.1** No public in attendance
  - 4.2** PCSO: Not in attendance. No report received for councillors or public.
- 5. Planning**
  - 5.1** Applications received during June.
    - 5.1.1** 14/2524M Construction of a single storey extension to the rear, proposed single storey extension to the side for garage and existing roof raised with proposed dormer windows: Lyncroft, Frog Lane, Pickmere WA16 0LJ. No objection raised by Council.
    - 5.1.2** 14/1953M Retention of existing revised access gates, walls, internal driveways/track and pond. Crown Farm Frog Lane Pickmere WA16 0LL. Objections re Design and Access, highway and bridleway safety and inaccuracies in application.
    - 5.1.3** 14/2813M Haybarn in field, part of Fernhill Farm, Frog Lane Pickmere WA16 0LJ: No Design and Access statement was provided so the Council are not aware of the need and use of this building in relation to this application. Council will seek assurance that this is for agricultural use only in the long term.
  - 5.2** Decisions:

Application: 14/2001M Change of use of 2 redundant offices into 2 semidetached houses at Fernhill Farm Frog Lane Pickmere: Approved with conditions.

**5.3** Cheshire East Planning questionnaire: CT will deal with this. AS had previously discussed this with him; to include several points.

**6. Finance:**

**6.1** To approve the payments for this month. Signing of cheques: Insulation of container, VH Cleaner, Clerk's expenses, Clover Drive Playground painting.

**6.2** Financial up date for June: PG absent, so the Clerk reported on the balance for the General Account: £18,491.94, and the Land Asset Account (inc. Bond) £15,346.47

**6.3** Payments received during last month: Nil last month.

**6.4** VB requested the list of cheques signed last month: Clerk will email these to her.

**6.5** VB requested to know when the hire of the Pavilion cheque had been paid in last year: Clerk will check these details. This is not showing on the recent Finance Sheet.

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

**7.1** Boardwalk damage IROS footpath: CT had been in contact with Brenda Yates, Wincham re this problem. Initially damage to the gate was caused by a quadbike rider, and the cows were then able to stray onto the boardwalk, which they have damaged in several places. CWAC are aware of the damage and it is hoped that this will be repaired soon. There are signs in the area warning of the danger of the boardwalk.

**7.2** Weight Restriction signs along Pickmere Lane from Wincham end to The Windmill Pub: SW and CT. SW reported that Dave Thomason, CE, is attending to this. CT has emailed Wincham PC.

**7.3** Letter from Michael Jones, re. Neighbourhood Planning: Clerk/CT: The Clerk has replied to this letter stating that our Parish are interested in the 'Resident First' Neighbourhood Plan and have referred to their meeting with Adrian Fisher in May 2012, which CT and VB attended. A letter recording this meeting, with 5 points stated, was sent at that stage. A copy of that letter has been sent, along with our reply, to 'Neighbourhood Planning'.

**8. HS2:** Nil to report this month.

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

**9.1** 'Unison' have balloted to strike on 10<sup>th</sup> June.

**9.2** Cheshire East have a fund of £1.8million to deal with 'potholes' on roads in the borough.

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

**10.1** Vacancy: Clerk to update: Vacancy notification as per CE Electoral Rules will be posted on the Notice Boards tomorrow. CE will then inform us of the next stage in about 3 weeks' time. Vacancy information to be on September's agenda.

**10.2** Decision on Annual Garden Waste Collection Consultation by CE : Discuss timing of shutdown, length of shutdown, and preferred method of communication to residents: The Clerk will reply to CE suggesting that this service can be suspended from the end of November to the end of February and that the preferred method of communication with residents should be by stickers affixed to wheelie bins.

**10.3** PCSO survey: Clerk and CT will meet to fill this in.

**11. Items for next meeting's agenda – September 2<sup>nd</sup> (no meeting in August)**

Finance – Bond for re-investment.

Vacancy update.

**12. AOB:**

**12.1** CT reported there had been 3,700 'hits' on the Pickmere Parish Website during June.

**12.2** CT updated the councillors on the tree surgery to be undertaken at the IROS area, by Allan James from Wincham. The total for the work, as previously agreed, will be £980.00.

**12.3** The 2 signs for siting at the IROS are in the process of being made, and we expect them to be delivered shortly.

**12.4** Hedge cutting at the Clover Drive Playground area has not yet been done. Amos will provide CT with quote. Discussion as to whether hedge can be layered. Work will be done at the end of the growing season.

**12.5** RP reported there is a balance in the Parish Plan Fund, and Phil Kuehnle (Parish Plan) had suggested to use this money on wooden footpath signs, which would be sited near to public footpath signs, and would indicate the length of the walk to the next road. They would be sited free for us by CE.

There will be sufficient funds for about 11 of these. Phil has already done preparatory work on the signs. The councillors agreed to this idea and SW suggested the proposals should be agreed with the Cheshire East Public Right of Way Team to ensure accuracy. Vote of thanks proposed by CT and seconded by RP. The Clerk will email Phil Kuehnle to thank him.

**Clerk: Rosemary Fogerty**

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